

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PHOENICIAN

Location

Anonyma Reef, off Sandringham, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S526

Date lost

04/03/1881

Official number

31838

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, square stern, carvel built, no galleries or head

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

53.70 Feet / 15.70 Feet / 6.00 Feet

Builder

Benjamin Fairhall

Year of construction

1852

Built port

Brisbane Water, NSW

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

32 of 1865

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

04/03/1881

Cargo

Not known

Owner

Peter Pidoto, Dromana

Master

Peter Pidoto

Cause of loss

Capsized near Anonyma Rocks near Picnic Point

VHR history

The Phoenician, a small colonial-built vessel, sailed and owned by her master, Peter Pidoto, went ashore on the Anonyma
 Rocks during a voyage from Western Port. She was mainly employed in carrying Inca I produce, livestock, etc., around to
 Melbourne from Western Port and was valued at about £200. The weather was calm and no lives were lost. The spot where she
 struck was very close to where the Pilot schooner Anonyma vent ashore in 1859.
 Fishermen's boat rescued crew. Register closed 12 March1881. Regularly plied Bay, especially between Geelong and Melbourne. Earlier a lime trader. Had previously capsized in South Channel, Port Phillip, 21 August 1858.