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Dear Clive

Over the Christmas-New Year period and like so many others in Australia and overseas, I watched with great interest the drama associated with the 1998 Sydney to Hobart yacht race. While the loss of life was tragic, I firmly believe that the Australian people can look with pride and comfort at the very professional manner in which the responses to the individual incidents and the race as a whole were mounted.

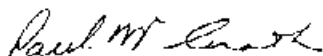
The role played by those directly involved in the rescues will always be more newsworthy than that of those charged with coordinating the response. However, an effective response is predicated on the professionalism of those 'behind the scenes' operators who work under enormous pressure and with little recognition.

I firmly believe that the AMSA staff involved over the extended period were a credit to the Authority and themselves personally.

I would appreciate it if you would pass on to the staff of AusSAR and the Public Relations Section and anyone else involved, my personal congratulations for their competent and professional contribution.

Well done.

Yours sincerely



PAUL MCGRATH  
4 January, 1999



*Embassy of the United States of America*

Canberra, Australia

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December 31, 1998

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Mr. Clive Davidson  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Maritime Safety Authority  
P O Box 218  
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Dear Mr. Davidson:

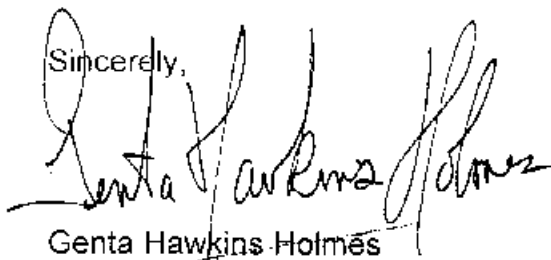
Please extend my heartfelt appreciation and respect to the remarkable Australians involved with the rescue operations related to the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. Their heroism truly captured the attention of the world and earned its applause.

One of those rescued was an American, John Campbell. In a conversation today, he told me how grateful and deeply impressed he is for the effective teamwork of the rescue personnel. His is one of many success stories for which you and your colleagues deserve our profound thanks.

Having been present at the outset of the race on Boxing Day, I had a great personal interest in the race and shared the concerns felt all over this nation when things began to go wrong. We know that the outcome might have been much worse indeed but for the exceptional work of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and each of your dedicated rescue workers.

My personal thanks and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,



Genta Hawkins Holmes  
Ambassador

4 January 1977



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Clive Sanderson (AMSA)

Dear Clive

The heroic events involved with this year's Sydney Hobart Yacht Race are being shown here on TV in graphic detail. The tragedy is obviously extremely distressing for all concerned. I actually knew one of the deceased from the crew of Winston Churchill.

We have seen a lot of David Gray on CNN & from this side of the world he has performed most impressively & represented AMSA with distinction.

Please pass on my congratulations to all concerned at AMSA especially those involved in the amazing rescue.

Warm regards  
Bruce Corlett



**Chief Executive Officer**

AMSA Ref:

Your Ref:

Mr Paul McGrath  
6 Hytten Place  
BRUCE ACT 2617

Dear Paul,

Thank you very much for your kind letter concerning the efforts of the AusSAR staff during the Sydney/Hobart rescues. We have had a large number of letters of thanks to AMSA including a visit by the Governor-General, and letters from the IMO and United States Ambassador, to name but a few.

I was delighted to see the professionalism and enthusiasm that underscored the work of the AusSAR people during this period. I think you can take a lot of credit for the way in which this has come together, and the truly integrated approach that the aviators and mariners displayed. This has been a very trying period for AusSAR and I am delighted to report that they have come through with flying colours.

Thank you again for your kind words.

Yours sincerely

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Clive Davidson

5 January 1999



Chief Executive Officer

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AMSA Ref:

Your Ref:

Mr Bruce Corlett  
A Guest in the Hotel  
c/- Thurnhers Alpenhof  
Zurs am Arlberg

Fax No. 0011 43 5583 3330

Dear Bruce,

Thank you very much for your kind words on the Sydney to Hobart tragedy. I have passed on your message to the AusSAR and PR people.

As you were probably aware this was the biggest rescue co-ordination effort undertaken by AMSA or indeed in Australia's peace time history. The fact that the AusSAR organisation was able to perform as a cohesive unit was indeed extremely gratifying. I believe that you, as a Chairman during the time of formation of AusSAR can take a great deal of personal pride in what was achieved.

Thank you again.

Regards,

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Clive Davidson

5 January 1999

PS I trust you are enjoying a well-earned holiday.



**Chief Executive Officer**

AMSA Ref:

Your Ref:

Mrs Genta Hawkins Holmes  
Ambassador  
Embassy of the United States of America  
21 Moonah Place  
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Dear Ambassador Holmes,

Thank you very much for your kind words in relation to the rescue operations co-ordinated by AMSA during this year's Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

I was in the Rescue Co-ordination Centre when John Campbell was reported overboard, and when he was picked up some 45 minutes later - a truly remarkable and very fortunate end to just one of the many dramatic incidents that took place during this harrowing period. The sense of achievement and elation that saving so many lives brings is hard to describe. However, it is equally hard to describe the sadness felt by everyone at AMSA when there is tragic loss.

Your kind words have been passed on to everybody involved and I thank you again on behalf of the staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Davidson', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Clive Davidson

5 January 1999



**Chief Executive Officer**

AMSA Ref:

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Sir William Deane, AC, KBE  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Government House  
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Your Excellency

I am writing to thank you for taking time out to visit our Rescue Co-ordination Centre and thank staff during the recent tragedy that befell the Sydney/Hobart Yacht Race.

You will be aware that this rescue was the largest maritime rescue ever undertaken in Australia and all the rescue services from Government employees to volunteers performed magnificently during this trying period.

My staff in the Rescue Co-ordination Centre greatly appreciated your visit as, although they co-ordinate the rescues they are not often acknowledged for the work that they do. Your visit therefore was very much appreciated.

I would also like to add my sincere gratitude for the time you took in visiting AMSA.

Yours sincerely

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Clive Davidson

5 January 1999



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## **1998 Sydney to Hobart Current Information**



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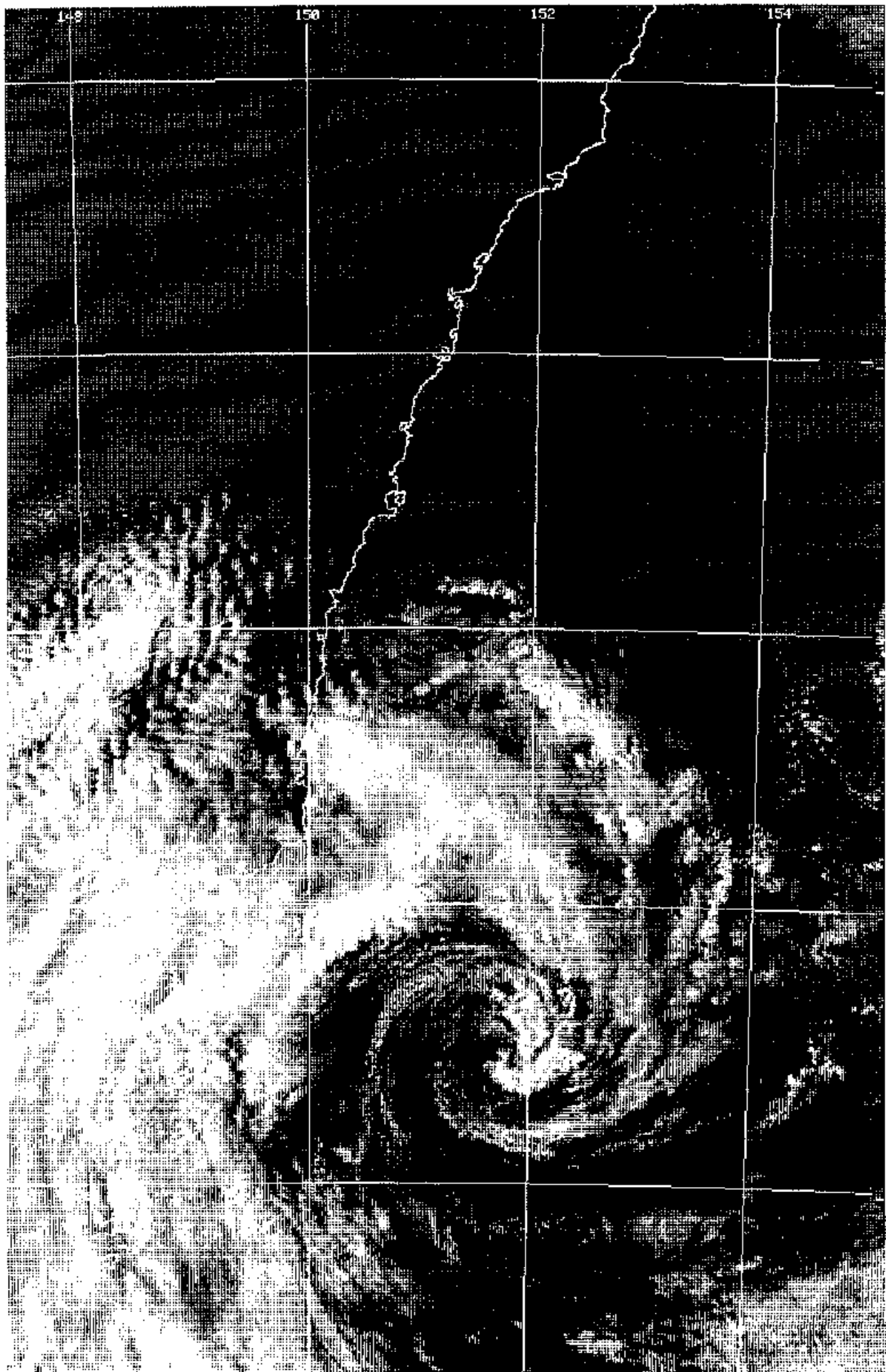
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### **Update on latest sea surface conditions**

Written by George Cresswell and Kim Badcock, December 1998  
CSIRO Marine Research

**December 28, comments on 27 Dec 1998 0504Z image**





27 DEC 1998 0504Z



NOAA14 albedo 27 Dec 1998 0504Z  
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NOAA AVHRR albedo image from satellite NOAA14 received and processed at Hobart on 1604 AEST December 27th 1998. This image clearly shows the spiralling clouds of the intense 984 mm that so devastated the race fleet. As in 1993, the combination of high winds and strong currents further steepened already huge seas.

Like everybody else, we are shocked and saddened by the tragic loss of life and can only hope that other competitors and rescue personnel return safely.

**December, 26th 1998, no new image.**

As so often happens this time of year, the clouds have won the day. We will keep checking during race. Our apologies to everyone who had difficulties accessing the site on Christmas Eve. Spectacular electrical storms caused power interruptions which in turn threw our computers into disarray.

Have a fantastic race and a safe journey. We look forward to seeing all of you in Hobart.

**Comments on 23 Dec 1998 0655Z-1016Z image**





NOAA12 SST mosaic 23 Dec 1998 0655Z-1016Z  
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There are similarities between the present eddy centred at about 36 S, 152 E and the one shown in 1989 image and current measurements in my discussion The Anticlockwise Eddies off SE Australi suggest using that as a guide. I'd expect currents to accelerate southward with 4 knots being possible the warm band from 35 30'S to 37 S. I see that the EAC meander and the eddy are starting to graze another at about 35 20'S, 153 30'E. My feeling is that this could lead to some rapid changes in the position and shape of the eddy.

There is a clockwise eddy - max speed about 1 knot - centred at 38 30'S, 151 E.

Off the continental shelf of E Tas there is (still) a warm feature that will be rotating anticlockwise maybe 1 knot. I expect that the currents on the shelf will not be as favourable - and possibly unfavourable.

We hope that your preparations for a truly exciting but safe race are well underway.

## Previous updates on sea surface conditions

### Comments on 22 Dec 1998 0716Z-0857Z image



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The situation with the EAC meander and the large eddy centred at about 36 S, 152 E is largely unchanged. The eddy may slide southward by up to 100 km during the next week. There is a noticeable band of warm water that peels off the EAC meander near Sugarloaf Point and runs southward on the shelf all the way to Jervis Bay, where it feeds into the eddy. We've seen bands like this before, but haven't surveyed them adequately.

In Nov 1989 we stemmed one between Jervis Bay and Sydney. We encountered it just north of Jervis Bay when the sounder read 125 m. The current was 2.2 knots southward and the warm EAC water extended all the way to the bottom. Even at the 75 m isobath off Pt Kembla (we'd come in closer) the current was 1.5 knots. There is a cold plume heading northward on the E Tas shelf past Flinders Is probably about 1/2 knot. Out to sea from E Tas appears to be a warm eddy as was hinted in the write-up yesterday.

### Comments on the image from 21 Dec 1998 1724Z-1901Z.



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The pattern of the EAC system has evolved quite quickly since 19 Dec. The branch of the EAC that flowed in towards Pittwater has been cut off. All the EAC flow now follows the meander out to sea 3+ knots.

The anticlockwise eddy extends from Wollongong to Bass Str and from the shelf edge off Naroom about 350 km out to sea. It is big. A large amount of warm water peels off the eastern edge of the eddy and reaches southward. Near Green Cape more water from the eddy follows the shelf edge to the south. Perhaps an eddy will form or become more obvious to the east of Bass Str.

There is upwelling of 15 deg C water at the Gippsland coast. The eastern Tas region is partly cloud free and shows cold 14 deg C water nearshore, possibly the result of forcing by northerly winds. The warmer 16 deg C water off the shelf and it is there that the currents are likely to be favourable (southward), but only to the extent of maybe 1 knot.

#### Comments on the image from 19 Dec 1998 0316Z-0634Z.



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It appears that the EAC system off SE Australia is starting to fold into a recognisable pattern: A branch of 26 deg C water that has edged in near Smoky Cape shoots southward to 34 30'S. A branch spreads westward towards Pittwater and then splits, with most running southward to Eden. It then turns seaward and loops around a large anticlockwise eddy, closing back on itself off Jervis Bay.

The eddy is about 200 km north-south and 350 km east-west. These eddies usually precess anticlockwise - we can look at the images over the next few days to see if this does happen. We have seen in the past that the pressing of an eddy against the continental shelf edge seems to increase the slope of the sea surface, leading to enhanced southward currents on its western side. (Take a look at the current measurements across the eddy in [The Anticlockwise Eddies off South East Australia](#))

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# David Adams Ocean Racing



31<sup>st</sup> December 1998

David Gray

Australian Maritime Safety Authority  
GPO Box 2181  
Canberra City ACT 2600

Dear David,

Yet again, an absolutely *brilliant* effort by your people to co-ordinate all the rescues during the ill-fated Sydney to Hobart race. Please pass on our congratulations to everyone involved. Coping with the logistics of so many maydays at once must have been a real challenge, and your team has our wholehearted admiration for a job well done.

Of course, the death of six crew was an absolute tragedy, but without your team's efforts, the toll could have been so much worse.

I was aboard *Brindabella* and thankfully we seemed to miss the worst of the storm.

From all accounts, you also handled the challenge of dealing with the media and PR side of the exercise admirably too.

On another issue, many thanks for helping with the media on Isabelle's Tasmanian pitstop—a non-event that was overtaken by the tragic Hobart race.

If I can help in any way with the debriefs—given my involvement with the Southern Ocean rescue debriefs—please let us know. I would be happy to help.

Kind regards,



David Adams



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# MEDIA RELEASE

*1998 International Year of the Ocean*

For immediate release

Thursday 31 December 1998

## ***SYDNEY TO HOBART RACE: COST OF RESCUES***

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority today released details of the civil resources and civil costs associated with the Sydney to Hobart yacht race rescues.

Civil aircraft -- both fixed-wing and helicopters --flew about 500 hours in the rescues. About 45 civil and defence aircraft and three surface vessels were engaged by AMSA in the rescue efforts, in which 55 sailors were saved.

The cost of the civil resources employed was approximately \$650,000.

The above estimate does not include the cost of assistance provided by Defence aircraft (RAAF and RAN) and the Navy frigate HMAS Newcastle.

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Media inquiries: David Gray 0418 487794 or Brian Hill 0418 164901





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# MEDIA RELEASE

**1998 International Year of the Ocean**

Wednesday 30 December 1998

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## **AMSA EXPRESSES APPRECIATION**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority Chief Executive, Clive Davidson today thanked all participants involved in Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race search and rescue activities over the past three days.

