

Basic Detail Report



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Title
HMS DART

Date
1880s

Primary Maker
Henry King

Medium

Photographic print on paper, card

Dimensions
Overall: 154 x 205 mm

Name
Photograph

History
The 470-ton two-masted auxiliary schooner HMS DART was built in 1877 by Barrow Shipbuilding Company, Barrow, North West England as the CRUISER but was fitted out for the Royal Navy's work on the Australia Station when it was launched in 1882. DART was originally intended as an official yacht for the Commander-in-Chief but was employed in hydrographic surveys around the Great Barrier Reef, Tasmania, New Zealand and the Pacific islands, including Papua New Guinea, the Solomons and the New Hebrides. In 1904, DART was lent to the NSW Government and used as a training ship and occasional tender for the naval training ship NSS SOBRAON. In 1912 it was sold to the Victorian Government and commenced service as a training ship for cadets, in which capacity it served until 1919.