

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PAUL PRY

Location

Bass Strait, off Cape Schanck

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S518

Date lost

03/09/1841

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Square stern, carvel planked, standing bowsprit and a billet head. Single deck, two masted, wooden schooner, no galleries, wooden framed.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

49.40 Feet / 16.20 Feet / 7.80 Feet

Builder

William Lowe of Deptford, NSW

Year of construction

1838

Built port

Williams River, New South Wales

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Sydney

Date lost

03/09/1841

Departure

Launceston

Destination

Port Phillip

Cargo

Flour, oats, bran, palings and 5 hogshead of ale

Owner

Oct 1838: William Lowe of Deptford, NSW, shipbuilder

Master

Captain Jenkins

Weather conditions

West-south-west; squally

Cause of loss

Foundered

Passenger comments

Cabin: Captain Hancock; Mr Ford: Steerage: David Johns

Crew comments

Master: John Jenkins, Mate: William Ball, Steward: James

VHR history

The schooner Paul Pry was struck by a squall off Cape Schank and laid over onto its side. The crew attempted to right the ship by cutting away the masts, but the hull began to fill with water. The passengers and crew abandoned ship as the schooner began to sink. All reached safety except one of the passengers who drowned

when the Paul Pry foundered.