Mr Davidson, on behalf of the Authority, expressed his sincere condolences to the families of those that lost their lives.

He said the AMSA's first priority will be to assist the coroner's inquiry into the deaths of the four sailors and two others missing at sea.

"We will also be undertaking our standard post-event debrief both internally and with those external organisations who provided search and rescue assets," he said.

The debrief will be carried out within a week.

The Authority will also assist race organiser, the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, with its review and evaluation of the race as announced at a media conference in Hobart yesterday by the CYC Commodore.

Mr Davidson said the degree of involvement in the CYC review by AMSA will depend on the terms of reference to be announced soon by review committee Chairman, Mr Peter Bush.

Further information: David Gray AMSA-PR Tel: 0418 487794



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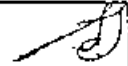
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Personal belief the two missing persons  
are still alive.

When ~~questioned~~ questioned he said - "I  
would not be free to myself if  
I didn't see this one."

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**Lloyd, Alan (CBR)**

**From:** Baird, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 29 December 1998 15:14  
**To:** AusSAR Operations; Gray, David; Hill, Brian; Poke, Robin  
**Subject:** Sydney Hobart 98 - Rescues

I would like to congratulate you and pay tribute to the professional and competent manner in which the whole team has conducted them selves over the last three days.  
You have achieved a magnificent result against difficult circumstantnces in rescuing some 60 people from the perils of the sea.

On behalf of AMSA may I congratulate and thank you all.  
Best wishes for the New Year to you all and all your families

***David Baird***

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Australian Maritime Safety Authority  
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To: A.M.S.A.

... just a note of congratulations, appreciation & encouragement regarding your continuous efforts - especially during this Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

You're all doing a fantastic job & the around the clock effort must take a considerable amount of your energy & resources. Believe me when I say that it's greatly appreciated.

The A.M.S.A. has come a long way since it's establishment & you should be proud.

My thoughts are with you,  
Regards,

Susan McKenna  
(daughter of 'Blythe Star' victim  
Ken Jones.)



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SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIAN COAST CHART AUS 423.

NUMEROUS ABANDONED YACHTS AND ASSOCIATED DEBRIS REPORTED IN GENERAL  
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VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP SHARP LOOKOUT.

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VMR

TH : IS CANBERRA 02 62795790, AUSTRALIAN SEARCH AND RESCUE.

THIS MESSAGE WAS RECORDED AT 6.00 PM TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER 1998.

THE SEARCH FOR THE LAST MISSING SAILOR FROM THE YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. A CONCENTRATED SEARCH OF 100 SQ NM BY FOUR AIRCRAFT AND FIVE HELICOPTERS FAILED TO LOCATE HIM.

THE LARGE SCALE SEARCH COVERED MUCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOUTH EAST COAST FROM MERIMBULA TO MALLACOOTA AND 100NM TO SEAWARD INVOLVING AT TIMES IN EXCESS OF 38 AIRCRAFT, A NAVY FRIGATE, MERCHANT VESSELS, A POLICE LAUNCH AND FISHING VESSELS.

A TOTAL OF 56 SAILORS HAVE BEEN RESCUED AND ALL MISSING VESSELS HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. FOUR BODIES WERE RECOVERED AND TWO SAILORS REMAIN UNLOCATED DESPITE A THOROUGH AIR AND SEA SEARCH.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT AMSA PUBLIC RELATIONS ON 0418 164 901.



# Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

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AUSSAR 98/4381, 98/4382, 98/4384, 98/4396 AND 98/4404  
SITREP TWO AND FINAL AT 290630Z DEC 98.

1. AUSSAR 98/4381 - 3 MISSING CREW FROM YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL. 24 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND 6 HELICOPTERS COMMENCED SEARCH OF APPROX 4500 SQ NM CENTRED 60 NM ESE OF EDEN AT FIRST LIGHT. TWO BODIES LOCATED AND RECOVERED. A CONCENTRATED SEARCH OF 100 SQ NM BY 4 AIRCRAFT AND 5 HELICOPTERS SIGHTED LIEJACKET AND LIFEBELT BUT NOT THE LAST MISSING CREWMAN. ALL SEARCH ACTIVITY WAS SUSPENDED AT 290615Z.
2. AUSSAR 98/4382 BUSINESS POST NAIAD. POLICE LAUNCH NEMESIS IS TOWING YACHT WITH 2 DECEASED ONBOARD INTO HARBOUR.
3. AUSSAR 98/4384 MAN OVERBOARD SWORD OF ORION. THE SEARCH FOR THE MAN OVERBOARD FROM SWORD OF ORION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.
4. AUSSAR 98/4396 SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER DISABLED. HMAS NEWCASTLE LOCATED THE VESSEL AND HAS TAKEN OFF THE TWO INJURED CREW. THE REMAINING CREW HAVE REQUESTED TO REMAIN ONBOARD AND THE VESSEL HAS BEEN TAKEN IN TOW BY THE FV RUBICON.
5. AUSSAR 98/4404 YACHT VETO UNREPORTED. YACHT VETO CONTACTED RACE CONTROL TO ADVISE THAT THEY WERE UNDER JURY RIG AND RETURNING TO SYDNEY.
6. MANY THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED FOR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. 56 WERE SAVED FROM YACHTS IN DISTRESS IN MOST DIFFICULT CONDITIONS.

BEST REGARDS  
BT

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RAYWEEA/ADHQOPS

RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

HQACAUST

HQAC AIR OPS

RAYMMA/MA SYDNEY

INFO RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

RAYRGH/817 SQN

RAYRGH/816 SQN

RAYRGH/723 SQN

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. AT 290615Z3 DEC 98 RCC AUSTRALIA CANCELLED THE MARSAR RELEASING ALL ASSETS.//

GENTEXT/SITREP/ THE FOLLOWING IS A STATUS-INTENTIONS FOR ASSETS THAT SUPPORTED THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS RETURNING TO FBE WITH AN ETA OF 290745Z7. ON ARRIVAL NEWCASTLE WILL REVERT TO 24 HRS NFS.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 REMAINS AT NAS NOWRA.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE REMAINS ORV, AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE, UNTIL 16 JAN 99.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 HAS RETURNED TO NAS NOWRA. THE HELO WILL EMBARK IN MELBOURNE IF ORV ACTIVATED.

/E/ 817 SQN 2 X SK50 ARE RETURNING TO NAS NOWRA ETA 291100Z. 817 SQN REMAINS THE OPERATIONAL RESPONSE SQUADRON UNTIL 4 JAN 99.

/F/ 723 SQN HS 748 IS TO STAND DOWN.

GENTEXT/RETURNS/ALL UNITS ARE TO PROVIDE EXPENDITURE IAW AFTP1 VOL1 CHAP 2. COSTINGS SHOULD BE REPORTED AS TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY/FLOWN FOR FFG/S-70B-2/SK50/HS748 AND SHOULD NOT BE COSTED DOWN TO PERSONNEL OR DOLLARS.//

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ZNR UUUUU  
O P 290256Z DEC 98  
FM MHQAUST  
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HQACAUST  
HQAC AIR OPS  
RAYMMA/MA SYDNEY  
INFO RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR  
RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE  
RAYMZC/IMAS MELBOURNE  
RAYRGH/817 SQN  
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RAYRGH/723 SQN  
RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA  
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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE  
SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. ADF  
ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.//

GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE HAS COMPLETED HER TASKING IN SUPPORT OF THE YACHT  
SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER AND HAS RECOVERED ALL PERSONNEL. FV MV RUBICON  
WILL TOW SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE TO A SAFE HAVEN. ONCE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER HAS BEEN PASSED TO RUBICON RCC AUSTRALIA  
HAS NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR NEWCASTLE. NEWCASTLE WILL PROCEED TO  
FBE WITH AN ETA OF 29075Z3 DEC 98. ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT  
BY NEWCASTLE TO ASSIST IN SYD-HOB YACHT RACE MARSAR.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 REMAINS AT NAS NOWRA.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 IS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA AND CONDUCTING  
SEARCHES AS DIRECTED BY RCC AUSTRALIA. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL  
BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

/E/ 817 SQN 2 X SK50 DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
ASSISTANCE WITH ONE AIRBORNE AND THE SECOND GROUNDED WITH A DEFECT.

/F/ 723 SQN HS 748 WILL DEPART NAS NOWRA AT 290100Z2 DEC 98 FOR  
PAGE 3 RAYMHG 1452 UNCLAS

MERIMBULA WITH SPARES TO REPAIR DEFECTIVE SK50.

/2/ HQACAUST CONTINUES TO COMMIT 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE  
MARSAR.//

GENTEXT/COMMAND AND CONTROL/ C2 OF MHQAUST ASSETS REMAINS VIA THE  
DUTY FLEET OPERATIONS OFFICER (DFOO) AT JOR MHQAUST (02) 9563 4100.//  
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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE  
SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. ADF  
ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.//

GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE  
SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE HAS COMPLETED HER TASKING IN SUPPORT OF THE YACHT  
SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER AND HAS RECOVERED ALL PERSONNEL. FV MV RUBICON  
WILL TOW SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE TO A SAFE HAVEN. ONCE RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER HAS BEEN PASSED TO RUBICON RCC AUSTRALIA  
HAS NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR NEWCASTLE. NEWCASTLE WILL PROCEED TO  
FBE WITH AN ETA OF 29045Z DEC 98. ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT  
BY NEWCASTLE TO ASSIST IN SYD-HOB YACHT RACE MARSAR.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 REMAINS AT NAS NOWRA.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ IMAS MELBOURNE'S S 70B 2 IS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA AND CONDUCTING  
SEARCHES AS DIRECTED BY RCC AUSTRALIA. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL  
BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

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/F/ 723 SQN HS 748 WILL DEPART NAS NOWRA AT 290100Z DEC 98 FOR

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MERIMBULA WITH SPARES TO REPAIR DEFECTIVE SK50.

/2/ HQACAUST CONTINUES TO COMMIT 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE  
MARSAR.//

GENTEXT/COMMAND AND CONTROL/ C2 OF MHQAUST ASSETS REMAINS VIA THE  
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HQAC AIR OPS

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REF/A/TELECON/DFOO-DUTY AIR OFFICER, NAS NOWRA/29 DEC 98//

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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ 1 X SK50 (SHARK 20) DEPLOYED TO MERIBULA HAS  
REPORTED A LEAKS TO MAIN ROTOR GEARBOX POST SORTIE WHICH COMPLETED AT  
282340Z9 DEC 98. DEFECT CAN BE RECTIFIED BY REPLACEMENT OF OIL  
SEALS.//

GENTEXT/TASKING/ HS 723 IS TO PROVIDE ONE HS748 TO PROVIDE SPARES TO  
MERIBULA TO EFFECT REPAIRS TO SHARK 20.//

GENTEXT/TIMINGS/ REF A REPORTED HS748 WILL DEPART NAS NOWRA 290100Z2  
DEC 98 WITH AN ETA MERIBULA 290200Z3 DEC 98.//

GENTEXT/REPORTS/ 817 SQN IS TO REPORT WHEN REPAIRS ARE COMPLETE.//

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FM CTU 646.2.2

TO HQAC AIROPS

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

INFO RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYWAF/COASTWATCH CANBERRA

RAYMHG/MHQAUST

RAYBUV/92WG OPS

ZEN/CTG 646.2

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MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH AND COMMAND CONTROL//

NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YATCH RACE//

FORCE/10SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN: RESCUE 253//

EVTASK/YPED/280420Z6/280624Z2/281423Z0/281517Z4/YATCHS/-//

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ACFTID/P3C/A9-756/-/2NM/ALR2001//

PCRAFT/1/UNK/AS/AMT/BLUE/-/SLOOP/-/-/M2000//

TMPOS/280640Z0/3644S8-15217E8/330T/1KTS/FIXED/AIR/VISUAL//

PCRAFT/2/UNK/UNK/AMP/-/-/SLOOP/-/-//

TMPOS/281321Z7/3718S9-15115E3/-/ /FIXED/AIR/IRDS//

AMPN/DISMasted, NO SIGN OF CREW//

PCRAFT/3/UNK/UNK/NROD/-/-/SLOOP/-/-//

TMPOS/281319Z4/3716S7-15121E0/-/-/FIXED/AIR/IRDS//

AMPN/DISMasted, NO SIGN OF CREW//

FISHCIC/N/OREGON/TRAWLER/AS/NAH//

TMPOS/281331Z8/3711S2-15059E0/140T/5KTS/FIXED/AIR/VISUAL//

AMPN/TRACKING FOR PCRAFT NO.2//

FYFCE/HMAS NEWCASTLE/1/FFG//

FYPOS/HMAS NEWCASTLE/3655S9-15203E1/280847Z9/038T/9KTS/AS//

MET/FL007/210T/25KTS/5NM/NIL/LGT/S/SC/BASE:030/TOPS:035/

14C/1006/3M/210T/4//

TMPOS/280632Z1/3645S8-15213E2/-/-/-/AIR/VISUAL//

EXPEND/MK58 SMOKEs/7/-/-/MK25 SMOKEs/1/-/-/SSQ53/8/-/-/

GREEN VEREY PISTOL FLAREs/32/-/-//

CREW/1/PC-FLTLT GALL/TC-FLTLT FLYNN/SEM-FLTLT MURGREW//

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FLTTM/OTR/11.1//

AMPN/OTR/TASK CAT 101//AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE ASAP AND FULLY SERVICEABLE.  
MAX TAS TO ONTASK. WHILST TRACKING TO START OF SEARCH AREA 2 BEACONS  
ON 121.5 PICKED UP. ONE BEACON LOCALISED AND ITS POSITION AND THE  
OTHER BCN REPORTED. A/C CONTINUED WITH ASSIGNED TASKING COMMENCED  
VISUAL SEARCH IN ASSIGNED AREA. THIRD BCN LOCATED DURING FIRST LEG OF  
SEARCH. ITS POSN WAS LOCALISED INSIDE SRCH AREA AND WAS IMMEDIATELY  
INVESTIGATED. BCN DETERMINED TO BE CO-LOCATED WITH DISMasted YACHT

(PCRAFT NO 1)SAIL NO M2000. YACHT WAS MAKING WAY AT ABOUT 1KT, WITH 3 PEOPLE SEEN ON DECK. YATCH WAS REPORTED TO BOTH AUSSAR AND HMAS NEWCASTLE. YATCH DID NOT APPEAR IN UNDUE DISTRESS ALTHOUGH NO COMMS WAS ABLE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON CH16. NEWC ADVISED THAT ITS TASKING WAS TO LOCATE THIS VESSEL. A/C RESUMED SRCH OF TASKED AREA. INTERMITTENT RADAR CONTACT WAS REPORTED TO AUSSAR EAST OF SEARCH AREA.AFTER APPROXIMATELY 2 LEGS OF THE SRCH AREA COMPLETE A/C RETASKED TO INVESTIGATE BCN CONTACTS AT POSN'S 3621S1-15246E AND 3632S-15351E. FIRST POSN APPEARED TO CORRELATE WITH INTERMITTANT RADAR CONTACT PASSED. BCN AND VISUAL DATUM SRCH'S OF BOTH POSNS CONDUCTED WITH NO JOY. RADAR CONTACTED REASSESSED AS WEATHIER. EACH ARE EFFECTIVELY SEARCHED FOR APPROX 20MIN PER AREA. AFTER REPORTING PAGE 4 RAYBUW 3283 UNCLAS

