

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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TOMMY DODD

Location

West Channel, Port Phillip Bay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S676

Date lost

22/05/1877

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Number of masts

2

Length/Breadth/Depth

48.60 Feet / 12.50 Feet / 5.10 Feet

Builder

James Bellion

Year of construction

1868

Built port

Launceston, Tasmania

Built country

Australia

Registration Port

Launceston

Date lost

22/05/1877

Departure

Melbourne

Destination

Bridport, Tasmania (via Lempriere)

Cargo

35 tons mining machinery for Sir William Denison Mining

Master

G.T. Goble (and agent)

Cause of loss

Apparently foundered due to gross overloading

Number of crew

3

VHR history

Left for Launceston, 22 May, not seen again. It probably foundered due to overloading as it was carrying one large flywheel shipped as deck cargo. Wreckage was found in the West Channel by Government tender, Pharos, two years later. Launched 1868 as cutter, the Tommy Dodd sailed under the Holyman flag in 1874 (leased), on its original route the NW coast of Tas. It was rented by William Holyman Senior for a short period, and was lengthened and renamed the Tommy Dodd in 1876.