Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PRINCE OF WALES

Location

Point Lonsdale, Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S541

Date lost

06/01/1861

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Yellow metalled, part iron bolts; some repairs 1850, 1853; classified A1 by Lloyds

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.50 Feet / 18.70 Feet / 11.20 Feet

Year of construction

1842

Built port

Baumaris, Anglesey

Built country

Registration Number

41 of 1850

Registration Port

Hull

Date lost

06/01/1861

Departure

Tasmania, Circular Head

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Timber, pigs

Master

Captain G. Campbell

Weather conditions

East wind; moderate seas

Cause of loss

Ran ashore

VHR history

Ran ashore about 10.30 pm, while beating in through Heads. Crew and passengers landed safely at 4.30 am in two boats. Customs and health officer's boats, with pilot schooners Prosperpine and Rip and tug Sophia went to assistance but could save nothing. Total wreck. Vessel soon began to breakup. Loney gives wrong tonnage and confuses it with the brig Prince of Wales that sank off Cape Howe in 1853 Parsons may also have confused the two vessels.