

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## NOVELTY

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### Location

Portarlington, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S494

### Date lost

13/03/1872

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

### Registration Port

Melbourne

### Date lost

13/03/1872

### Departure

Melbourne

### Cargo

Not known

### **Owner**

John McNeven

### **Master**

Captain John McNeven

### **Weather conditions**

Westerly gale

### **Cause of loss**

Driven ashore 1 mile East of Portarlington

### **VHR history**

Went ashore about the same time as the Jim grounded, as well as another unnamed vessel, a water carrier [almost certainly Sea Flower ]. Sailed between Geelong and Westernport in 1857, 1859; owner and master F. Maule. In 1869 McNeven stood trial on charge of feloniously scuttling Novelty near Indented Head, with intention of defrauding Hobart Town and Launceston Marine Insurance Co. It was alleged he had punched holes in the boat using a marlinspike (UID 9) At Melbourne Criminal Court jury found him not guilty (UID 152).