NO JOY TO AUSSAR A/C RETASKED BY COMMAND SARO WITH VISUAL SRCH OF AREA BOUNDED BY 3720S 3730S 15015E-15130E TO LOCATE LIFERAFT WITH 5 POB FROM YATCH WINSTON CHURCHILL. SRCH LEGS WERE TO BE EAST-WEST WITH 1NM TRACK SPACING TO THE SOUTH, WITH 12 LEGS. ALSO ADVISED OF FLARE SEACH AREA OF 3654S-15205E,37138-15213E,3750S-15023E, 3733S-15014E. FINNALLY A POSN WAS ADVISED OF 3736S-15128E FOR PLACEMENT OF A SAR DATUM BOUY ON OPPORTUNITY BASIS. THE INITIAL VIS SRCH TASK WAS COMMENCED AND INVESTIGATED TWO BCNS WERE LOCALISED AND POSNS PASSED TO AUSSAR. ONE BCN WAS LOCATED INSIDE SRCH AREA AND WAS INVESTIGATED WITH NO JOY. A/C WAS ADVISED THAT BOTH BCNS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVESTIGATED AND WERE TO BE DISREGUARDED. A/C THEN RESSUMED VISUAL SRCH OF TASKED AREA HOWEVER DUE TO FAILING LIGHT CONDITIONS IT WAS DECIDED TO PREPARE FOR THE FLARE SRCH, HOWEVER A/C WAS MAINTAINED ON VISUAL SRCH TRACK UNTIL READY TO CHANGED TO NEW TACTK. DURING THIS VISUAL TALLY GAINED ON WEAK LIGHT SOURCE IN WATER. NO IRDS CONTACT GAINED HOWEVER DETERMINED THAT LIGHT SOURCE HIGHLY LIKELY TO BE RELATED TO POSSIBLE SURVIVORS. CONTACT REPORTED TO AUSSAR AND TO NEWCASTLE/.HOUMED 1 UNABLE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISSTANCE DUE TO REFUELLING REQUIREMENTS. SEAHAWK C/S TIGER 75 WAS DIVERTED FROM MERIMBULA TO INVESTIGATE. TWO SURVIVORS WERE LOCATED PAGE 5 RAYBUW 3283 UNCLAS

IN DAMAGED LIFERAFT AND WINCH ABOARD TIGER 75. P3 PROVIDED HIGH BOUY OPS AND COMMS RELAY TO AUSSAR. ONE SURVIVOR IDENTIFIED AS JOHN STANLEY WITH OTHER SURVIVOR NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED. INFROMATION OBTAINED INDICATED SURVIVORS WERE FROM THE WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS HAD BEEN LOST OVERBOARD FROM TH ELIFERAFT AT APPROX 0500 LOCAL(16HOURS PRIOR). ALL THREE WERE BELIEVED TO BE TOGETHER WITH LIFEVESTS, COLD WEATHER GEAR AND POSSIBLEY AN EPIRB AND STROBE LIGHT. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF TIGER 75, RE-ASSESSMENT OF SRCH TACTICS MADE TO LOCATE 3 POS IN WATER. DRIFT RATE OF OCEAN DETERMINED FROM DIFAR BUOY DROPPED EARLIER IN AREA AS 310 AT 2000 YDS PER HOUR. INITIAL ASSESSMENT PLACED APPROX DATUM AT 310,20NM FROM RAFT WHICH CO-INCIDED WITH PREVIOUS REPORTED BEACON POSN. DATUM SEACH OF BCN CONDUCTED AND CONCLUDED THAT BCN CO-LOCATED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABANDONED YACHT. REVISED SRCH TACTIC WAS TO CODUCT TRACK SEARCH DOWN DRIFT BRG FROM LIFE RAFT FOR DIST 20NM UP TO 5NM EITHER SIDE OF TRACK WITH TRACK SPACING 1NM, ALTITUDE 700FT. SEAKING C/S SHARK 05 ARRIVED ONTASK AND P3 ASSIGNED SHARK 05 TO SEARCH LEFT OF BRG OUT TO 5NM AND P3 TO SRCH RIGHT OF BRG OUT TO 5NM FOR DIST OF 20NM DOWN BRG. TOTAL AREA SEARCHED BOUNDED BY THE POINTS 3704S-15056E,3717S-15116E,3723S-15109E,3711S-15048E. THIS AREA SAS PAGE 6 RAYBUW 3283 UNCLAS

BASED ON SURVIVORS DRIFTING FASTER THAN LIFERAFT WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE A SEA ANCHOR. WHEN P3 COMPLETED ITS HALF OF ASSIGNED AREA, NEW SEARCH AREA DETERMINED BASED ON LIFERAFT DRIFTING FASTER THAN SURVIVORS IN WATER AND AREA SEARCHED PRIOR TO OFFTASK DUE BINGO FUEL BOUNDED BY 3721S-15112E,3735S-15131E,3737S-15129E,3723S-15109E.

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LIG For IGV

white yacht sighted.

white hull

orange raft

100 POS SIGHTED.

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE

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SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. ADF ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.//

GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS CURRENTLY ENROUTE TO THE YACHT SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER TO RECOVER THREE REMAINING PERSONNEL ONBOARD. SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE SIGHTED AT 282036Z1 DEC 98 BY P3C. NEWCASTLE IS 38NM FROM POSN OF SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE. O/C NEWCASTLE WILL RETURN TO PRIMARY SEARCH AREA AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER TASKING FROM RCC AUSTRALIA.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 HAS RETURNED NAS NOWRA. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED NEWCASTLE'S S-70B-2 WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN THE SYD-HOB MARSAR.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 IS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA AND WILL REJOIN THE SEARCH AT 282300Z5 DEC 98. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

/E/ 817 SQN 2 X SK50 DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH ONE AIRBORNE AND THE SECOND ON TASK WEF 290100Z2 DEC 98. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

/F/ 723 SQN SUPPORT (HS 748) TO DEPLOYED HELICOPTERS MAY BE REQUIRE PM 29 DEC 98 IF FURTHER TASKING FOR S-70B-2 AND SK50 IS FORTHCOMING.

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/2/ HQACAUST CONTINUES TO COMMIT 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE MARSAR.//

GENTEXT/COMMAND AND CONTROL/ C2 OF MHQAUST ASSETS REMAINS VIA THE DUTY FLEET OPERATIONS OFFICER (DFOO) AT JOR MHQAUST (02) 9563 4100.//

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1. CONDUCT SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF.

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RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

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AMPN/TAC:92//

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EVTASK/YMES/281900Z0/281930Z3/290530Z9/290730Z1/YPED-//

AMPN/SEARCH FOR VETO - WHITE SLOOP//

AREA/VIC OF 3657S1-15057E8//

AMPN/LAST KNOWN POSITION AT 280305Z//

COMMS/SAR CO-ORD/-/123.1 MHZ/P/VHF VOICE/282.8MHZ/S/UHF VOICE//

AMPN

/HELOS TALKING ON MELBOURNE FIS FREQUENCIES AND ARE OPERATING OUT OF MERIMBULA//

COMMS/92WGOPS/-/361.25MHZ/P/UHF VOICE//

AMPN/ARRIVAL YPED//

AKNLDG/NO//

RMKS/

1. CONDUCT SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF.

2. CIVIL FLIGHT FOLLOWING IN TRANSIT. MILITARY (NACOC) FF ON TASK WITH HALF HOUR ALTERNATE POSN/OPSN REPORTS. PRIMARY OPCON CENTRE IS CTU 646.2.2.

3. MAINTAIN CRATT COMMS WITH CTU 646.2.2 VAI AOCs THROUGHOUT MISSION. USE GPN AND PHONE PATCH AS REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AUSSAR. AUSSAR PHONE NUMBER 1800 815 257.

4. TASK CAT 101. PURPLE NO.12061

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5. POC:DOPSO 92WG OPS (08) 8393-4021 FAX (08) 8393-4025//

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TO RAYMJB/HQAST

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RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

HQACAUST

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INFO RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE

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SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. ADF ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.//

GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS CURRENTLY ENROUTE TO THE YACHT SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER TO RECOVER THREE REMAINING PERSONNEL ONBOARD. SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE SIGHTED AT 282036Z1 DEC 98 BY P3C. NEWCASTLE IS 38NM FROM POSN OF SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGE. O/C NEWCASTLE WILL RETURN TO PRIMARY SEARCH AREA AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER TASKING FROM RCC AUSTRALIA.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 HAS RETURNED NAS NOWRA. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED NEWCASTLE'S S-70B-2 WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN THE SYD-HOB MARSAR.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 IS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA AND WILL REJOIN THE SEARCH AT 282300Z5 DEC 98. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

/E/ 817 SQN 2 X SK50 DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH ONE AIRBORNE AND THE SECOND ON TASK WEF 290100Z2 DEC 98. LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ASSESSED PM 29 DEC 98.

/F/ 723 SQN SUPPORT (HS 748) TO DEPLOYED HELICOPTERS MAY BE REQUIRE PM 29 DEC 98 IF FURTHER TASKING FOR S-70B-2 AND SK50 IS FORTHCOMING.

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/2/ HQACAUST CONTINUES TO COMMIT 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE MARSAR.//

GENTEXT/COMMAND AND CONTROL/ C2 OF MHQAUST ASSETS REMAINS VIA THE DUTY FLEET OPERATIONS OFFICER (DFOO) AT JOR MHQAUST (02) 9563 4100.//

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P 282041Z DEC 98  
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FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (GUNNEDAH)  
FAX CHIEF EXECUTIVE AMSA  
FAX CHAIRMAN AMSA  
FAX DEPUTY CHAIRMAN  
FAX MR J MANSER  
FAX MRS S BRATTON  
FAX MRS S BRATTON (W)  
FAX MR D GILLIES  
FAX MR A HYAMS  
X25 CEO AMSA AND GM AUSSAR

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SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE - RESCUE INCIDENTS

SITREP 2 AT 7.00 AM TUESDAY THE 29 DECEMBER.

SEARCH FOR THE WINSTON CHURCHILL SURVIVORS CONTINUES. A SECOND RAFT WAS LOCATED EARLY LAST NIGHT WITH 2 SURVIVORS WHO WERE RESCUED BY HELICOPTER. THREE MISSING CREW MEN WERE REPORTED TO BE IN THE WATER WITH LIFEJACKETS ON AND HEAVY WEATHER GEAR. THE WINSTON CHURCHILL IS PRESUMED SUNK. AN AIR SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MEN CONTINUED THROUGH THE NIGHT AND RESUMED AT FIRST LIGHT WITH 24 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND SIX HELICOPTERS. ONE BODY HAS BEEN LOCATED THIS MORNING.

RAN FRIGATE HMAS NEWCASTLE IS PROCEEDING TO THE DISMASTED YACHT SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER LOCATED THIS MORNING WITH THE AID OF A RAAF P3 ORION. IT IS INTENDED TO EVACUATE INJURED CREW MEMBERS, AND A FISHING VESSEL HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO TOW THE VESSEL TO SAFETY.

A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN TASKED TO LOCATE THE YACHT VETO WHICH IS UNREPORTED TO RACE CONTROL SINCE 14.05 LOCAL TIME ON THE 27 DECEMBER 1998.

SINCE OPERATIONS BEGAN AT 1500 (3.00PM) 27 DECEMBER 1998 A TOTAL OF 54 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RESCUED, WITH SEARCHES CONTINUING FOR TWO MISSING FROM THE WINSTON CHURCHILL.

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FM CTU 646.2.2

TO AIG 3879

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ORIGNO: 615/OPS2

MSGID/GREEN/CTU 646.2.2/206/DEC//

REF/A/ACAUST AIR TASK DIRECTIVE DATED 281400Z DEC 98//

MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH//

NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE//

FORCE/10 SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN:RESCUE 251//

AMPN/TAC:92//

EVTASK/YMES/281900Z0/281930Z3/290530Z9/290730Z1/YPED-//

AMPN/SEARCH FOR VETO - WHITE SLOOP//

AREA/VIC OF 3657S1-15057E8//

AMPN/LAST KNOWN POSITION AT 280305Z//

COMMS/SAR CO-ORD/-/123.1 MHZ/P/VHF VOICE/282.8MHZ/S/UHF VOICE//

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/HELOS TALKING ON MELBOURNE FIS FREQUENCIES AND ARE OPERATING OUT OF MERIMBULA//

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RMKS/

1. CONDUCT SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF.
2. CIVIL FLIGHT FOLLOWING IN TRANSIT. MILITARY (NACOC) FF ON TASK WITH HALF HOUR ALTERNATE POSN/OPSN REPORTS. PRIMARY OPCON CENTRE IS CTU 646.2.2.
3. MAINTAIN CRATT COMMS WITH CTU 646.2.2 VAI AOCs THROUGHOUT MISSION. USE GPN AND PHONE PATCH AS REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AUSSAR. AUSSAR PHONE NUMBER 1800 815 257.
4. TASK CAT 101. PURPLE NO.12061
5. POC:DOPSO 92WG OPS (08) 8393-4021 FAX (08) 8393-4025//

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There is a large eddy  
between 37° + a little south of  
37° + from Betensens Bay  
to 153° + about 2 1/2 to 3 km  
movement to the east.  
Pse call me any time

Thanks

will fax you details of web  
site

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243 MHz BEACON DETECTED 0604 UTC  
 36 21S 153 52E PLSE ASK  
 HMAS NEWCASTLE TO MONITOR & REPORT.

R- TIGER 875 HAS LANDED ON BOARD  
 (NEWCASTLE)  
 HMAS ~~ALBERTA~~ AND GONE U/S.

TIGER 875 HAS COMPLETED 5 OF 9  
 LEGS OF AREA 'H'.

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FM MHQAUST

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE SEVERAL YACHTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. ADF ASSISTANCE CONTINUES IN THE RESCUE EFFORT.//

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GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS CURRENTLY ENROUTE TO THE YACHT SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER TO RECOVER THREE REMAINING PERSONNEL ONBOARD. O/C NEWCASTLE WILL REMAIN IN THE AO OVERNIGHT CONTINUING SEARCH FOR YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL AND AS TASKED BY RCC AUSTRALIA.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 IS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO MERTIMBULA HOWEVER IT WILL RETURN TO NAS NOWRA AT APPROX 280730Z DEC 98.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 HAS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR THE YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL. O/C MELBOURNE'S S70B-2 IS TO RETURN TO NAS NOWRA FAO.

/E/ 817 SQN HAS DEPLOYED 2 X SK50 TO MERIMBULA TO ASSIST IN RESCUE OPS. BOTH SK50 UNQUOTES WILL REMAIN DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA OVERNIGHT, TASKINGS AS REQUIRED BY RCC AUSTRALIA. FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR THE 2 X SK50 UNQUOTES WILL BE REVIEWED AM 29 DEC WITH HIGH PROBABILITY THAT ASSETS WILL BE RELEASED.

/2/ HQACAUST HAS COMMITTED 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE MARSAR. THESE ARE BEING UTILISED AS SEARCH ASSETS WHILST MHQAUST ASSETS ARE BEING UTILISED AS RESCUE ASSETS. COMMAND AND CONTROL THEREFORE IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH BOTH COMPONENT COMMANDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ASSETS KEEPING HQAST INFORMED.//

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GENTEXT/COMMAND AND CONTROL/ C2 OF MHQAUST ASSETS REMAINS VIA THE

DUTY FLEET OPERATIONS OFFICER (DFOO) AT JOR MHQAUST (02) 9563 4100.//

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REQUEST SURFACE WINDS

R 280510Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MET MELBOURNE  
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ATTENTION DUTY FORECASTER

AUSSAR 98/4372 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

1. FOR SEARCH PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST ACTUAL SURFACE WINDS  
IN 6 HOURLY INTERVALS FROM 271800 UTC DEC 98 TO PRESENT AND FORECAST  
TO 290100 UTC IN 360 DEGREE NOTATION FOR VICINITY OF 37 00S 151 00E.

2. IN ADDITION REQUEST MARITIME SURVEILLANCE FORECAST FOR ABOVE AREA.

3. PSE RESPOND BY FAX TO (02)62306868 AFTN YSARYCYX OR TLX 62349 AS  
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② SUBJECT TO 385 151 FOR RESCUE MESSAGES  
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DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY THAT IT  
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AND MAY BE CRANK CALL.

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TO AIG 3879

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ORIGNO: 613/OPS2

MSGID/GREEN/CTU646.2.2/205/DEC//

REF/A/ACAUST AIR TASK DIRECTIVE DATED 280130Z DEC 98//

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NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE//

FORCE/10 SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN: RESCUE 253//

AMPN/TAC:92//

EVTASK/YPED/280330Z6/280530Z8/281530Z9/281600Z7/YMES/-//

AREA/SEARCH AREA AS PER AUSSAR BRIEF START 3607S-15200E//

COMMS/SAR CO-ORD/-/123.1 MHZ/P/VHF VOICE/282.8MHZ/S/UHF VOICE//

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/HELOS TALKING ON MELBOURNE FIS FREQUENCIES AND ARE OPERATING OUT OF MERIMBULA//

COMMS/SAG FREQ/-/6730KHZ/P/HF//

COMMS/92WGOPS/-/361.25MHZ/P/UHF VOICE//

AMPN/DEPARTURE AND SERVICEABILITY, YPED//

AKNLDG/NO//

RMKS/

1. CONDUCT SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF.

2. CIVIL FLIGHT FOLLOWING IN TRANSIT. MILITARY (NACOC) FF ON TASK WITH HALF HOUR ALTERNATE POSN/OPSN REPORTS. PRIMARY OPCON CENTRE IS CTU 646.2.2

3. MAINTAIN CRATT COMMS WITH CTU 646.2.2 VAI AOCs THROUGHOUT MISSION. USE GPN AND PHONE PATCH AS REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AUSSAR.

