

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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RUBICON



S588 Rubicon WaratahBay
Chain



S588 Rubicon WaratahBay
TopView



S588 Rubicon WaratahBay
SideView



S588 Rubicon WaratahBay
WreckSite

Location

Waratah Bay, Wilson Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S588

Date lost

10/10/1887

Official number

61055

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Date of Survey: 1882, Jan, Melbourne; 1882, June, Adelaide.

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

74.90 Feet / 19.60 Feet / 8.60 Feet

Builder

S. Griffiths

Year of construction

1872

Built port

Port Sorell, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

10/10/1887

Cargo

Lime

Owner

1878-79: J & S Griffiths

Master

Captain John Cameron

Weather conditions

Heavy ground swell

Cause of loss

The Rubicon whilst loading lime from the Jetty at Walkerville encountered a heavy ground swell and hauled off the jetty mid load to safety at anchor was struck by a severe squall and wind shifted suddenly the Captain deployed another anchor the cables parted and the vessel was forced onto the rocks.

VHR history

The schooner RUBICON was loading lime for Melbourne at the jetty at Walkerville when a heavy swell set in. The vessel was hauled off from the jetty to the safety of the anchorage. Shortly afterwards, the wind shifted and the ship parted from its cables and drove onto the rocks to become a total wreck. The Victorian Steam Navigation Board investigated the circumstances attending the wrecking of the vessel and found that the wreck was caused by stress of weather and no claim could be attached to master or crew.