

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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ORION

Location

Bass Strait, disappeared between Tasmania and Melbourne

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S506

Date lost

07/05/1908

Official number

101782

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck, schooner rigged, round stern, carvel built, straight stem head

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

123.90 Feet / 21.50 Feet / 10.20 Feet

Builder

Harry Wood, West Devonport

Year of construction

1900

Built port

West Devonport

Built country

Tasmania

Registration Number

1905

Registration Port

Launceston

Date lost

07/05/1908

Departure

Tasmania

Destination

Melbourne

Owner

William Holyman & Sons Ltd, Launceston (20 Oct. 1904)

Cause of loss

Foundered at sea

Number of crew

14

Crew comments

Including master

VHR history

The wooden steamer Orion left Duck River in northern Tasmania on its regular run to Melbourne. However, it disappeared without trace, taking the lives of the fourteen passengers and crew.