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AUSSAR PHONE NUMBER 1800 815 257.

4. TASK CAT 101. PURPLE NO. 12051

5. POC: DOPSO 92WG OPS (08) 8393-4021 FAX (08) 8393-4025

6. CALL 92WGOPS ONCE AIRBORNE WITH DEPARTURE CALL AND SERVICEABILITY STATE.//

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R 280151Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (CANBERRA)  
FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (GUNNEDAH)  
FAX CHIEF EXECUTIVE AMSA  
FAX CHAIRMAN AMSA  
FAX DEPUTY CHAIRMAN  
FAX MR J MANSER  
FAX MRS S BRATTON  
FAX MRS S BRATTON (W)  
FAX MR D GILLIES  
FAX MR A HYAMS  
X25 CEO AMSA AND GM AUSSAR

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SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE - SITREP 1 AT 12.00 28 DEC 98

1. At approximately 3.00pm 27 Dec 1998, RCC Australia became involved in a number of incidents related to yachts engaged in the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. These incidents took place between Eden and Mallacoota.
2. The weather conditions in the area were not good with south-westerly winds of 30 to 50 knots and seas 5 to 6 metres. Visibility was fluctuating, deteriorating to 2 to 3 kilometres with a cloud base of 900 feet. These conditions have continued through the night. Winds have abated to 30 to 40 knots, visibility is between 3 and 6 kilometres; this is reported to improve during the day, however the sea state is expected to remain high for some time.
3. Currently search and rescue action is being taken in respect of;
  - a. Continuing the search for man overboard from the Sword of Orion.
  - b. Winston Churchill with 9 POB has been out of contact since a may-day call late on the afternoon of 27 Dec. Intercepted radio message indicated that the crew were going to abandon ship and take to life rafts. A major search involving fixed and rotary wing aircraft is in progress.
  - c. The yacht Atara has transmitted an emergency call. Currently located approximately 150 nautical miles East-north-east of Launceston. A search aircraft will be proceeding to the location and is expected to be there at 1.30pm.
4. There are approximately 24 fixed wing and 6 helicopters committed to the search for the man overboard and the Winston Churchill. In addition to search aircraft the Young Endeavour is in the area and the

RAN Frigate Newcastle has arrived in the area. One aircraft is committed to the Atara, and additional air assets are available and will be committed if necessary.

5. Since commencing operations at 3.00pm on 27 Dec 1998, approximately 17 other yachts have reported difficulties, initiated distress beacons or fired flares:

- a. 7 yachts that have suffered problems ranging through dismasting, steering problems and injuries of varying severity, and have made their own way to safety.
- b. One total crew of 12 were rescued from the yacht Stand Aside and the yacht was abandoned.
- c. The Kingurra reported a Man-over-board. This person was rescued and returned to land by helicopter.
- d. Solo Globe was dismasted. 3 crew have been taken off, 5 chose to stay on board. Crew requested a tow to be arranged.
- e. Business Post Challenger with 9 POB rolled over and was taking water. 7 crew have been taken off. 2 crew were reported dead on board by the rescued crew; they are still on board.
- f. Midnight Special has had 9 crew lifted off and returned to land.
- g. B52, with 9 POB, is dismasted has been located and is returning to Eden under own power.
- h. Sword of Orion with 10 POB, lost 1 crew-over-board at approximately 8.00 pm on 27 Dec. This person is subject to on-going search by rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. All other crew have been taken off by helicopter.
- i. Miintinta was damaged and under tow subsequently all 6 crew were lifted off by the towing fishing vessel.

6. Totally 48 crew have been rescued from 7 craft, 10 crew are still at risk and 2 crew are reported deceased.

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P R 280150Z DEC 98

FM CTU 646.2.2

TO HQAC AIROPS

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

RAYWAF/COASTWATCH CANBERRA

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

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RAYBUV/92WG OPS

ZEN/CTG 646.2

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SUBJ: SEARCH AND SURVIVOR SUPPLY

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MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH AND COMMAND CONTROL//

FORCE/10SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN: RESCUE 251//

EVTASK/YPED/271558Z8/271742Z3/272325Z1/280032Z5/YMES//

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ACFTID/P3C/A9-665/-/5NM/ALR2001//

MET/FL010/240T/40KTS/3KM/HZ/LGT/3/CU/BASE:020/TOP:030/

10C/1000/4M/230T/7//

TMPOS/271829Z9/3645S8-15053E4/-/-/-/-/-//

EXPEND/MK58/2/0/-//

EQUIPMAL/ALR2001/272020Z3/-//

CREW/5/PC-FLTLT CARPENTER/TC-FLTLT WOLF/OTR-FLGOFF GERKENS//

AMPN/OTR-SEM//

FLTTM/OTR/8.6/1//

AMPN/TASK CAT 101//

RMKS/ON ARRIVAL IN THE SERCH AREA RESCUE 251 WAS TASKED TO CONDUCT A RADAR AND VISUAL SEARCH ALONG THE LINE FROM 3714S 15019E TO 3638S 15101E THEN EXPANDING 1NM TO THE NW AND SE. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEARCH, RESCUE DETECTED A BEACON TRANSMISSION TO THE SOUTH EAST. ONCE IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT OTHER ASSETS WERE INVESTIGATING THE BEACON, THE TASK WAS COMMENCED. DURING THE SEARCHES, THREE VESSELS WERE LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED. ADAGIO WAS IN POSITION 3654S 15041E WITH JIB SAIL UP MAKING FOR BERMAGHIE. KICK TEN WAS IN POSITION 3639S 15135E AT 2043Z. LOGIE WAS IN POSITION 3723S 15138E AT 2043 AND HAD SIGHTED ONE RED FLARE.

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THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO MELB FIS AND HELIMED ONE, WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE NEAR THE RED FLARE LOCATION. ON COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEARCH A SECOND WAS COMMENCED FROM 15003E TO 15200E SOUTH OF 363530S. EIGHT STRAIGHT LEGS WERE COMPLETED AT ONE MILE SPACINGS AT A SEARCH SPEED OF 220KTS AND 1000FT. DURING THIS SEARCH THE A/C WAS REQUIRED TO TAKE AVOIDING ACTION AGAINST A TWIN ENGINE CESSNA OPERATING IN THE SAME AREA AT THE SAME HEIGHT. CREW WENT OFF TASK AND LANDED AT EAST SALE. TAPES AQH 282,469,997,EC308,OC300//



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TELSTRA  
SYDNEY  
— TO —  
HOBART



# **NEWS RELEASE**

1200 hours, 28 December 1998

## **TWO CONFIRMED DEAD ABOARD TASMANIAN YACHT *BUSINESS POST NAIAD***

The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has confirmed that two crew members from the Tasmanian yacht *Business Post Naiad* have died during this year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority in Canberra believes that the owner/skipper Bruce Guy suffered a heart attack when the yacht was rolled in heavy seas, and that crew member Phil Skeggs, also from Launceston, drowned in his safety harness.

The seven remaining crew were winched to safety this morning by helicopter and taken to Mallacoota in Victoria.

Bruce Guy and his yacht, a Farr 40 built in New Zealand, were successful in winning the Tasmanian Three Peaks Race at Easter this year, which prompted the owner to enter this year's Telstra Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

*Business Post Naiad* was one of 12 Tasmanian yachts competing in this year's event.

For further information please contact the immediate past commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Peter Bush on (02) 9363 4445.

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| Time: 0108 UTC  | Message taken by: JONES |
| From/To: ML PS- | Authority/Company:      |
| Phone No:       | Fax No:                 |

UTR X Single mast (GI)  
Blue flag white cross.  
36 59.83  
150 49.22  
  
NO People vis  
small sail @ front  
NO sign of distress

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| Time: 0041              | UTC | Message taken by: <i>SL</i>           |
| From / To: <i>MC FB</i> |     | Authority/Company: <i>Steve Reddy</i> |
| Phone No:               |     | Fax No:                               |

*CFR 1 - wreckage;*  
*"OLD Wreckage"*  
*Probably not relevant.*  
  
*OLD Flotsam - too large*  
*to recover. Leaving it*  
*here.*  
  
*SSARO(m)*

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TO RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

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FM YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

TO MHQAUST

INFO HMAS NEWCASTLE

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SUBJ: SYD-HOB PASSAGE GENERAL SITREP

1. HAVE PARTICIPATED IN O/N SEARCH FOR YACHTS STEPASIDE ADN WINSTON CHURCHILL AS REQUESTED BY RCC AUST. ALL STEPASIDE PAX TX ASHORE PM 27TH BY HELO. NIL SUCCESS WINSTON CHRUCHILL

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2. CURRENTLY IN POSN 3659S3-15030E9 PROCEEDING NORTHWEST AT 5KTS UNDER STORM SAILS IN ABATING CONDITIONS. INTEND CONTINUING TO HOBART TO MEET PLANNED ETA CROSSING BASS STRAIT AS CONDITIONS BECOME MORE FAVOURABLE

3. SHIPS COMPANY WELL. THREE SAILS U/S-TORN AWAY WHILST FURLED. REPAIR/REPLACEMENT TO BE EFFECTED IN HOBART

4. COYE INTERVIEWED BY TRACY GRIMSHAW CH9 QUOTE TODAY SHOW UNQUOTE 280700L - NIL CONTROVERSIAL

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OAAUZHSH RAYMHG 1664 3612208-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

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TO RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYRGH/816 SQN

RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

INFO RAYMJB/HQAST

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SIC ICA/I2D/LAA

MSGID/ORDER/MCAUST//

REF/A/MSG/RCC AUSTRALIA/ 2708037Z DEC 98/NOTAL//

PERIOD/270930Z DEC 98/UFN//

ORDTYP/WARNORD/MCAUST126 -98//

UNIT/UNITDES/816 SQN/FFG/05//

GENTEXT/SITUATION/RCC CANBERRA HAS REQUESTED DEFENCE ASSISTANCE FOR THE RESCUE OF PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE. A NUMBER OF YACHTS HAVE BECOME DISABLED AND ONE MOB HAS BEEN REPORTED.//

PAGE 2 RAYMHG 1664 UNCLAS

GENTEXT/MISSION/816 SQN IS TO DESPATCH MELB S-70-B (TIGER 875)

MERIMBULA TO ASSUME DUTIES WITH AUSSAR//

GENTEXT/EXECUTION/S-70-B (TIGER 875) IS TO EMBARK SPARES FOR TIGER 870 HOWEVER DEPARTURE FROM NAS NOWRA IS NOT TO BE DELAYED TO EMBARK STORES. TIGER 875 IS TO PROCEED TO MERIMBULA TO RELIEVE TIGER 870. TIGER 870 IS TO EFFECT REPAIRS TO HER WINCH AND RTN TO NAS NOWRA AS CREW DUTY TIMES ALLOW.//

AKNLDG/YES/816 SQN//

ENDAT/1998/-//

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A/IRON MONARCH/VLKG//

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X25/X400 MSG 981227333 AT 272115 Dec 1998 UTC

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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE

T: MSG

DATE: 98-12-27/21-13 UTC

MSG REF: 052650

ORIGINATOR: 450300084

REGION: POR

SAC: 43

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AUSREP/PR//

A/IRON MONARCH/VLKG//

B/272100UTC//

C/3657S/15024E//

E/357//

F/16.0//

X/DIVERTED TO ASSIST SYDNEY-HOBART YACHT IN DISTRESS BY R.C.C.

HAVE NOW RESUMED VOYAGE TO PORT KEMBLA. ETA 280600 UTC//

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Printed by SCO at 21:10:19 27 DEC 1998

Cor ref: Y1227381 X400 ref: X12278778

Sent via fax. Created 21:07 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: F0396632059

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MET INFO  
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P 272107Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MET MELBOURNE  
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ATTENTION DUTY FORECASTER  
AUSSAR 98/4384 - SEARCH FOR MAN OVERBOARD  
1. FOR SEARCH PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST ACTUAL SURFACE WINDS  
IN 6 HOURLY INTERVALS FROM 251200Z TO PRESENT AND FORECAST TO  
280600Z DEC IN 360 DEGREE NOTATION FOR VICINITY OF 38 15S 150 25E.  
2. IN ADDITION REQUEST MARITIME SURVEILLANCE FORECAST FOR ABOVE AREA.  
3. PSE RESPOND BY FAX TO (02)62306868 AFTN YSARYCYX OR TLX 62349 AS  
CONVENIENT.  
BT  
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Time: 272046 UTC         | Message taken by: AB |
| From/To: Young Endeavour | Authority/Company: - |
| Phone No: Radiophone     | Fax No: -            |

~~1000 7129 WE~~  
~~Abou 20 m SE Eden~~  
~~-----~~  
Current 40 miles E of  
Eden Headings back.  
Inshore. if you need  
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| Time:      | UTC  | Message taken by:  |
| From (To): | FWDC | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No:  |      | Fax No:            |

Rec WA + Current  
Reports  
Will Fax

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Printed by root at 20:18:46 27 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y1227377 X400 ref: X12278770

Sent via Inmarsat-C. Created 19:59 27 DEC 98 by SCO

To: Mobile-C 430887720

ITD: C-SES 430887720 050310:98-12-27/20-13

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COLUMBIA STAR  
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R 271959Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO MASTER COLUMBIA STAR/C6HL8  
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AUSSAR 98/4372 - TRANSIT THROUGH SAR AREA  
1. APPROVED TO TRANSIT THROUGH AREA.  
2. MAINTAIN LISTENING WATCH ON VHF CHANNEL 16.

REGARDS

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Printed by SAR at 19:54:23 27 DEC 1998

98/4372

X400 message Our ref: X1227619 X400 ref: X12270619

Received at 19:17 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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FM: COLUMBIA STAR  
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MRCCAUS AA62025  
430887720=CLBS X

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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE

DATE: 98-12-27/19-14 UTC

MSG REF: 047930

FROM: 430887720=CLBS X

REGION: POR (582)

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TO: RCC AUSTRALIA

FM: COLUMBIA STAR

SUBJECT: 107/12 - SAR

COLUMBIA STAR/CONTAINER/C6HL8/MMSI 308877000/SAT-C ID 430887720

ON PASSAGE MELB TO SYDNEY VIA COASTAL ROUTE

27/1910 UTC 38-31.3S 148-42.5E CO 055(T) SPD 17.0KTS

ETA SOUTH OF GABO ISLAND 27/2300 UTC (28/1000 EDST)

REQUEST PERMISSION TRANSIT THIS AREA UNLESS REQUIRED TO ASSIST  
YR ONGOING SAR.

SIGNED

MASTER

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MRCCAUS AA62025

430887720=CLBS X  
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064963 5126925427 848 P01 28.12.98 03:10

Vessels in Eden (Subject to checks) <sup>20/1/98</sup>

- Kyper
- Hi Kyper
- Red Jacket
- Cherispah
- Tartan
- ~~Water~~
- Breakaway
- Secret Men's Business
- Not Negotiable
- Kick along
- Indian Pacific
- Ruff N. Tumble
- Terra Firma
- She II
- Humming Bird
- Challenge Again
- Ocean Designs
- Hawk V
- She's Apples II
- Wild One ✓
- Lippin
- Impeccable
- Always (2)
- Ocean Road

- Artuka
- Innkeeper -
- Bob sled
- Cyclone ✓
- Nattel Adrenalini
- Ben Rouge
- Polares
- Rapscallion
- Renegade ✓
- Alexander J. Creswell ✓
- Boonaroo Morse Tans.

