

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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SUFFOLK

Location

Bass Strait, off Cape Howe

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S634

Date lost

29/03/1879

Official number

46210

Hull

Felt and Zinc 1865, 1866. Felt and yellow metalled 1872, Melbourne.

Length/Breadth/Depth

119.00 Feet / 26.30 Feet / 11.50 Feet

Builder

Hutchinson

Year of construction

1863

Built port

Quebec

Built country

Canada

Registration Number

6 of 1871

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

29/03/1879

Departure

Portland

Destination

Sydney

Cargo

2915 bags of bark

Owner

Robert Rae, Shipowner. Sidney Smith, Merchant. Melbourne.

Cause of loss

Caught fire and was abandoned off Cape Howe

VHR history

Heavy seas caused the barque Suffolk to lose its rudder off the Gippsland coast. The crew constructed a jury rudder, but the vessel was almost unmanageable. The SS Leura attempted to tow the Suffolk but the line parted. Being close to land and with an impending gale, the barque was abandoned off Ram Head.