

ACTIVITY: Fell into the water
CASE: GSAF 1889.07.08
DATE: Monday July 8, 1889
LOCATION: Port Phillip Heads, Victoria, Australia.



BACKGROUND

MOON PHASE: First Quarter, July 7, 1889
SEA CONDITIONS: Turbulent

NARRATIVE: An accident, which it feared has been attended with fatal consequences, occurred (says the *Melbourne Age*) on the arrival of the four-masted ship *Drummuir*, from Liverpool at the Port Phillip Heads on Monday. On reaching the Heads the ship signaled for a pilot in the usual way and received one, and soon after he got on board those on the pilot schooner observed a man fall from the ship into the turbulent sea.

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INJURY: Fatal

SPECIES: Not identified

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