

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## S.S. TIME



S673 SSTime  
PortPhillipHeadsNepeanReef  
SideViewHistoricPhotograph



S673 SSTime  
PortPhillipHeadsNepeanReef  
AerialView



S673 SSTime  
PortPhillipHeadsNepeanReef  
FrontView

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### 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.