

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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MACEDON

Location

Behind Williamstown Rifle Range, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S450

Date lost

20/02/1952

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Redgum lighter

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

100.00 Feet / 24.50 Feet / 7.00 Feet

Year of construction

1891

Built port

Williamstown, Victoria

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

139122

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

20/02/1952

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Geelong

Cargo

Coal?

Owner

Victorian Lighterage Pty.Ltd.

Weather conditions

Heavy sea (UID 9)

Cause of loss

Driven ashore by storm, under tow

Statement of significance

<p>The wreck of the Macedon is significant a part of the resource of at least six vessels known to have been abandoned behind the Williamstown Rifle Range, and now situated in Jawbone Marine Sanctuary.</p>

VHR history

The remains of a vessel believed to be those of a wooden wool lighter MACEDON were reported to the M.A.U. on the 04/02/1991 by Peter and Colin Taylor from the M.A.A.V.. According to the finders the site lies 50 metres offshore and behind the back of the old Williamstown Rifle Range. The site appears to be the remains of a large wooden vessel, copper alloy fastened and sheathed. The site is fragmented, cargo appears to have consisted of iron pipe. David Carroll also of the M.A.A.V. believes that the vessel blew ashore in a storm in the early 1950's. This vessel is not mentioned in any of Dr Foster's reports on Williamstown. The Argus in 21 February 1952 reports that the MACEDON did go ashore at the back of the Williamstown rifle range on 20 Feb 1952 and was abandoned by her owners, Victorian Lighterage Pty.Ltd. Locals of Williamstown were also encouraged to go and strip the wreck for firewood as the wreck was not worth salvaging.