

# SHIPWRECKS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## **DOROTHY S - Broad Creek**

The two masted auxiliary schooner *Dorothy S* (ex *Stephen*) was built by Henry Warnecke at Sandridge, Victoria. The wooden vessel measured 72.7 feet (22.2m) in length, 19.0 feet (5.8m) breadth, 7.4 feet (2.3m) depth and 51 gross tons. The *Stephen* was launched on 11 July 1868 and first registered in Melbourne in October of that year.

In 1920 the vessel was renamed *Dorothy S*, being registered in Port Adelaide in November 1922 under the ownership of Richard Gericke of Edithburgh. In 1923 ownership changed to F.H. Clausen.

By October 1926 the *Dorothy S* was derelict on the bank of Garden Island. Robert Rake, of Charles Rake and Son, sought Harbors Board permission to move the vessel to Bream Creek, a side stream of Broad Creek.

*Some few months back I observed a ketch hull drawn upon the North Shore of the North Arm, being desirous of securing a hulk of this type for the housing of two hydroplanes, I would be very grateful if you could advise me if there is any possibility of having the hulk removed to Bream Creek for the above purpose.*

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**Schooner *Stephen* (later *Dorothy S*) (Photo: SLSA, Edwardes Collection: V31No39)**

Approval was given, and the vessel removed to Bream Creek, where in June 1928 it was noted as abandoned. The register was closed in 1935.

Today the *Dorothy S* is located in a small creek off Broad Creek. The site is above high water mark amongst the mangroves. The remains include an intact bow stem and some frames and planking.



**Remains of *Dorothy S* at Broad Creek**

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