

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PRINCE OF WALES

Location

Bass Strait, off Cape Howe

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S540

Date lost

05/1853

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck , yellow metal over port iron bolts, standing bowsprit, square stern, carvel hull, woman's bust figurehead.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.00 Feet / 18.80 Feet / 9.90 Feet

Year of construction

1850

Built port

Richmond River, New South Wales

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

41 of 1850

Date lost

05/1853

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

500 bags of flour, 300 ounces of gold, 1 cask, 2 boxes, 1 trunk. Cargo insured for 900 pounds

Master

Captain W.B. Legge

Weather conditions

Possible heavy squall.

Cause of loss

Theory that in the squall struck the vessel and thrown on her beam, the cargo having shifted would have prevented her righting.

Passenger comments

Messrs. J Smith, A.C. Rowley, R Wright; 4 in steerage

VHR history

The brig Prince of Wales foundered off Cape Howe on a voyage from Melbourne to Sydney. The hull of the vessel was found upturned, but no survivors were located.