

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## BERTHA

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### Location

Cape Liptrap

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S74

### Date lost

08/09/1870

### Official number

61036

### Construction material

Wood

### Hull

Described as a tiny Schooner

### Propulsion

Sail

### Number of masts

2

### Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

### Registration Port

Launceston

### Date lost

08/09/1870

## **Departure**

Mersey River, Tasmania

## **Destination**

Melbourne

## **Cargo**

4 passengers.

## **Owner**

S. Griffith

## **Master**

Captain John Quinn

## **Weather conditions**

Strong gales

## **Cause of loss**

Driven onto reefs in strong gale, vessel struck and capsized.

## **Passenger comments**

Luke Cullen got ashore and reached Yankakie Homestead

## **Number of crew**

5

## **Statement of significance**

<p>This vessel is significant as a representative for a type of vessel. It is likely that this vessel was of Australian construction similar to those that were employed in the intrastate trades and may be of archaeological significance in terms of construction details, however this is difficult to assess due to the location of the site being unknown.</p>

## **VHR history**

In a heavy gale, the master of the schooner Bertha mistook Cape Liptrap for Point Lonsdale and the vessel ran ashore. When the Bertha struck a reef, it capsized, drowning all on board except for one survivor who made it ashore after two hours in the rough sea.<br /> <br /> Mistaking Cape Liptrap for Point Lonsdale, when hove to off the coast in a strong gale, the BERTHA was driven ashore by its master. One survivor, Luke Cullen, got ashore on a hatch cover and reached Yanakie Homestead. The vessel was described as a "tiny schooner".<br /> <br /> VHR: In a heavy gale, the master of the schooner Bertha mistook Cape Liptrap for Point Lonsdale and the vessel ran ashore. When the Bertha struck a reef, it capsized, drowning all on board except for one survivor who made it ashore after two hours in the rough sea.