

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## WAUCHOPE



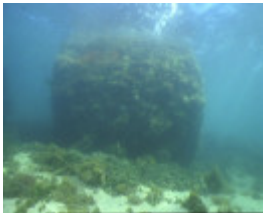
S716 Wauchapoe  
PortPhillipBay FrontView



S716 Wauchapoe  
PortPhillipBay Mast



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PortPhillipBay Measuring



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PortPhillipBay SideView



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### Location

Port Phillip Bay, off Sorrento

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S716

### Date lost

01/08/1919

### Official number

121103

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

One deck, rigged as ketch, elliptical stern, carvel built, no gallery, <br /> billet head, 3 bulkheads

## **Propulsion**

Steam - Screw

## **Engine specification**

655 IHP, 10-1/2 knots, one steel boiler, loaded pressure 130 lbs.

## **Number of masts**

2

## **Length/Breadth/Depth**

127.50 Feet / 25.50 Feet / 9.20 Feet

## **Builder**

D. Sullivan, Coopernook, NSW

## **Year of construction**

1905

## **Built port**

Manning, NSW

## **Built country**

Australia

## **Registration Number**

1 of 1912

## **Registration Port**

Melbourne

## **Date lost**

01/08/1919

## **Departure**

Melbourne

## **Destination**

King Island

## **Cargo**

28 cylinders acetylene gas, benzine, car, foodstuffs, flour, maize agricultural machinery, drapery

### **Owner**

King Island Steamers Ltd (a subsidiary of Holymans & Co)

### **Master**

Captain G.Bennett

### **Cause of loss**

Caught fire

### **Passenger comments**

including 3 soldiers returning from war

### **Number of crew**

5

### **Crew comments**

more than 5 - all non-unionists

### **VHR history**

Built for NSW north coast trade; from 1910 working Bass Strait, King Island and Melbourne. Vessel in mandatory 7 day quarantine due to 'flu epidemic. Manned by 'loyalist' (non-union) crew, due to bitter seamen's strike. Fire broke out in forward hatch, benzine later exploded after vessel abandoned. Beached but drifted onto sandbank. One of the few vessels maintaining Melbourne, Tasmania, King Island trade during strike. Foodstuffs urgently needed at King Island. Vessel, lifeboats and fittings sold for 182 pounds - replacement cost approx. 18,000 pounds. 1Marine Board Inquiry inconclusive, referred to Law Department but no action apparently taken. Bought by Holymans 1910, sold to King Island Steamers Ltd, date unknown.