

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SEA BIRD



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay
DiverOnWreck



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S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay
PortSideTimbers



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay
TopView



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay
WreckDetail

Location

Port Phillip Bay, near West Channel Lightship

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S614

Date lost

19/06/1867

Official number

43146

Construction material

Wood

Hull

Billet head, carvel built, no galleries, one deck, elliptical stern

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

130.00 Feet / 28.00 Feet / 11.00 Feet

Year of construction

1864

Built port

Bath, Maine

Built country

United States of America

Registration Number

37 of 1866

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

19/06/1867

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

400 tons coal

Owner

Capt. Anthony Abbott

Master

Captain Evans

Cause of loss

Parted cables and ran aground

VHR history

Ran ashore near West Channel lightship about 1.40 pm. Despite attempts by crew and steamers Pharos , Black Eagle and Resolute , efforts to refloat vessel failed, became a total wreck over next month. Wreck buoy placed on wreck site in 1868. Insured for 3,000 pounds Monarch lost close to Seabird. No auction of wreck, no record of carriage of mail, no report of any Marine Board Inquiry located. Timber samples taken from the site revealed that the vessel had been constructed of Baltic Pine, Birch, Spruce, Red Oak and White Oak.