

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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PET

Location

10 miles south-east Rabbit Island

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

S889

Date lost

3 Jan 1867

Official number

41483

Construction material

Wood

Propulsion

Sail

Length/Breadth/Depth

85.90 Feet / 21.80 Feet / 14.70 Feet

Year of construction

1854

Built port

Whitby

Built country

England

Registration Port

Melbourne

Date lost

3 Jan 1867

Departure

Newcastle

Destination

Melbourne

Owner

George Lewis & Co., Melbourne

Master

Captain Harless

Weather conditions

foggy, thick

Cause of loss

struck land in thick weather

VHR history

The Pet was involved in the Newcastle coal trade to Melbourne. In thick weather it struck land, the wind changed to SW and it was backed off but was rapidly filling with water. The barque Sussex and steamer Charles Edward rescued the crew before the Pet sank off the east coast of Wilsons Promontory.