

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Location

Lonsdale Reef, Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S492

Date lost

13/10/1857

Official number

31779

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck; square stern; no galleries; scroll head; carvel built

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

93.10 Feet / 25.30 Feet / 8.80 Feet

Registration Number

18 of 1857

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

13/10/1857

Departure

Adelaide

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Flour, hay, wool, etc.

Owner

Thomas Ringrose Creswell, master mariner, of Melbourne

Master

Captain T.R. Creswell

Weather conditions

Details not known; flood tide

Cause of loss

Struck reef. Not discovered until following morning.

Number of crew

9

Crew comments

including captain

Statement of significance

<p>Significant as an early coastal trader</p>

VHR history

Struck reef about 9 pm. Not discovered until next morning by outside pilot vessel. Lifeboat and other boats despatched by outside pilot; rescued the passengers and 5 crew members. Captain and 3 crew left in ship's boat to try to get vessel off but not heard of again. Captain held an exempt certificate. In 1857 had been making regular voyages between Melbourne and Adelaide. Mortgaged to Thomas Anstey Chave, gentleman, of Melbourne, 30 March 1857. Register closed 31 October 1857. Breadth differs between earlier Sydney Reg. Cert. (23.6 ft), and Melbourne Reg. Time of wreck differs between Register of Wrecks (midnight) and newspaper accounts (9 pm).