

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## MONARCH



S472 Monarch PortPhillipBay  
DiverOnWreck



S472 Monarch PortPhillipBay  
Measuring



S472 Monarch PortPhillipBay  
SideView

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### Location

Port Phillip Bay, between Coles and West Channels

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S472

### Date lost

17/07/1867

### Official number

32574

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Square stern; one deck and a break; carvel built; woman's bust figurehead; no galleries Yellow metal sheathing Water tanks; patent ventilators fore and aft; draught when fully laden approx. 9'6"; passenger accommodation about 130.

### Propulsion

Sail

**Number of masts**

3

**Length/Breadth/Depth**

142.00 Feet / 23.80 Feet / 11.70 Feet

**Year of construction**

1836

**Built port**

Southampton

**Built country**

England

**Registration Number**

19 of 1862

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

17/07/1867

**Departure**

Melbourne

**Destination**

Newcastle

**Cargo**

Not stated. In ballast

**Owner**

James Louis and Colman Burke, merchants, of Melbourne

**Master**

Captain T. Blake

**Weather conditions**

Heavy seas. Thick and overcast (UID 9)

## **Cause of loss**

Grounded on bank in heavy seas. Attempts to refloat failed and ship eventually sank (UID 52)

## **Statement of significance**

<p>The Monarch is archaeologically significant as one of the most complete wooden wrecks in Victoria</p>

## **VHR history**

Purchased by E.M. Sayers, 1852, for Melbourne trade. Attempt to refloat vessel by steam tug Resolute failed. Seabird, close by, broke up about same time. Titan also failed in rescue attempt. Monarch's pumps unable to cope. Abandoned to underwriters. Remains auctioned for 350 pounds, then re-sold for 17 pounds cash. Registry closed 6 Aug. 1867.