

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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NOVELTY

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).