

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LUNE



S421 Lune
WilsonsPromontory
CliffyIsland Measuring



S421 Lune
WilsonsPromontory
CliffyIsland Diver



S421 Lune
WilsonsPromontory
CliffyIsland
SideViewWithDiver



S421 Lune
WilsonsPromontory
CliffyIsland SiteView

Location

Cliffy Island, east of Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S421

Date lost

17/02/1885

Official number

unknown

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Sheathed with felt & yellow metal. Part iron bolts, salted. Part old materials.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

137.00 Feet / 27.00 Feet / 18.30 Feet

Builder

Simpson

Year of construction

1874

Built port

Glassom Dock

Built country

England

Registration Port

Helsingborg

Date lost

17/02/1885

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Batavia, via Melbourne

Cargo

750 tons of Coal

Owner

C. Henckel

Master

Captain J. Malmberg

Cause of loss

Ran ashore and was destroyed by heavy seas

Number of crew

9

VHR history

The wooden barque Lune was carrying 750 tons of coal from Newcastle, NSW to Batavia, Dutch East Indies via Melbourne, Vic. Off Cape Howe the barque struck West to SW gale force winds and a heavy sea. When the gale subsided the vessel was left in a heavy swell and later a thick fog settled down. At 1.30 am on 17 February 1885 the barque struck the reef on the east side of Clifty Island. Rudder, stern post and steering gear were lost and the boats were lowered and the crew escaped. The vessel struck heavily on the reef, breaking up and then sinking.
 The crew then went ashore on Clifty Island and were looked after by the people at the Lighthouse station there. The vessel was only partially insured and the cargo was not insured.