

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PortPhillipHeadsNepeanReef
SideViewHistoricPhotograph



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PortPhillipHeadsNepeanReef
AerialView



S673 SSTime
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FrontView

Location

Nepean Reef, Port Phillip Heads

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S673

Date lost

23/08/1949

Official number

132442

Construction material

Steel

Hull

2 decks, elliptical stern, clincher built, straight head. Upper deck steel 2nd Iron cantilever frames, tanks amidships, cargo battens not fitted Cellular construction of double bottom, flat keel, 6 bulkheads cemented

Propulsion

Steam - Screw

Engine specification

1 quadruple expansion 4 cylinder stroke 45 built by Richardson Westgarth & Co Ltd, Hartlepool

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

340.00 Feet / 48.30 Feet / 21.80 Feet

Builder

J. Priestman & Co

Year of construction

1913

Built port

Sunderland

Built country

England

Registration Number

8 of 1913

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

23/08/1949

Departure

Sydney

Destination

Melbourne

Cargo

Sugar (3,000 tons), timber, general cargo, coal

Owner

Australian Steamships Pty Ltd (Howard Smith & Co.)

Cause of loss

Steering failed and the vessel struck Corsair Rock attempting to enter Port Phillip

VHR history

Court of Marine Inquiry found that steering gear had failed as vessel entered Heads. Fault lay with Lloyd's surveyor for not detecting fault. Vessel had been classified AI. No blame attachable to master. Two Queenscliff fishermen purchased wreck for 950 pounds (insured value 30,000 pounds) and its timber cargo - handsome profit. Cargo and most fittings of value recovered. Wreck visible until early 1960s, until during a storm it slid off northern side of Nepean reef and broke up in 20 feet of water. The most noteworthy shipwreck to date at the heads.