

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## VENUS

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### Location

About 7 miles east of West Channel Lightship, Port Phillip Bay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S692

### Date lost

21/10/1855

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

One deck, square stern, carvel built, scroll head, no galleries

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

50.00 Feet / 13.50 Feet / 8.50 Feet

### Year of construction

1847

### Built port

Encounter Bay

### Built country

South Australia

### **Registration Number**

21 of 1851

### **Registration Port**

Adelaide

### **Date lost**

21/10/1855

### **Departure**

Mount Martha

### **Destination**

Melbourne

### **Cargo**

Firewood

### **Owner**

Henry Dikinan, blacksmith, of Adelaide

### **Master**

D.Young

### **Cause of loss**

Capsized and sank

### **Passenger comments**

wife Margaret Young (aged 27 years); second son David and daughter Margaret (1 Year)

### **VHR history**

Loss probably caused by unusually heavy deck load. One report in Argus and later secondary sources state that the voyage was from Port Phillip Heads but the death notice states the voyage was from Mount Martha. The captain survived by swimming until assistance was rendered but his family was drowned. The Hercules and another steam tug despatched to the area the next day found nothing. (West Channel lightship in operation from July 1853.)