

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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LORNA

Location

Lonsdale Reef, Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S427

Date lost

1948

Propulsion

Motor

Length/Breadth/Depth

22.00 Feet / 8.00 Feet / 2.75 Feet

Builder

Higgs Bros

Year of construction

1947

Built port

Geelong, Victoria

Built country

Australia

Date lost

1948

Cargo

Possibly fish

Owner

William Higginbotham

Master

Captain R. Wayth

Weather conditions

Heavy seas

Cause of loss

Split in two by big seas

Number of crew

2

Crew comments

Wayth and Higginbotham

VHR history

The Lorna was out on a fishing voyage when heavy seas split the boat in two. Wayth supported Higginbotham in water. They drifted out in strong tide, were picked up by a vessel with engine trouble which was waiting for tide change; sailed to outside pilot vessel Akuna, which brought wreck victims home. The starboard side of the vessel was salvaged to build a new boat for Point Lonsdale resident, and a collection was taken up to purchase a new boat for Higginbotham. (Frank Ferrier, pers com)