

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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S.F. HERSEY

Location

Port Phillip Bay, north end of Swan Island, next to J3 Submarine

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S642

Date lost

21/05/1923

Official number

88941

Hull

Coal hulk. One deck, square stern, carvel built. Construc: Black
locust. Register closed 21.5.1923 Vessel obsolete, sold to Navy for
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Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

4

Length/Breadth/Depth

168.80 Feet / 33.00 Feet / 22.80 Feet

Year of construction

1865

Built port

Searsport, Maine

Built country

United States of America

Registration Number

16 of 1914

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

21/05/1923

Owner

Melbourne Steamship Co. Ltd (15.6.1914).

Cause of loss

Scuttled to be used as a pier

VHR history

A fine American built ship of 991 tons purchased by the Tasmanian Steamship Company in 1890. She made several voyages between Hobart and Newcastle under the command of Captain Wilson before she was converted to a coal hulk. She was the largest square rigger registered out of Hobart and was later towed to Launceston" (O'May, Wooden Hookers of Hobart Town, p. 128)
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