

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MAGNAT



S436 Magnat
TarwinBayCapeLiptrap
Measuring



S436 Magnat
TarwinBayCapeLiptrap
TopView



S436 Magnat
TarwinBayCapeLiptrap
SideView



S436 Magnat
TarwinBayCapeLiptrap
IronWreck



S436 Magnat
TarwinBayCapeLiptrap
CaptainsGrave

Location

Tarwin beach, north west of Cape Liptrap

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S436

Date lost

09/05/1900

Construction material

Iron

Hull

Single deck 2 tiers of beams, 1 cemented bulkhead, anchors and chains proofed and tested, very flat bottomed

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

206.00 Feet / 33.50 Feet / 19.20 Feet

Builder

S.P. Austin and Sons

Year of construction

1885

Built port

Sunderland

Built country

England

Registration Port

Elsfleth

Date lost

09/05/1900

Departure

Capetown

Destination

Newcastle

Cargo

In Ballast.

Owner

G. Bolte . Elsfleth , Germany .

Master

Captain Ostermann

Cause of loss

Went ashore during heavy gale.

Number of crew

18

Crew comments

including Captain

VHR history

Very flat bottomed, German owned & registered vessel 4Single deck, 2 tiers of beams, 1 cemented bulkhead, anchors and chains proofed and tested. Captain Ostermann believed strong currents carried him more than twenty miles off course. Local stockmen found the wreck the next morning with the crew armed with knives ready to defend themselves against Aborigines. The vessel was embedded in six feet of sand twenty feet from low water mark. In early July Mssrs. W and J. Lempriere acting for the Board of Bremen Underwriters arranged to try and float the vessel free. Tugs pulled the vessel free but before it was clear the lines snapped and the Magnat went ashore again, this time breaking its back. The captain and crew stayed on the vessel, but Captain Ostermann later died on the Magnat and was buried locally. A dance was held for the locals on the stricken vessel. The Magnat was due to load coal in Newcastle bound for Chile. Captain Ostermann had lost his previous vessel, also named Magnat, off the coast of Chile where he was jailed for two years over the incident, but released earlier when it was proven the charts were incorrect.

