

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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### Location

Ships Graveyard, Outside Port Phillip Heads Area, Bass Strait

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S441

### Date lost

1928

### Official number

90910

### Construction material

Steel

### Hull

1 deck, clincher built

### Propulsion

Steam - Screw

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

200.00 Feet / 30.20 Feet / 12.30 Feet

### Builder

Rankin & Blackmore Ltd.

### Year of construction

1893

### **Built port**

Grangemouth Dockyard Co Ltd.

### **Built country**

England

### **Registration Port**

Melbourne

### **Date lost**

1928

### **Owner**

Herbert Brydon Black, merchant, of Melbourne

### **Master**

J Hamilton

### **Weather conditions**

Violent SW gale.

### **Cause of loss**

The vessel was laid up at anchor in the bay when she dragged and finally broke her chains at about 3.00pm and collided with South Melbourne Baths striking the north side first stern first then swung around through the western wall and demolished the other side. and was returned to service for a time before being scuttled.

### **VHR history**

After colliding with the South Melbourne Baths on 17 Dec 1926,she was<br /> put back into service but was soon withdrawn again and scuttled. Vessel<br /> was formerly called ANTILLA. Engines from EXCELSIOR, circa 1919. 4<br /> Bulkheads cemented, 1 deck, water ballast. Engines: Q.4 Cy15",<br /> 21", 31" & 43" - 30", 101 NHP. Built under<br /> Specia Survey. Schooner Rigged, elliptical stern, clincher built.