

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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RUBY

Location

Bass Strait

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S589

Date lost

11/02/1859

Official number

31632

Construction material

Wood

Hull

One deck and a break, standing bowsprit, square stern, carvel built, woman bust figurehead. Copper over part iron bolts

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

73.80 Feet / 21.60 Feet / 13.40 Feet

Year of construction

1834

Built port

Bristol, Somerset

Built country

England

Registration Number

2 of 1857

Registration Port

Geelong

Date lost

11/02/1859

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Coal

Owner

Duncan Stewart Walker, gentleman, and John McPherson,

Master

John McPherson

Cause of loss

Foundered at sea

Passenger comments

Captain s wife and two children

Number of crew

8

Crew comments

Including Captain

VHR history

On a voyage from Newcastle to Melbourne with a cargo of coal, the brig Ruby was dismasted in a severe gale. The Ruby's hull was strained by the stress of the weather and began to leak. The water gained on the pumps and the vessel began to sink. Fortunately, all on board were rescued by the schooner Tayfield. About twenty minutes

after abandoning ship, the Ruby sank by the bow and the survivors were taken to Melb.
 Dismasted and leaking in a severe gale, the brig Ruby began to sink 100 miles off Cape Howe. Fortunately, all on board rescued by the schooner Tayfield just twenty minutes before the Ruby sank.