

# Ocean Joss

## Ships in Focus

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### “Cherry Venture”



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Aerial shot of the Singapore registered cargo ship “**Cherry Venture**”, 1744 GRT, LOA 91.1m Bm 12.8m, single screw diesel engine giving a service speed of 13 knots. Built 1944 by B&W, Copenhagen for Svenka Lloyd of Goteborg, Sweden, as “**Scania**”. Sold in 1962 to Skibs A/S Karlander, Friedrikstad, and renamed “**Slott**”. Sold in 1970 to Thome & Co Pte Ltd., Singapore and renamed “**Timur Venture**”. Sold again in 1971 to Sea Tanker Shipping Co Pte Ltd., Singapore and renamed “**Cherry Venture**”.

The “**Cherry Venture**” was lost off Double Island Point, Wide Bay, when on route from Napier to Singapore in ballast. Due to cyclonic conditions, she became stranded on Teewah Beach in South East Queensland, Australia, on 6th July 1973 and became a total loss. The ship remained on the beach for 34 years, becoming a tourist attraction, until its removal in early 2007. In late 2006 it was announced that the wreck would be demolished due to increasing dangers posed by its deterioration, including exposed asbestos in the engine room. The ship's brass propeller is mounted as a monument in the township of Rainbow Beach.

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