

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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VENUS

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.)