

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PIONEER

Location

Corner Inlet

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S533

Date lost

1887

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

1

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

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Departure

Port Albert

Destination

Stockyard Creek, Foster

Cargo

100 pounds worth of goods in drapery and grocery owned by Mr G.F. Lindsay

Owner

Mr Samuel Thatcher

Master

Captain Thatcher

Weather conditions

rough weather, tide one quarter flood

Cause of loss

struck snag and holed, sank

Passenger comments

Miss Kate McGlead, Messrs E. McGlead and Geo. Hastings Jnr.

VHR history

The small cutter Pioneer traded regularly between Port Albert and Stockyard Creek for 12 years before being wrecked.
A small sailing craft called the Pioneer, trading between Port Albert and Foster and owned by Mr S.Thatcher met with a mishap, which resulted in her total loss on Monday last whilst off Snake Island en route to Foster. From the meagre particulars to hand, we learn that the boat struck a snag in the channel which knocked a hole in the hull and unshipped the rudder, thus rendering unmanagable. The Pioneer had a full cargo of general merchandise on board, and three passengers: a well known surveyor; Miss M. Glead of the Ship Inn at Port Albert; and her brother...
Their position, however, was observed by a boating party on Clonmel Island, amongst them was Mr J. Gilder of Sale. Two of these, Mr H Avery and a man named Fitz, at once went to their assistance with their boat, the Clifly, and succeeded after some difficulty in rescuing the party. Almost immediately after, the Pioneer sank, only the top of her mast remaining above water. The cargo we understand was valued at 400 pounds and Mr Lindsay, draper, of Port Albert, owned a considerable portion of it, and as it was unisured he will be a heavy loser. Yesterday a couple of boats from Port Albert left for the scene to endeavour to recover any floating cargo. The loss of his boat will be a heavy one to Thacher, who is an old and deservedly respected resident of the Port.
Ref: Gippsland Time 15th June 1887.
Mr Thatcher, being regarded as a very worthy "old salt" and being upwards of 70 years of age received much sympathy from the townspeople of Port Albert, so much so that they derived a means of assisting him - it was resolved to raise if possible sufficient money to buy him a new boat. About 30 pounds was subscribed in the room, Mr W. Howden very generously donating 10 pounds. A committee was appointed to take the matter in hand.
Ref: Gippsland Times 24 June 1887