- Check for any more

\* \* \* TRANSMISSION RESULT REPORT ( 28.DEC.1998 7:01 ) \* \* \*

TTI RCC AUSTRALIA 02 62306868

| DATE   | TIME | ADDRESS      | MODE | TIME  | PAGE | RESULT | PERS. NAME | FILE |
|--------|------|--------------|------|-------|------|--------|------------|------|
| 28.DEC | 7:01 | 03 A223 1308 | TES  | 0'38" | P. 1 | OK     |            | 856  |

# : LATCH  
M : MEMORY  
S : STANDARD

C : CONFIDENTIAL  
L : SEND LATER  
D : DETAIL

\$ : TRANSFER  
@ : FORWARDING  
F : FINE

P : POLLING  
E : ECM  
> : REDUCTION



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| Time: 1834. UTC | Message taken by: De |
| From / To: M F3 | Authority/Company:   |
| Phone No:       | Fax No:              |

R251  
 Vessel  
 'ADAGIO'  
 3654 S  
 15041 E  
 in good condition  
 going to Bernagui

Race Control Informed 271946k

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| Time: 271950 UTC       | Message taken by: LB |
| From / To: Eden Police | Authority/Company:   |
| Phone No:              | Fax No:              |

~~AGFA~~  
EPIRB Renegade  
4:45 PM 27/12  
2:30 AM 28/12

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Time: 271942 UTC            | Message taken by: Aislin |
| From / To: Malla-coota C.G. | Authority/Company:       |
| Phone No: 03-515 80884      | Fax No:                  |

RANG to check if any yachts had arrived in malla-coota, replied 0 yachts in malla-coota, all are going to EDEN. I asked him to Ring us if any arrive in the mean time.

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Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia  
6234 1628

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Time: 27 1920 UTC              | Message taken by: Alan |
| From / To: EDEN coastal patrol | Authority/Company:     |
| Phone No: 0264962167           | Fax No:                |

Confirming that Yacht Renegade  
is now arriving in EDEN, confirmed  
as Renegade by Police launch  
EDEN.

Bruce informed 27 1937Z

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| Time: 191907 UTC | Message taken by: JONES |
| From / To: RAAF  | Authority/Company:      |
| Phone No:        | Fax No:                 |

R251 ADZ. @ 1834 UTC  
WIND 240 / 40  
SURF FROM 040°  
TEMP -6°C  
SEA STATE 4  
VIS 3000 METRES IN CLOUD.  
ELIRB SIGNAL FROM 37° 34'S  
150° 38'E.

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## STATUS OF FLEET

28/12/98 5:58

| Yacht                  | Sail No. | Status  | Position                 |
|------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| ABN AMRO Challenge     | 8887     | Retired | Batemens Bay             |
| Adagio                 | 588      | Retired | ETA Bermagui 15:00       |
| Aera                   | GRE49040 | Racing  |                          |
| AFR Midnight Rambler   | 8338     | Racing  |                          |
| Alexander of Creswell  | 3807     | Retired |                          |
| Allusive               | 407      | Racing  | Holding @ Eden           |
| Antipodes Sydney       | 5659     | Racing  |                          |
| Antuka                 | WS91     | Retired | ETA Eden 08:00           |
| Aspect Computing       | 4826     | Racing  |                          |
| Assassin               | 9999     | Retired | Sydney                   |
| Atara                  | IRL8000  | Racing  |                          |
| Aurora                 | 4057     | Racing  |                          |
| Ausmald                | YC1000   | Racing  |                          |
| Avanti                 | B409     | Racing  |                          |
| B-52                   | 8889     | Retired | Dismasted 38 21 150 34   |
| Bacardi                | SM377    | Racing  |                          |
| Berrimilla             | 371      | Racing  |                          |
| Bin Rouge              | 7633     | Racing  | ETA Two Fold Bay 04:00   |
| Bobsled                | 5444     | Retired | ETA Sydney PM            |
| Boomaroo Morse Fans    | RQ23     | Racing  | Holding @ Eden           |
| Breakaway              | Sm 596   | Racing  | Holding @ Two Fold Bay   |
| Bright Morning Star    | 1987     | Retired | Eden                     |
| Brindabella            | C1       | Racing  |                          |
| Business Post Nalad    | 5466     | Retired | Dismasted No Position    |
| Canon Maris            | 780      | Retired | Ulladulla                |
| Challenge Again        | SM2      | Racing  | Holding @ Two Fold Bay   |
| Chutzpah               | R33      | Racing  |                          |
| Computerland           | 125      | Racing  |                          |
| Cyclone                | 5090     |         |                          |
| Dixie Chicken          | PNG 6    | Retired | Bermagui                 |
| Doctel Rager           | YC560    | Racing  |                          |
| Elysiion Blue          | 6812     | Retired | Returning to Sydney      |
| Forzado                | 7314     | Racing  |                          |
| Foxtel - Titan Ford    | M250     | Racing  |                          |
| Fudge                  | SM1      | Racing  |                          |
| Gundy Grey             | C2       | Retired | Under tow to Eden        |
| Helsal II              | SA 93    | Racing  |                          |
| Henry Kendall Akubra   | 6074     | Racing  | Holding @ Eden           |
| Hi Flyer               | PNG 1888 | Retired | Eden                     |
| Hogsbreath Witchdoctor | 2557     | Retired | Heading Bermagui         |
| Impeccable             | MH106    | Retired | Eden                     |
| Indian Pacific         | M19      | Retired | Eden                     |
| Industrial Quest       | 9090     | Racing  |                          |
| Inner Circle           | M762     | Racing  |                          |
| Innkeeper              | 5462     | Retired | Eden                     |
| Jack Guy               | 3838     | Retired |                          |
| Jubilation             | B116     | Racing  | Holding @ Two Fold Bay   |
| Kendell                | 4168     | Racing  | Holding @ Eden           |
| Kickatinalong          | 317      | Retired | ETA Eden 10:00           |
| King Billy             | 4966     | Retired | ETA Sydney 14:00         |
| Kingurra               | B23      | Retired | MOB picked up by Chopper |
| Komatsu Blue Lady      | 5669     | Racing  |                          |
| Lady Penrhyn           | 3809     | Racing  | Heading Eden             |
| Liquid Asset           | D34      | Racing  | Heading Eden             |
| Loki                   | 3144     | Racing  | Heading Eden             |
| Maglieri Wines         | SA999    | Retired | Bermagui                 |
| Marchioness            | 9431     | Retired | ETA Sydney 10:00         |

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## CURRENT STATUS OF FLEET

28/12/98 5:58

|                           |          |           |                              |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Margaret Rintoul II       | 2170     | Racing    |                              |
| Mark Twain                | A113     | Racing    | Holding @ Two Fold Bay       |
| Mercedes IV               | 1224     | Racing    |                              |
| Midnight Special          | 9000     | No report |                              |
| Milintinta                | 5838     | No report |                              |
| Mirrabooka                | A8       | Racing    |                              |
| Misty                     | M678     | Racing    |                              |
| Morning Tide              | 5488     | Racing    |                              |
| Nattel Adrenalin          | 1999     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| New Horizons              | M236     | Racing    |                              |
| Ninety Seven              | 9797     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Nokia                     | COK 1    | Racing    |                              |
| Not Negotiable            | 5521     | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Noumea                    | N11      | Racing    |                              |
| Ocean Designs             | RQ2000   | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Outlaw                    | R17      | Retired   | Heading Two Fold Bay         |
| Pippin                    | 533      | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Polaris                   | 5527     | Racing    |                              |
| Quest                     | 6606     | Racing    |                              |
| Ragamuffin                | AUS70    | Racing    |                              |
| Rapscallion-Team Syntegra | 5588     | Retired   | Two Fold Bay                 |
| Red Jacket                | HY1220   | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Relish IV                 | 4337     | Racing    | ETA Eden 12:00               |
| Renegade                  | SA98     | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Ruff N Tumble             | M180     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Sagacious V               | 4000     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Sayonara                  | US17     | Racing    |                              |
| Sea Jay                   | 242      | Retired   | ETA Eden 12:00               |
| Secret Mens Business      | SA3300   | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Sharp - Hawk 5            | GBR4640R | Racing    | Eden                         |
| She II                    | 4924     | Racing    | ETA Two Fold Bay 05:00       |
| She's Apples Two          | 4527     | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Siena                     | 99       | No report |                              |
| Sledgehammer              | 5785     | Retired   | Sydney                       |
| Solo Globe Challenger     | M2000    | No report | Dismasted                    |
| Southerly                 | 38       | Retired   | Heading Sydney               |
| Spirit of Downunder       | R1200    | Racing    |                              |
| Sword of Orion            | 2006     | Retired   | Dismasted Chopper Overhead   |
| Sydney                    | 6070     | Retired   | Sydney                       |
| T42 Solandra              | A55      | Retired   | Heading Eden                 |
| Tartan                    | 3846     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Team Jaguar Infinity III  | 5474     | Retired   | Under tow to Eden            |
| Tenacious                 | 2919     | Racing    |                              |
| Terra Firma               | 4100     | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Tilting At Windmills      | Sm 117   | Racing    |                              |
| Trust Bank Hummingbird    | 3946     | Retired   | Eden                         |
| Unipro Ocean Road         | 5275     | Racing    | Holding @ Two Fold Bay       |
| Vagrant                   | R133     | Racing    | ETA Eden 14:00               |
| Valheru                   | 1195     | Racing    |                              |
| VC Offshore Stand Aside   | YC4882   | Retired   | Yacht Abandoned Crew Ashore  |
| Veto                      | 5643     | No report |                              |
| Waitangi II               | 265      | Racing    |                              |
| Wide Load                 | A16      | No report |                              |
| Wild One                  | Sm 1995  | Racing    | Eden                         |
| Wild Thing                | M10      | Retired   | ETA Eden 08:30               |
| Winston Churchill         | 27       | Retired   | Aerial Search underway       |
| Yendys                    | 1993     | Racing    |                              |
| Zeus II                   | 327      | Retired   | Dismasted 29nm north of Gabo |



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| Time: 271853 UTC | Message taken by: 43  |
| From / To: VIM   | Authority/Company: -- |
| Phone No: —      | Fax No: —             |

Steam Reach / VHQ 6960 on  
air. was told by  
helo Tiger 70 to go  
to position 3757.55  
15048.6E.

Please inform vessel to  
resume voyage.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Description of Vessel  
 Please include photograph if possible

Name of vessel: **BREAM REACH**  
 Licensed radio call sign: **ZR 4921 VHQ 6960**  
 Reg. No.: **Q 426** Sail No.: **SA-727**  
 Type: **YACHT**  
 Rig: **SLOOP**  
 Length: **14.5** Metres Class:  
 Hull material: **G-PR**  
 Engine type(s): **YAMAHA (ONE) 60 HP**

Colour:  
 Hull: **WHITE BLUE STRIPE**  
 Superstructure: **WHITE**  
 Sails: **WHITE**  
 Mast: **ALUMINIUM** Deck: **TEAK + GREY**

Propulsion:  
 Type: **NIL**  
 Type: **DIESEL**  
 Amount carried: **700** Litres Range on engine: **1000** NM  
 Average cruising speed:  
 Power: **6 1/2** kWatts Sail: **7** kWatts

Other pertinent information:  
**DEPARTING RICHARDS BAY SOUTH AFRICA 11/11/98 WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT AUSTRALIAN COASTAL STATION WHEN 70°E - APPROX 30/11/98**

General Operating Pattern and Area  
 At direction of owner, this section records additional information of interest to the user.  
 Fishing types about 2 vessels per week during summer months from Durban to Richards Bay, or about 10 per week from Richards Bay to Sydney with following crew:  
 1st Officer to Sydney from Richards Bay, 2nd Officer to Sydney with following crew:

**DURBAN TO RICHARDS BAY TO SYDNEY - SOUTH COAST GOLD COAST**

Safety and Emergency Equipment

| Flare/signals                       | Type (Para, hand held, other) | Colour (W/R) | Number |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | PARASHUTE                     | R            | 4      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | HANDHELD                      | R            | 4      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | HANDHELD                      | ORANGE       | 4      |

Ship's ladder  
 Yes  No  
 Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Propulsion: \_\_\_\_\_

Liferaft  
 Yes  No  
 Type: **AVON**  
 Manufacturer: **AVON**  
 Capacity: **3** MAN

Lifefactors  
 Yes  No  
 Number: **12**  
 Colour: \_\_\_\_\_

Lifabuoys  
 Yes  No  
 Type: **HOKSINK**  
 Colour: **YELLOW**  
 Distinguishing marks: **NAME DURBAN RICHARDS BAY**

Radio transceivers  
 HF  VHF  27MHz  MMS/SSB  Digital selective calling  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transmitter frequencies most often monitored: **ALL MARINE 16 2182**

Distress beacon (EPIRB)  
 Yes  No  
 Operating frequency:  406.1 MHz  121.5 MHz  242.0 MHz  Unassigned

Specializing lights  
 Spotlight  Strobe  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Navigational aids  
 EPIRB  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Food for vessel  
 Number of person days: **200** Amount: **2000** litres

Owner and contacts  
 Give names, addresses and phone numbers of owner and 24 hour contact, also other intermediaries to whom you would normally leave sailing plan details.  
 Owner: **DON WILLIAMS**  
 Name: **DON WILLIAMS**  
 Address: **32 WARELAN ST**  
**SURFERS PARADISE Phone 0755 317695**

24 hour contact  
 Name: **BENITA WILLIAMS**  
 Address: **32 WARELAN ST**  
**SURFERS PARADISE Phone 0755 317695**

Name: **BENITA WILLIAMS**  
 Address: **AS ABOVE**  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Form filled in by  
 Please give name, address and phone number (if different from above)  
 Name: **HEIKKEI VAISANEN**  
 Address: **1/6 SOUTHPORT YACHT CLUB**  
**MINI BUREAU Phone 077 773147**

For sea safety's sake, leave a completed copy of this form with your sail plan contact as noted in Guideline A overleaf.

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X100 message Our ref: X1222641 X400 ref: X12220641

Received at 22:21 22 DEC 98

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98-12-23 0920 TS  
MRCCAUS AA62349  
TLSTRA AA157749  
AUSREP  
SMALL SHIP SP/PR  
DREAMREACH VHQ6960 FM HOBART 222200Z 4257S 14739E TO SYDNEY 7 KTS CSE  
NOW DUE NORTH. NEXT REPORT 232200Z  
NNNN  
MRCCAUS AA62349  
TLSTRA AA157749  
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REPORT FOR VESSEL: DREAM REACH Call-sign: VHQ6960

| Call-sign | Vessel Name | From-Date |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| -----     | -----       | -----     |
| VHQ6960   | DREAM REACH | 01 DEC 98 |

Nationality : AUS AUSTRALIA

Type..... ()

Length..... 14.5

Tonnage.....

Form recvd.. Y  
 SPIRB..... Y  
 Satnav..... Y  
 Radio..... Y  
 Flares..... Y  
 SART.....  
 Helicopter..

Hull color.. WHITE  
 Deck..... TEAK/GRY  
 Sprstruct... WHITE  
 Rego nbr....

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 END OF REPORT FOR VESSEL DREAM REACH CALLSIGN VHQ6960 REF. ID: GEN 1774

FROM EDEN COASTAL PATROL.

BOATS ALREADY IN

ELUSIVE, ANTUKA, BREAKAWAY

DUE IN 10 am.

GUNDIGREY & KICK A TIN ALONG

DUE BY MIDDAY

LADY PENRHYN, LILIVID ASSETS, LOKI,  
97, POLARIS, RAPSCALLION, RELISH FOCK.

SEAJAY

OTHER YACHTS KNOWN TO BE MAKING WAY TO EDEN

BRIGHT MORNING STAR, SHE 2  
& TRUSTBANK HUMMINGBIRD

M<sup>o</sup> INTINTA UNDER TOW IS TAKING WATER.  
AND IF NEEDED CREW WILL TRANSFER TO  
THE TRAWLER.

D.W.

