

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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TAMORA

Location

Portland Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S664

Date lost

16/11/1860

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

3

Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet / 0.00 Feet

Year of construction

1853

Built port

Dundee

Built country

Scotland

Date lost

16/11/1860

Departure

London

Destination

Portland

Cargo

Sperm oil candles, Brandy, Whisky, Ale, Beer, Nails, Boiler, cement, Salt, Soap, Oil, Sulphur, 10,00 slates, 260 casks of beer, Gunpowder, Tobacco, Sardines, Grindstones, Coal, Pianos

Master

Captain J. Cochrane

Cause of loss

Sprang a leak in a severe SE gale and was intentionally run ashore to save lives

VHR history

In November 1860 severe gales struck the south west coast of Victoria. In Portland a number of vessels including the barque TAMORA, schooner EVA and the brig REGIA were driven ashore. The TAMORA rode out the storm until 3.00 am when it started to drag. Further cable was let out, but by this time, the vessel had begun to take in water and the Master decided to run it ashore to preserve life. Signals of distress were flown and the crew taken off by the Harbour Master. The vessel drifted ashore near the bath house and began to break up immediately, spreading its cargo along the beach creating problems for the Portland Police who had trouble containing the looters. The Portland Guardian reports the prosecution of the Master of the wrecked schooner EVA, Henry Martyn, for the removal of sprits from the wrecked TAMORA. The vessel was driven bow up onto the beach but during the storm swung portside onto the beach.