Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LUNE



S421 Lune WilsonsPromontory Cliffylsland 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

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

Sheathed with felt & properties amp; yellow metal. Part iron bolts, salted. Part old

y materials.

Wood

Hull

Sail

Propulsion

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 Cliffy 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 Cliffy 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.