FAX 02-6230 6868

VESSELS STILL OF CONCERN

| <u>VESSEL</u>                           | <u>LKP</u>         | <u>TIME</u> | <u>LOA</u> | <u>POB</u> |
|---|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| KINGARRA<br>(RIBUNG PROBS)              | 3800S 15047E       | 270730      | 13M        | 9          |
| ZEUS II<br>(DISMABTED)                  | 29NM North of GABO | 270305      | 9M         | 6          |
| , 52<br>(DISMABTED)                     | 3821S 15034E       | 271115      | 12.5M      | 10         |
| WINSTON CHURCHILL<br>(NOT KNOWN)        | 3714S 15019E       | 270730      | 15M        | 9          |
| SOLO GLOBE<br>CHALLENGER<br>(DISMABTED) | 3747S 15026E       | 270700      | 13.2M      | 8          |
| MINJINTA<br>(DISMABTED)                 | 3656S 15037        | 271300      | 13M        | 6          |
| BUSINESS<br>ST NAHAD<br>(DISMABTED)     | 3800S 15031        | 270715      | 12M        | 9          |

FROM SAM HUGHES

Printed by COM at 18:14:08 27 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1227610 X400 ref: X12270610

Received at 18:11 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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SUBJ: SYDNEY TO HOBART ASSISTANCE - SITREP 1  
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VZCZCWEA947

OAAUZHSH RAYWNN 8802 3611802-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O 271805Z DEC 98

FM HMAS NEWCASTLE

TO RAYMHG/MHQAUST

INFO RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC ICA/I2D/LAA

SUBJ: SYDNEY TO HOBART ASSISTANCE - SITREP 1

A. MHQAUST ICA/I2D/LAA 271304Z DEC 98

B. HMAS NEWCASTLE ICA/I2D/LAA 271515Z DEC 98

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A NEWCASTLE SAILED FBE 280400L,  
PROCEEDING WITH DISPATCH TO GABO IS AO, ETA 281400L. INTEND  
TRANSITING THROUGH LAST KNOWN POSITIONS OF YACHT WINSTON  
CHURCHILL BEFORE ADOPTING POSITION OF ON-SCENE-COMMANDER  
(OSC) IN AO

2. NEWCASTLE CAPABLE OF PERSONNEL RECOVERY BY SEA BOAT

3. NEWCASTLE ABLE TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPS, LIMITED TO FREE  
DECK RECOVERY. NEWCASTLE HOLDS 95 PERCENT BFR OF JP5 FOR  
SEAHAWK AND SEA KING REFUELLING

4. MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE , NEWCASTLE EMBARKED

PAGE 2 RAYWNN 8802 UNCLAS

DOCTOR AND ASSISTANT (LSMED) FROM HMAS PENGUIN PRIOR TO  
DEPARTURE

5. INTEND SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF ALL LIFERAFTS ENCOUNTERED  
IN AO TO ASSIST IN SEARCH REVISIT TIMES

6. EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH INMARSAT, HOLD RELIABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS VIA SHIPS RADIO TELEPHONE. NEWCASTLE CONTACTABLE ON  
019 399972

7. FOR AUSSAR REQUEST SITUATION UPDATE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN AO

BT

#8802

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X/ message Our ref: X1227566 X400 ref: X12270566

Received at 15:16 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE  
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VZCZCWEA941  
OAAUZHWSW RAYWNN 8722 3610829 -UUUU--RAYWMCK.  
ZNR UUUUU  
O 270829Z DEC 98  
FM MHQAUST  
TO RAYRGH/817 SQN  
RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA  
INFO RAYRGH/816 SQN  
RAYNZN/HMAS NEWCASTLE  
RAYMJB/HQAST  
RAYWEEA/ADHQ  
RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC ICA/I2D/LAA

UNCLAS

ICA/I2D/LAA

MSGID/GENADMIN/MHQAUST/22/FEB//

SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE

GENTEXT/SITREP/1/AUSSAR CANBERRA HAS REQUESTED DEFENCE ASSISTANCE FOR  
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RACE. AT LEAST 6 YACHTS ARE CURRENTLY DIS-MASTED WITH PERSONNEL FROM  
ONE YACHT IN LIFE RAFTS//

PAGE 2 RAYWNN 8722 UNCLAS

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AUSTRALIA//

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MERIMBULA AIRFEILD AND ALL REQUESTS FROM AUSSAR CANBERRA FOR  
ASSISTANCE

/2/DIRLUTH 817 SQN RCC AUSTRALIA//

AKNLDG/YES/817 SQN//

END/1998/-//

BT

#8722

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Printed by SCO at 16:30:07 27 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y1227338 X400 ref: X12278753

Sent via telex. Created 16:25 27 DEC 98 by AUS

To: MP323254910

Filed on : FOLLOW-UPS

PR MYKW4

TO MASTER  
PATSY N/MYKW4

AUSREP  
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PRESENT POSITION, COURSE AND SPEED.  
REGARDS RCC AUSTRALIA 271626Z



Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

Aus 198 / 4372

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Time: 271555 UTC    | Message taken by: UB             |
| From/To: Police SWP | Authority/Company: Tony Brazzini |
| Phone No:           | Fax No:                          |

Please have local officers  
along coast to check  
for arrivals in their  
areas.

Will do.

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X400 message Our ref: X1227577 X400 ref: X12270577

Received at 15:35 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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SUBJ: OPINST RECEIPT

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VZCZCWEA945

OAAUZHSHW RAYWEE 7513 3611524-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O 271515Z DEC 98

FM HMAS NEWCASTLE

TO RAYMHG/MHQAUST

INFO RAYWEEA/ADHQ

RAYMQA/COMAST

RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC I2D/ICA/LAA

SUBJ: OPINST RECEIPT

A. MHQAUST I2D/ICA/LAA 271304Z DEC 98

1. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT REF A

2. ETD FBE 0350L ETA GABO IS AO 1400L

BT

#7513

NNNN

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Printed by SAR at 15:50:47 27 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1227576 X400 ref: X12270576

Received at 15:33 27 DEC 98 by SAR

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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SUBJ: OPINST RECEIPT  
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VZCZCWEA944  
OAAUZHSW RAYWNN 8731 3611524-UUUU--RAYWMCK.  
ZNR UUUUU  
O 271515Z DEC 98  
FM HMAS NEWCASTLE  
TO RAYMIG/MHQAUST  
INFO RAYWEEA/ADHQ  
RAYMQA/COMAST  
RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA  
RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

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STC I2D/ICA/LAA

SUBJ: OPINST RECEIPT

- A. MHQAUST I2D/ICA/LAA 271304Z DEC 98
- 1. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT REF A
- 2. ETD FBE 0350L ETA GABO IS AO 1400L

BT

#8731

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Printed by SAR at 15:50:18 27 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1227570 X400 ref: X12270570

Received at 15:17 27 DEC 98 by SAR

Filed on : MRF98/1372

REF/A/MSG/RCC AUSTRALIA/ 2708037Z DEC 98/NOTAL//

VZCZCWEA942

OAAUZHWSW RAYWNN 8723 3611041-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O 271041Z DEC 98

FM MHQAUST

TO RAYNZN/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMRB/HMAS MELBOURNE

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC ICA/I2D/LAA

MSGID/ORDER/MCAUST//

REF/A/MSG/RCC AUSTRALIA/ 2708037Z DEC 98/NOTAL//

PERIOD/270930Z DEC 98/UFN//

ORDTYP/WARNORD/MCAUST -98//

UNIT/UNITDES/NEWCASTLE/PFG/06//

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GENTEXT/MISSION/NEWC IS TO ASSUME 4 HRS NFS. MELB WILL ASSUME ORV STATUS FROM 28 0001L DEC 98.//

GENTEXT/EXECUTION/AUSSAR WILL REASSESS REQUIREMENTS FOR ORV SUPPORT O PAGE 2 RAYWNN 8723 UNCLAS

/C OF SK -50 SEARCH. FURTHER DECISIONS WILL BE BASED ON AUSSAR FINDINGS.//

AKNLDG/YES/HMAS NEWCASTLE//

AKNLDG/YES/HMAS MELBOURNE//

ENDAT/1998/-//

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X400 message Our ref: X1227569 X400 ref: X12270569

Received at 15:17 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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REF/A/MSG/RCC CANBERRA/ 271130Z DEC 98/NOTAL/ICA//

VZCZCWEA943

OAAUZHWS RAYWNN 8724 3611304-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O 271304Z DEC 98

FM MHQAUST

TO RAYNZN/HMAS NEWCASTLE

INFO RAYWEEA/ADHQ

RAYMQA/COMAST

RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC 12D/ICA/LAA

MSGID/ORDER/MCAUST//

REF/A/MSG/RCC CANBERRA/ 271130Z DEC 98/NOTAL/ICA//

PERIOD/28 1300Z DEC 98/UFN//

ORDTYP/OPINST/MCAUST 125-98//

UNIT/UNITDES/HMAS NEWCASTLE/FFG/06//

GENTEXT/SITUATION/ AUSSAR CANBERRA HAS REQUESTED DEFENCE ASSISTANCE I  
N THE TASK OF PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE CO  
MPETITORS.THE REQUEST IS FOR A MAJOR FLEET UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN SAR  
DUTIES IVO GABO ISLAND.

GENTEXT/MISSION/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS TO PROCEED TO GABO ISLAND AO TO  
PAGE 2 RAYWNN 8724 UNCLAS

CONDUCT SAR TASKING AS REQUIRED BY AUSSAR CANBERRA.//

GENTEXT/EXECUTION/HMAS NEWCASTLE IS TO PROCEED AT 0300L MON 28 DEC 98  
TO PARTICIPATE IN SAR DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY AUSSAR CANBERRA.//

RMKS/1. NEWCASTLE TO REPORT ETA GABO IS AO AT FAO.

2. DIRLAUTH RCC CANBERRA NEWCASTLE.

3. ALL SIGNAL TRAFFIC RELATED TO TASKING IS TO BE UNCLASSIFIED.//

ACKNLDG/YES/NEWCASTLE//

BT

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE  
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OAAUZHWS RAYWNN 8722 3610829-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU  
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FM MHQAUST  
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BT  
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UNCLAS  
ICA/I2D/LAA

MSGID/GENADMIN/MHQAUST/22/FEB//  
SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE  
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MERIMBULA AIRFIELD AND ALL REQUESTS FROM AUSSAR CANBERRA FOR  
ASSISTANCE  
/2/DIRLUTH 817 SQN RCC AUSTRALIA//  
AKNLDG/YES/817 SQN//  
END/1998/-//

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Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

Aus 19814512

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Time: 271530 UTC                  | Message taken by: LB              |
| From/To: <del>600</del> LT Harris | Authority/Company: HARM NEWCASTLE |
| Phone No: shore phone             | Fax No:                           |

03:50 Sailing

Gabols. 1400. LT

24 KTS -

Act as on scene commander.

OK.

- Will send a sitrep when we can.

NOL - RGR.

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Out ref: Y1227314 X400 ref: X12278734,X12278735

Sent via Inmarsat-C. Created 15:06 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: Mobile-C 424414010,420900835

ITD: C-SES 424414010 039290:98-12-27/15-14  
C-SES 420900835 039280:98-12-27/15-14

Filed on : MRF98/4381

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PRINSENGRACHT/PGWB AND CAPITAINE TASMAN/P3QW3  
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R 271506Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO MASTER PRINSENGRACHT/PGWB  
MASTER CAPITAINE TASMAN/P3QW3

BT  
AUSSAR 98/4381.

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSES.
  2. UNABLE TO TASK YOU AT THIS TIME. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR VOYAGES KEEPING A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR SIGNS OF VESSELS IN DISTRESS.
- BEST REGARDS

BT  
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Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Time: 271517Z UTC | Message taken by: BJW.     |
| From / To: SAM    | Authority/Company: Race HQ |
| Phone No:         | Fax No:                    |

- Scraped Sitreps. We hold old data.
- No Comms from Race HQ from boats we're looking for.
- Swap info on yachts searched for:
  - Sword of Orion - yacht
  - MOB
- Winston Churchill
- BS2
- Business Post advised.
- Sam advises one or two others heading to Eden
- Kingarra - not heard from recently.
- Sword of Orion Marine VHF only

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X4. Message Our ref: X1227561 X400 ref: X12270561

Received at 15:05 27 DEC 98 by SAR

Filed on : MRF98/4372

SUBJ: SEARCH AND SURVIVOR SUPPLY

VZCZCWEA940

OAAUZHWS RAYBUW 3210 3611503-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O P 271422Z DEC 98

FM CTU 646.2.2

TO AIG 3879

HQAC AIROPS

RAYMJB/HQAST

RAYMHG/MHQAUST

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

INFO RAYBUWJ/COMSEC EDINBURGH

RAYWAF/COASTWATCH CANBERRA

BT

UNCLAS

SIC KIM/LGB

ORIGNO: 612/PLANS1

SUBJ: SEARCH AND SURVIVOR SUPPLY

MSGTD/GREEN/CTU 646.2.2/204/DEC//

REF/A/ACAUST AIR TASK DIRECTIVE DATED 271300Z DEC 98//

MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH AND COMMAND CONTROL//

NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE//

FORCE/10SQN/1/P3C/CALLSTON:RESCUE 251//

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AMPN/TAC:92//

EVTASK/YPED/271530Z8/271730Z0/280100Z1/280130Z4/YMES/-//

AREA/SEARCH AREA 3700S 15000E TO 3900S 15100E//

NARR/IAW REF A, PROVIDE SEARCH AND COMMAND AND CONTROL DUTIES IN

SUPPORT OF RACE CO-ORDINATOR AND COMMS SUPPORT FOR NUMEROUS YACHTS IN

DISTRESS//

COMMS/SAR CO-ORD/-/123.1 MHZ/P/VHF VOICE 282.8MHZ/S/UHF VOICE//

AMPN/ HELOS TALKING ON MELBOURNE FIS FREQUENCIES AND ARE OPERATING

OUT OF MERIMBULA//

COMMS/92WG OPS/-/361.25MHZ/P/UHF VOICE//

AMPN/DEPARTED AND SERVICEABILITY, YPED//

AKNLDG/NO//

RMKS/

1. CONDUCTED SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF. P3 TO ACT AS SOAC UNLESS BRIEFED OTHERWISE.

2. CIVIL FLIGHT FOLLOWING IN TRANSIT. MILITARY (NACOC) FF ON TASK WITH HALF HOUR ALTERNATE POSN/OPSN REPORTS. PRIMARY OPCON CENTRE IS CTU 646.2.2

3. MAINTAIN CRATT COMMS WITH CTU 646.2.2 THROUGHOUT MISSION. USE GPN AND PHONE PATCH AS REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AUSSAR.

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AUSSAR PHONE NUMBER 1800 815 257.

4. TASK CAT 101. PURPLE NO.12041

5. POC: DOPSO 92WG OPS (08) 8393-4021 FAX (08) 8393-4025

6. CALL 92WG OPS ONCE AIRBORNE WITH DEPARTURE CALL AND SERVICEABILITY STATE.//

DECL/QADR//



BT  
#3210  
NNNN

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Og ref: Y1227291 X400 ref: X12278705

Sent via Inmarsat C. Created 13:45 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: Mobile-C 450300141

ITD: C-SES 450300141 037140:98-12-27/14-06

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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YOUNG ENDEAVOUR/VNGW  
.....

O 271345Z DEC 98

FM RCC AUSTRALIA

TO MASTER YOUNG ENDEAVOUR/VMCW

BT

AUSSAR 98/4372 - SYDNEY/HOBART YACHT RACE.

1. NO SPECIFIC TASK FOR YOU AT PRESENT. PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR NORMAL DUTIES WITH THE FLEET.
2. RCC AUSTRALIA IS CURRENTLY DETECTING SEVEN ACTIVATED EMERGENCY BEACONS IN SOUTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES/BASS STRAIT WATERS.
3. APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD BROADCAST THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SYDNEY-HOBART FLEET.

QUOTE

IF NOT IN GRAVE AND IMMINENT DANGER OR IN NEED OF LIFE SAVING MEDEVAC PLEASE CONSIDER DEACTIVATING YOUR EMERGENCY BEACONS.

UNQUOTE

BT

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Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

Aus / /

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| Time: 271315 UTC | Message taken by: 23 |
| From / To: DF00  | Authority/Company:   |
| Phone No:        | Fax No:              |

1/B 350301354  
MINISAT 761 883 354  
FAX 355  
041 267275  
00 041 2261606  
DIA & PFLG 06, ML, GOV, AU.

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Rescue Coordination Centre, Australia

Aus / RACE file

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| Time: 27 07 03 13 10 UTC | Message taken by:                                |
| From / To: Peter Gunther | Authority/Company: Father of LEUT Stefan Gunther |
| Phone No: 6286 1525      | Fax No:  |

On board Alexander of Gesswell

told him to ring SAM

- make call short

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Printed by SAR at 12:10:42 27 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1227474 X400 ref: X12270474

Received at 10:40 27 DEC 98 by SAR

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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GENTEXT/SITUATION/AUSSAR CANBERRA HAS REQUESTED DEFENCE ASSISTANCE  
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VZCZCWEA937

OAAUZHSHW RAYMHG 1317 3611035-UUUU--RAYWMCK.

