

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## LAPWING

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### Location

Port Albert, west bank of Sylvanus Channel

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S836

### Date lost

20 Jul 1858

### Construction material

Wood

### Propulsion

Sail

### Length/Breadth/Depth

0.00 / 0.00 / 0.00

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### Departure

Sealers Cove

### Destination

Port Albert

### Cargo

timber

### Weather conditions

strong westerly wind

### **Cause of loss**

grounded and holed hull

### **Crew comments**

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### **Statement of significance**

<p>The Lapwing is historically significant for its association with the early development of Wilsons Promontory and Port Albert.</p>

### **VHR history**

The Gippsland Guardian of 23 July 1858 reported in its Local Intelligence section:<br /> <br /> "The schooner Lapwing, 17 tons burthen, laden with timber and trading between Sealer Cove and this Port, struck on the west bank of the Sylvanus Channel on Saturday afternoon last as she was proceeding hither. Previous to the accident a boat passed them in which Messrs. Buchanan, Woolley and others were proceeding to the Cove; the wind however, blowing very hard from the west, these deemed it prudent to return, and while doing so saw that the schooner was in danger. They made their course with all speed to the craft and found she had grounded upon what has since been discovered to be an anchor, and made a whole (sic) in her bottom. There were six on board who were all brought off in safety, and hopes are entertained that the schooner may yet be got off."