

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## SEA BIRD



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay  
DiverOnWreck



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PortSideTimbers



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay  
TopView



S614 Seabird PortPhillipBay  
WreckDetail

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### 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.