ZNR UUUUU

O 271041Z DEC 98

FM MHQAUST

TO RAYMZN/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

BT

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REF/A/MSG/RCC AUSTRALIA/ 2708037Z DEC 98/NOTAL//

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ORDTYP/WARNORD/MCAUST -98//

UNIT/UNITDES/NEWCASTLE/FFG/06//

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/C OF SK -50 SEARCH. FURTHER DECISIONS WILL BE BASED ON AUSSAR FINDINGS.//

AKNLDG/YES/HMAS NEWCASTLE//

AKNLDG/YES/HMAS MELBOURNE//

ENDAT/1998/-//

BT

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Printed by SCO at 11:39:58 27 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y1227249 X400 ref: X12278660,X12278661

Sent via fax. Created 11:30 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: F0295634105,F0295634725

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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REQUEST DEFENCE ASSISTANCE  
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P 271130Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MHQAUST  
FAX HQAST

BT  
UNCLAS  
SIC ICA

AUSSAR 98/4872 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

A. TELECON MR LAMMING (AUSSAR) COMMANDER ROBERTSON (MHQAUST) 271129Z

1. AS DISCUSSED REF A, REQUEST MAJOR FLEET UNIT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE DUTIES FOR SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT PARTICPANTS. WARSHIP SHOULD BE POSITIONED GABO ISLAND AREA.

2. WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE OTHER YACHTS OR SMALLER POLICE VESSELS AND FISHING VESSELS FROM RESPONDING.

BT

*Communication* *RAH*

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| Time: 11.29 UTC                    | Message taken by:  |
| From / To: 11.25                   | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No: Commander Bruce Rubatsen | Fax No:            |

Request Frigate from  
Sydney for search  
for unreported yachts  
and MOB  
OK will get going.

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Printed by SCO at 11:38:44 27 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y1227246 X400 ref: X12278658

Sent via fax. Created 11:17 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: F0396632059

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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REQUEST HISTORIC SURFACE WINDS  
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R 271117Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MET MELBOURNE  
BT  
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ATTENTION DUTY FORECASTER

AUSSAR 98/4372 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

1. FOR SEARCH PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST ACTUAL SURFACE WINDS  
IN 6 HOURLY INTERVALS FROM 250600 UTC DEC 98 TO PRESENT AND FORECAST  
TO 280600 UTC IN 360 DEGREE NOTATION FOR VICINITY OF 38 00S 150 30E.
2. IN ADDITION REQUEST MARITIME SURVEILLANCE FORECAST FOR ABOVE AREA.
3. PSE RESPOND BY FAX TO (02)62306868 AFTN YSARYCYX OR TLX 62349 AS  
CONVENIENT.

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| Time: 07 00 11 21 UTC      | Message taken by: CTN            |
| From / To: DUTY FORECASTER | Authority/Company: MET MELBOURNE |
| Phone No:                  | Fax No:                          |

REQ SURFACE WINDS

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| Time:      | UTC                  | Message taken by:  |
| From / To: | <i>Command</i>       | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No:  | <i>Brian Roberts</i> | Fax No:            |

*I have following assets*

*1. Searching on its way*

*1. Sea Hawk*

*1. Searcher on tank*

*21.30 Second searching*

*O'negan major time*

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| Time: 2007 27/1 UTC  | Message taken by: Jol - Young  |
| From: Met Melbourne  | Authority/Company: Ken Djurson |
| Phone No: 039 669492 | Fax No:                        |

Cabo Is - 30' seaward Ken Djurson  
WSW winds 35 kts now  
Seas 5-6m  
- decreasing tomorrow  
Low 200' SE of Cabo alt pressure decreasing  
gradient diminishing  
Kiajil & half 45 kts wind - reasonably  
representative of area.  
25-30 kts in 12 hours time

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Printed by COM at 08:49:25 27 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1227423 X400 ref: X12270423

Received at 08:48 27 DEC 98 by SAR

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE  
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VZCZCWEA936  
OAAUZHWSW RAYMHG 1277 3610843-UUUU--RAYWMCK.  
ZNR UUUUU  
O 270829Z DEC 98  
FM MHQAUST  
TO RAYRGH/817 SQN  
RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA  
INFO RAYRGH/816 SQN  
RAYMZN/HMAS NEWCASTLE  
RAYMJB/HQAST  
RAYWEEA/ADIIQ  
RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA  
BT

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SIC ICA/I2D/LAA  
UNCLAS  
ICA/I2D/LAA

MSGID/GENADMIN/MHQAUST/22/FEB//  
SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART FLEET ASSISTANCE  
GENTEXT/SITREP/1/AUSSAR CANBERRA HAS REQUESTD DEFENCE ASSISTANCE FOR  
THE RESCUE OF PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT  
RACE. AT LEAST 6 YACHTS ARE CURRENTLY DIS-MASTED WITH PERSONNEL FROM  
ONE YACHT IN LIFE RAFTS//  
PAGE 2 RAYMHG 1277 UNCLAS  
GENTEXT/AIR ASSETS/1/817 SQN IS TASKED TO PROVIDE 2 X SK50 TO DEPLOY  
TO MERIMBULA AIRFIELD AND CONDUCT NIGHT OPERATIONS AS TASKED BY RCC  
AUSTRALIA//  
GENTEXT/REPORTS/1/817 SQN IS TO KEEP MHQAUST INFORMED OF ETA  
MERIMBULA AIRFIELD AND ALL REQUESTS FROM AUSSAR CANBERRA FOR  
ASSISTANCE  
/2/DIRLUTH 817 SQN RCC AUSTRALIA//  
AKNLDG/YES/817 SQN//  
END/1998/-//

BT  
#1277  
NNNN  
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Printed by SCO at 08:09:36 27 DEC 1998

C ref: Y1227157 X400 ref: X12278509,X12278510

Sent via fax. Created 08:03 27 DEC 98 by SAR

To: F0295634105,F0295634725

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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REQ WARSHIP  
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O 270803Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MHQAUST  
FAX HQAST  
BT

AUSSAR 98/4872 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE  
1. AS DISCUSSED, REQUEST MAJOR FLEET UNIT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR  
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2. WEATHER CONDITIONS PRECLUDE OTHER YACHTS OR SMALLER POLICE VESSELS  
AND FISHING VESSELS FROM RESPONDING.  
BT  
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| Time: 07 UTC | Message taken by:  |
| From / To:   | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No:    | Fax No:            |

Ya Can Can  
over Pan Pan  
but has work  
over and requires  
no further assistance

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| Time: 0553         | UTC | Message taken by: A.M. |
| From / To: NTV     |     | Authority/Company:     |
| Phone No: 018 2304 |     | Fax No:                |

ASK Sienna re  
winch?

~~NTV Rx 37 43s 150 45E.~~

No winch for Sienna re

Helimed on site 0559

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| Time:     | UTC      | Message taken by:  |
| From/ To: | Sgtno(A) | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No: |          | Fax No:            |

Yacht "Sicence"  
was near (radio op)  
water broken ribs  
does not require medical  
eff is going to ENOW  
A.

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| Time: 27 UTC                 | Message taken by:  |
| From / To: <i>Seni Heger</i> | Authority/Company: |
| Phone No:                    | Fax No:            |

*Yacht Piper reports  
that anchor yacht  
has been discovered  
western of New  
Zealand as yet*

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*R*

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| Time:                 | UTC | Message taken by: <i>PE</i> |
| From / To: <i>SVP</i> |     | Authority/Company:          |
| Phone No:             |     | Fax No:                     |

*Correct communication 7  
have investigated <sup>issues</sup> Telephone  
you was reporting the MERSHIP  
Hence*

*R.*

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Time: 270321 UTC       | Message taken by: KJ |
| From/To: Jason GARDNER | Authority/Company:   |
| Phone No:              | Fax No:              |

Item "Remove" FILED TADMAN 16 LT  
OUT  
- CONFIRMS ALW CURRENT.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Time: 27 0122 UTC    | Message taken by: <i>AS</i> |
| From/To: 7. E-SEARCH | Authority/Company:          |
| Phone No:            | Fax No:                     |

HAVE CHECKED EYE + YACHTS  
 - LAST (AS FAR AS THEY KNOW) NOT FROM  
 YACHT AREA.  
 - NIL REPORTS OF LOSS.  
 0126+ TICHMANT AREA  
 - LAST LOOKING PARTY NEW.

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| Time: <del>6:00</del> 270042 UTC | Message taken by: <i>MS</i> |
| From / To: <i>GTZG, WISITCE</i>  | Authority/Company:          |
| Phone No: <i>EDCN RUC</i>        | Fax No:                     |

*RECEIVED FROM Y.R.*

*SIKAPINGA 2/10/07 3220 15107*

*YALITA ASKED TO REPORT*

*R*

*(SUSPECT THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO OUR*

*QUESTIONING - NOTE WISITCE PL)*

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Printed by root at 00:03:32 27 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y12271 X400 ref: X12278245

Sent via Inmarsat-C. Created 23:56 26 DEC 98 by SAR

To: Mobile-C 450300141

ITD: C-SES 450300141 992930:98-12-27/00-00

Filed on : MRF98/4372

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LIFERAFT SIGHTING  
. . . . .

R 262356Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO YOUNG ENDEAVOUR  
BT

AUSSAR 98/4372 - LIFERAFT

1. ABC HELICOPTER REPORTED SIGHTING A 4-6 MAN LIFERAFT  
IN POSITION 37 02S 151 05E AT 262315Z.
  2. INVERTED LIFERAFT WAS MARKED WITH QUOTE P0014 UNQUOTE.
  3. REQUEST ADVISE IF RAFT FROM YACHT IN SYDNEY TO HOBART RACE.
- REGARDS

BT

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| Time: 26 2324 UTC | Message taken by: AA |
| From / To: AJH.   | Authority/Company:   |
| Phone No:         | Fax No:              |

PAINT GET THROUGH TO Y.E.  
Be seen get - c msg  
- R.

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| Time: 26 2315 UTC     | Message taken by: A1           |
| From / To: ABC HALO   | Authority/Company: GRAY TICKET |
| Phone No: 018 230 436 | Fax No:                        |

SIGMET UPDATES AIRCRAFT  
 37028 15105E 2315Z  
 4.6 mm  
 marks POOL 14  
 POSSIBLY CONNECTED WITH MOB AND WIFE,  
 - R WILL CHECK.\*  
 \* NIL IN LIST FOUND.  
 ADDED TO LAM NUMBER 2325Z  
 - FOR GUIDANCE

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Printed by SAR at 16:35:58 26 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1226533 X400 ref: X12260533

Received at 15:58 26 DEC 98

Filed on : MTSC

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GOLIATH/VMGO

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MRCCAUS AA62025  
450300236=VMGO X  
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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE  
DATE: 98-12-26/15-55 UTC  
MSG REF: 974460  
FROM: 450300236=VMGO X  
REGION: POR (582)

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AUSREP.DR  
A.GOLIATH VMGO  
B.261600Z  
C.35 27S 150 42E  
K.270000Z SYDNEY  
N.0400Z  
X.ETA SYDNEY DELAYED TO DUE ADVERSE WEATHER.  
MRCCAUS AA62025  
450300236=VMGO X

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Printed by SAR at 16:23:09 26 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1226534 X400 ref: X12260534

Received at 16:08 26 DEC 98 by WEA

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HIGH SEAS WEATHER WARNING FOR METAREA 10 ISSUED BY THE .....

X25/X400 MSG 981226321 AT 261608 Dec 1998 UTC .....

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40:2:1:24:33S155E570:11:00

IDW01N02

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HIGH SEAS WEATHER WARNING FOR METAREA 10 ISSUED BY THE  
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY, SYDNEY

1553UTC 26 DECEMBER 1998.

STORM WARNING FOR SOUTHEASTERN AREA.

=SITUATION=

At 1600UTC Low 988hPa near 41S 148E, expected to deepen during the  
day and move East/Northeast. Cold front near Sydney/38S 153E/41S  
148E, moving east about 20 knots.

=AREA AFFECTED=

Within 38S150E to 34S152E to 33S153E to 33S155E to 38S155E to  
38S150E.

=FORECAST=

W/SW winds 30/40 knots following passage of cold front.

Winds tending W/SW 40/50 knots south of 37S late Sunday afternoon as  
low deepens. Seas rising to rough to very rough. Moderate to heavy  
swell.

=REMARKS-

=WEATHER SYDNEY +

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**NEW SOUTH WALES REGIONAL OFFICE**  
300 Elizabeth St. Sydney, Ph (02) 9296 1556

IDW00N01

**Storm Warning Coastal Waters South of Merimbula**  
**Gale Warning Coastal Waters South of Broken Bay**  
**Strong Wind Warning between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks**

**Issued at 0253 on Sunday the 27th of December 1998**

**Synoptic Situation**

Low 992hPa near northoast Tasmania, deepening. Cold front near Sydney, extending out to sea to Tasmanian low.

**Warning**

W/SW winds 25/35 knots south of Merimbula, increasing to 40/50 knots offshore late this afternoon.

W/SW winds reaching 25/35 knots offshore between Broken Bay and Merimbula.

W/SW winds reaching 20/30 knots offshore between Seal Rocks and Broken Bay.

Seas 2 to 3 metres in the north, rising to 3 to 5 metres in the south offshore.

Swell rising in the south offshore to 2 to 3 metres.

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**HIGH SEAS WEATHER WARNING FOR METAREA 10 ISSUED BY THE  
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY, SYDNEY  
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**AREA AFFECTED**

Within 38S150E to 34S152E to 33S153E to 33S155E to 38S155E to 38S150E.

**FORECAST**

W/SW winds 30/40 knots following passage of cold front.  
Winds tending W/SW 40/50 knots south of 37S late Sunday afternoon as low deepens.  
Seas rising to rough to very rough. Moderate to heavy swell.

**REMARKS**

**WEATHER SYDNEY**

\* \* \* TRANSMISSION RESULT REPORT ( 26.DEC.1998 21:56 ) \* \* \*

TTI RCC AUSTRALIA 02 62306868

| DATE    | TIME  | ADDRESS        | MODE | TIME  | PAGE | RESULT | PERS. NAME | FILE |
|---------|-------|----------------|------|-------|------|--------|------------|------|
| 26.DEC. | 21:55 | 61 2 9863 9745 | TES  | 0'26" | P. 1 | OK     |            | 774  |

*Sam Hughes Sydney r/R*

# : BATCH  
M : MEMORY  
S : STANDARD

C : CONFIDENTIAL  
L : SEND LATER  
D : DETAIL

\$ : TRANSFER  
@ : FORWARDING  
F : FINE

P : POLLING  
E : ECM  
> : REDUCTION

Printed by COM at 10:37:17 26 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1226427 X400 ref: X12260427

Received at 10:34 26 DEC 98 by SAR

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Nokia currently at 35.46 S 150.47 E

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X25/X400 MSG 981226259 AT 261033 Dec 1998 UTC

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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE  
T: MSG  
DATE: 98-12-26/10-32 UTC  
MSG REF: 959960  
ORIGINATOR: 450301550  
REGION: POR  
SAC: 43

//  
lulham@matp.newsltd.com.au  
mmcalliam@networkten.com.au  
peter\_campbell@bigpond.com

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We have hit 35k squalls from NE and have blown out the 1.5 spinnaker.  
Mizzen main shredded the runner and was also dropped as well as the  
mizzen staysail. All crew are on deck now with another 1.5 up with  
full main and running between 18 and 24 knots. Lots of lightning,  
David Witt steering

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Printed by root at 10:54:23 26 DEC 1998

Our ref: Y1226191 X400 ref: X12267959

Sent via Inmarsat-C. Created 10:43 26 DEC 98 by SAR

To: Mobile-C 450301550

ITD: C-SES 450301550 960640:98-12-26/10-50

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TO NOKIA  
.....

R 261043Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO SKIPPER NOKIA/VJ4125 450301550  
BT

THIS IS THE RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE.  
WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO MESSAGES FROM YOU DEALING WITH  
A. YOUR PROTEST AGAINST SWORD OF ORION  
B. ENCOUNTERING 35 KT SQUALLS FROM THE NE AND BLOWING OUT YOUR  
SPINNAKER.  
WE NOTE THAT THESE MESSAGES ALSO HAVE THREE EMAIL ADDRESSEES  
(LULHAM, MMCALLAM AND PETER\_CAMPBELL).

