

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## SEA FLOWER

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### Location

Near Portarlington, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S618

### Date lost

03/1872

### Official number

None

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Wood; 1 deck; square stern; carvel built

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

43.20 Feet / 11.30 Feet / 4.80 Feet

### Year of construction

1852

### Built port

Nelson

**Built country**

New Zealand

**Registration Number**

54 of 1853

**Registration Port**

Melbourne

**Date lost**

03/1872

**Departure**

Melbourne

**Destination**

West Channel Lightship

**Cargo**

Water and stores for West Channel lightship

**Owner**

Alexander Lindsay and James Bonella, lightermen

**Weather conditions**

Boisterous weather

**Cause of loss**

Grounded in bad weather

**VHR history**

Although the Geelong Advertiser did not name the water-carrier that it reported lost, registration details indicate that it was the Sea Flower. On its voyage from Melbourne to the lightship in West Channel, it was unloading cargo when the operation was suspended due to bad weather. It attempted to run for shelter at lee side of Point Richards, but rounding Point in darkness, it grounded and later went to pieces. Frederick Keay a previous part-owner with Lindsay and Bonella. Registry closed 31 March 1873.