Victorian Heritage Database Report

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RELENTLESS

Location

Queenscliff, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S561

Date lost

11 Sep 1982

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

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Departure

Queenscliff

Destination

Apollo Bay

Cargo

None

Owner

Syndicate of 3

Master

Alf Elworthy, of Brighton

Weather conditions

Rough sea; 35 knot wind

Cause of loss

Struck sandbar

Number of crew

7

Crew comments

5 adults, 2 children

VHR history

Struck about 2.30 am, near Queenscliff Cut, during Queenscliff to Apollo Bay yacht race. Crew took to an inflatable raft after fighting the conditions for 90 minutes. Forced to abandon ship when keel fractured and water poured in. Had tried to motor yacht off but it had started to break up. Relentless, a past winner of Melbourne to Hobart West Coast classic, was having a trial in preparation for Sydney to Hobart race. Valued at more than \$100,000. 'A crack yacht.'