

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SARA HUNTER



S608 SaraHunter
WilsonPromontoryTonguePoir
HistoricView

Location

Tongue Point, Wilsons Promontory

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S608

Date lost

16/06/1919

Official number

131472

Construction material

Wood

Hull

1 deck, round stern, carvel built, overhanging head, no bulkheads, no water ballast tanks

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

Length/Breadth/Depth

84.00 Feet / 25.20 Feet / 5.80 Feet

Builder

William James Woodward

Year of construction

1910

Built port

Swansea, Lake Macquarie, NSW

Built country

Australia

Registration Number

5 of 1916

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

16/06/1919

Departure

Tasmania

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Timber

Owner

William Knight, shipowner, of Melbourne (1916-19)

Master

Captain J. Hilden

Cause of loss

Dragged anchors and was driven ashore on a rocky bottom and despite high seas the mater and crew got ashore safely. The vessel was wedged firmly on the rocks.

Number of crew

6

Crew comments

Including Captain

VHR history

On a voyage from Tasmania to Melbourne with a cargo of timber, the ketch Sara Hunter was forced to seek shelter in Waratah Bay due to strong north westerly wind. As the bad weather continued, the vessel began to drag its anchors. They eventually held again, but then the chains parted and the Sara Hunter was driven onto rocks at Tongue Point and wrecked. The captain and five crewmen reached safety despite the rough sea.
The board found that the captain Hilden was not to blame and had done his best in the interests of life and property and was justified in abandoning the vessel in the circumstances.