YOU ARE USING SPECIAL ACCESS CODE (SAC) 43. THIS IS RESERVED FOR  
SHIP SAIL PLANS AND POSITION REPORTS TO THE AUSTRALIAN SHIP REPORTING  
SYSTEM (AUSREP). PLEASE DO NOT USE SAC 43 FOR YOUR ROUTINE RACE  
REPORTS AS THEY ARE AUTOMATICALLY ROUTED TO RCC AUSTRALIA.  
BEST REGARDS AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE RACE.  
RCC AUSTRALIA.  
BT  
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Printed by COM at 10:37:22 26 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1226427 X400 ref: X12260427

Received at 10:34 26 DEC 98 by SAR

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Nokia currently at 35.46 S 150.47 E

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X25/X400 MSG 981226259 AT 261033 Dec 1998 UTC

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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE  
T: MSG  
DATE: 98-12-26/10-32 UTC  
MSG REF: 959960  
ORIGINATOR: 450301550  
REGION: POR  
SAC: 43

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\* \* \* TRANSMISSION RESULT REPORT ( 26.DEC.1998 21:18 ) \* \* \*

TTI RCC AUSTRALIA 02 62306868

| DATE    | TIME  | ADDRESS        | MODE | TIME  | PAGE | RESULT | PERS. NAME | FILE |
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| 26.DEC. | 21:17 | 61 2 9363 9745 | RES  | 0'28" | P. 1 | OK     |            | 773  |

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Printed by COM at 05:12:42 26 DEC 1998

X400 message Our ref: X1226287 X400 ref: X12260287

Received at 05:10 26 DEC 98 by AUS

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Nokia will PROTEST. Sword of Orion collided with our port side bow

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X25/X400 MSG 981226161 AT 260508 Dec 1998 UTC

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TELSTRA SATCOM-C SERVICE  
T: MSG  
DATE: 98-12-26/05-07 UTC  
MSC REF: 945950  
ORIGINATOR: 450301550  
REGION: POR  
SAC: 43

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lulham@matp.news1td.com.au  
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peter\_campbell@bigpond.com

Nokia will PROTEST. Sword of Orion collided with our port side bow  
30 secs from start line. Nokia skipper believes Sword had lost  
control due to radical move with pace. We were pushed onto port tack  
with no stcerage causing further collision with Bright Morning Star.  
current speed 15 knots. Heading due south, Neil McDonald steering  
with spinnaker, two staysails, two mains. Six crew sleeping to prepare  
for the southerly tonight. Running sixth and holding.

.....  
NOKIA - VJ4125

Facsimile



To Mr Wayne White

Mobile Satellite & Radio Services  
Customer Service Centre

Company Rescue Co-ordination Centre Canberra

881-991 Bribie Island Road  
Ningi Qld 4511  
Australia

Facsimile 02 62306868

Postal Address:  
PO Box 153  
Caboolture QLD 4510

From

**Subject Satcom C - Sydney to Hobart**

FREECALL™ 1800 810 023+  
FREEFAX™ 1800 811 373+

Date 26 December, 1998

International:  
Telephone +61 7 5490 9090  
Facsimile +61 7 5490 9094

Time 15:53 EST

File

Total Pages 2

E-mail  
custsvc@qclmsr1.telstra.com.au

Telex TELCSC AA2243Z

Dear Wayne,

Please find attached the list of vessels in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race with Satcom C services as requested.

Should you require further information or assistance our **Telstra Mobile Satellite & Radio Services Customer Service Centre** may be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **FREECALL™ 1800 810 023\*** (+61 7 5490 9090 from outside Australia).

Regards

Diana Bugg  
Telstra MS&RS Customer Service Centre

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Telstra Corporation Limited  
ACN 051 775 556

# Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race 1998

Yachts with Inmarsat-C Terminals

DNID Number 16068

| Yacht Name            | Mobile Number |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Rapsca lion           | 450301490     |
| Canon Maris           | 450301494     |
| Aspect                | 450301489     |
| Atara                 | 450300623     |
| Brindabella           | 450301491     |
| Marchioness           | 450300626     |
| Yendys                | 450300627     |
| Tearn Jaguar          | 450301493     |
| Southerly             | 450300846     |
| Amro Challenge        | 450301495     |
| Sword of Orion        | 450301492     |
| Computer Land         | 450301520     |
| Dixie Chicken         | 450301522     |
| Doctel Rager          | 450301523     |
| Hawke 5               | 450301525     |
| Industrial Quest      | 450301524     |
| Sayonara              |               |
| Solo Globe Challenger | 450301526     |
| Wild Thing            | 450300628     |



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IDW00N01

**Priority Storm Warning Coastal Waters South of Merimbula**  
**Gale Warning Coastal Waters South of Broken Bay**  
**Strong Wind Warning between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks**

**Issued at 1414 on Saturday the 26th of December 1998**

**Synoptic Situation**

High over New Zealand ridging onto central NSW coast. Low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. Cold front moving east across central Victoria.

**Warning**

N/NE wind reaching 20/25 knots between Broken Bay and Ulladulla, 25/30 knots south from Ulladulla, ahead of a gusty W/SW change 30/40 knots expected South Coast late tonight, then W/SW 25/35 knots Illawarra and Sydney Coast early Sunday morning, and W/SW 25/30 knots Hunter Coast later Sunday morning. W wind increasing to 45/55 knots offshore south of Merimbula late Sunday afternoon.

Seas 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 to 4 metres with the change. Swell 1 to 2 metres, rising to 2 to 3 metres after the change.

40:2:1:24:33S155E570:11:00

SECURITE

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**HIGH SEAS WEATHER WARNING FOR METAREA 10 ISSUED BY THE  
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY, SYDNEY  
0315UTC 26 DECEMBER 1998.**

**STORM WARNING FOR SOUTHEASTERN AREA.**

**SITUATION**

Cold front western Victoria moving east about 15 knots expected near 150E about 9-10pm tonight then 155E about 10am-midday Sunday.

**AREA AFFECTED**

Within 38S150E to 34S152E to 33S153E to 33S155E to 38S155E to 38S150E.

**FORECAST**

Gusty W/SW change 30/40 knots in far southwest of area tonight extending to north and east of area by late Sunday morning. Wind tending W/NW 45/55 knots south of 37S late Sunday afternoon. Seas rising to rough to very rough with the change. Swell increasing to moderate to heavy after the change.

**REMARKS**

**WEATHER SYDNEY**



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IDW00V02  
BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY  
AREA05:

Priority  
Storm Warning  
for Victorian coastal waters east of Wilsons Promontory

Issued at 1359 on Saturday the 26th of December 1998

West/southwesterly wind change of 20/30 knots extending from the west this afternoon then increasing to 35/45 knots tomorrow morning and 45/55knots late Sunday afternoon. Seas rising to 2 to 3 metres this afternoon, 3 to 4 metres tomorrow morning and 4 to 6 metres late afternoon.

\*\*\* CORRECTED VERSION \*\*\*

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# BRIEF FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OCEAN YACHT RACES 1998

## Introduction

At the end of each year the states of NSW, Victoria and Tasmania get involved with major ocean yacht races. These races are well organised and rarely call upon State or Commonwealth SAR resources but may involve several hundred yachts at sea at anyone time.

The races are:

| Race                    | Date         | Number<br>of Entries | Parent Yacht Clubs   |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|
| Sydney to Hobart        | 26 Dec02 Jan | 115                  | Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA)<br>Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT) |
| Sydney to Coffs Harbour | 27 Dec30 Dec | 80                   | Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC)<br>Coffs Harbour Yacht Club             |
| Melbourne to Hobart     | 27 Dec01 Jan | 24                   | Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV)<br>Derwent Sailing Squadron               |
| Melbourne to Devonport  | 27 Dec30 Dec | 40                   | Ocean Racing Club of Victoria<br>Mersey Yacht Club                             |

## Participants

This year's Sydney to Hobart 115 yacht fleet will include overseas yachts from Great Britain, Greece, France, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and the USA.

Full details of yachts participating in each race can be obtained from the respective Race Control. Lists of entrants can also be obtained by fax before race start.

## The role of AusSAR

AMSA (AusSAR) has been directly involved with the Sydney to Hobart yacht race since 1994. Each year one field officer is assigned to Race Control Hobart, to act as the SAR advisor to the race. The field officer attends the pre-race brief in Sydney. AusSAR also attends the pre-race brief for the Melbourne to Hobart race in Melbourne when requested by the ORCV. The field officer in Hobart has close liaison with the ORCV Race Control at the Derwent Sailing Squadron.

The primary role of the AusSAR field officer is to provide support and advice to the race controllers on SAR and communications matters and act a link between race control, the RCC and the State Police. He does not have any SARMC responsibilities but rather acts as the filter for non-urgent matters.

The secondary role of the field officer is to act as the AMSA (AusSAR) representative for industry liaison at race briefs, de-briefs and presentations.

**Race Control**

| <u>RACE</u>             | <u>RACE CONTROL</u>      | <u>TELEPHONE</u>                                  | <u>RADIO RELAY VESSEL</u>    | <u>COMSTAT</u>       | <u>FREQS</u> | <u>SKEDS (EASST)</u>                                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---|
| Sydney to Hobart        | RCYT<br>CYCA             | 03-62345853<br>02-93634445                        | Young Endeavour              | Tascoast             | 4483/6227    | 0305, 1405, 2205 until 30th<br>0705, 1845, 2305 from 31st |
| Sydney to Coffs Harbour | Coffs Harbour Yacht Club | 02-66524390, or<br>Dennis Thompson<br>0417-686640 | Alfreds One<br>(0418-276409) | Penta                | 4483/VHF73   | 0005, 0635, 1335  |
| Melbourne to Hobart     | Derwent Sailing Squadron | 03-62231977                                       | Akuna                        | Mersey               | 2524/4483    | 0605, 1305, 2115,   |
| Melbourne to Devonport  | Mersey Yacht Club        | 03-64278655                                       | Aquila                       | Mersey, or<br>Tasmar | 2524/4483    | 0635, 1405, 2305  |

**Field Officer:** SSARO Sam Hughes will be located at CYCA 26<sup>th</sup> Dec and at RCYT from 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to 2nd Jan at RCYT. Telephone 018-622723.



**SAR Responsibilities**

The established Commonwealth/State arrangements will apply. AusSAR SARMCs must be mindful that waters in the eastern Bass Strait from Gabo Island to Cape Barren, are open waters where little, if any, Police assistance can be provided.

The respective race control headquarters will normally utilise race participants to assist other yachts in difficulty. Communications will be via the Radio Relay vessel.

**Missed Radio Schedules**

A yacht which fails to report for two successive radio schedules and can neither receive nor transmit on HF or VHF will after missing the second successive schedule ignite a white flare at the evening safety schedule.

**Retiring Yachts**

Yachts retiring from the race are required to maintain radio schedules with the respect radio relay vessels/Comstat until safely in port. Yachts are also to report their safe arrival to the local port authority (RVCP, AVCG) on entry and ensure race control is advised of their safe arrival in port.

**Environmental Conditions**

The southern part of Australia is subject to frontal activity during this time of the year. Winds exceeding 35 knots with stronger gusts during the passage of the front can be expected. Along the NSW coast the predominately southerly winds can create very large seas when acting against the south setting current. The shallow waters of the Bass Strait can be particularly difficult for small craft in strong wind conditions.

**SAR RESOURCES**

**AVIATION**

| <u>Location</u>     | <u>Company</u>            | <u>Aircraft Type</u> | <u>PADS</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| <b><u>CSU's</u></b> |                           |                      |             |                |
| Brisbane            | Great Western Aviation    | PA31 X 2             | Yes         |                |
| Bankstown           | Crane Air                 | BE76/PA31/PA60       |             |                |
| Wollongong          | Wollongong Aerial Patrol  | PN68/C402            |             |                |
| Canberra            | VH Aviation               | C404/C404/C441/BE58  | Yes         |                |
| Moorabbin           | General Flying Service    | PA31/C310            | Yes         |                |
| Launceston          | Tasmanian Aviation Centre | AC68/AC50/AC50       |             |                |
| Hobart              | Tasair                    | AC50/AC50            |             |                |
| Adelaide            | Polair                    | C402/C402            |             |                |
| Mount Gambier       | O'Connor Airlines         | P68/C441             |             |                |

**Helicopters**

|              |                      |                          |  |          |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|----------|
| Tugan        | Careflight           | B12                      |  | H24      |
| Lismore      | Westpac              | 2 X SA365                |  | H24      |
| Newcastle    | Westpac              | B12 + B06                |  | H24      |
| Williamstown | Lloyd                | S76                      |  | Callout  |
| Westmead     | Careflight           | B12                      |  | H24      |
| Prince Henry | Lifesaver            | BK117                    |  | H24      |
| Wollongong   | Lifesaver            | BK117                    |  | Day ONLY |
| Canberra     | Southcare            | B12                      |  | H24      |
| Traralgon    | Helimed1             | B12                      |  | H24      |
| East Sale    | Lloyd                | S76                      |  | 3 hours  |
| Essendon     | Polair/Air Ambulance | 2 X SA365 + AS50         |  | H24      |
| Sorrento     | SPRS                 | B06                      |  | VFR ONLY |
| Cambridge    | Polair               | AS50 (+ 4 x AS50 1/1/99) |  | as req   |

**Defence**

|                    |         |             |  |          |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|--|----------|
| NAS Nowra          | MHQAUST | SK61 & SK70 |  | 12 hours |
| Richmond/Edinburgh | AHQAUSS | C130 or P3C |  | 12 hours |

**MARITIME**

**Defence**

|        |         |                      |  |         |
|--------|---------|----------------------|--|---------|
| Sydney | MHQAUST | Destroyer or Frigate |  | 8 hours |
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**Police**

|             |                        |               |  |                         |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|
| NSW Coastal | Sydney Water Police    | Police vessel |  | Fleet following to Eden |
| Victoria    | Melbourne Water Police | Police vessel |  | Sorrento area of ops    |
| Tasmania    | Hobart Police          | Police vessel |  | May deploy              |

**Customs**

|          |            |                |  |            |
|----------|------------|----------------|--|------------|
| Tasmania | Coastwatch | Customs vessel |  | May deploy |
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## 1998 Telstra Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race - List of Entries

|    | Yacht Name             | Sail No  | Owner                     | Type            | Div. | State |
|----|------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|
| 1  | ABN AMRO Challenge     | 8887     | Ray Roberts               | Sydney 46       | IMS  | NSW   |
| 2  | Adagio                 | 588      | Peter Williams            | S & S 36        | PHS  | TAS   |
| 3  | Aera                   | GRF49040 | Nick Lykiardopulo         | Swan 46         | CHS  | UK    |
| 4  | AFR Midnight Rambler   | 8338     | Ed Psaltis / Bob Thomas   | Hick 35         | IMS  | NSW   |
| 5  | Alexander of Creswell  | 3807     | Warren Hellwig            | S111            | IMS  | ACT   |
| 6  | Allusive               | 407      | John Smith                | Lyons 48        | PHS  | TAS   |
| 7  | Antipodes Sydney       | 5659     | Geoff Hill                | Taswell 56      | IMS  | NSW   |
| 8  | Antuka                 | WS91     | Raymond Semmens           | Adams 13        | PHS  | VIC   |
| 9  | Aspect Computing       | 4826     | David Pescud              | Radford 46      | PHS  | NSW   |
| 10 | Assassin               | 9999     | Van Kretschmar / Crawford | Farr 40         | IMS  | NSW   |
| 11 | Atara                  | IRL8000  | Roger Hickman             | Lyons 43        | IMS  | NSW   |
| 12 | Aurora                 | 4057     | Jim Holly                 | Farr 1 tonner   | IMS  | NSW   |
| 13 | Ausmaid                | YC1000   | Kevan Pearce              | Farr 47         | IMS  | SA    |
| 14 | Avanti                 | B409     | Chris / John Mooney       | First 38        | PHS  | VIC   |
| 15 | B-52                   | 8889     | Wayne Millar              | Sydney 41       | CHS  | QLD   |
| 16 | Bacardi                | SM377    | Ainley / Williams         | Peterson 44     | IMS  | VIC   |
| 17 | Berrimilla             | 371      | Alex Whitworth            | Joubert 40      | PHS  | NSW   |
| 18 | Bin Rouge              | 7633     | Darryl Hodgkinson         | Farr 31         | IMS  | NSW   |
| 19 | Bobsled                | 5444     | Paul White                | Steinman        | PHS  | QLD   |
| 20 | Boomeroo Morse Fans    | RQ23     | John McIntosh             | S&S 34          | IMS  | QLD   |
| 21 | Breakaway              | Sm 596   | Martin Power              | Swanson 36      | IMS  | VIC   |
| 22 | Bright Morning Star    | 1987     | Hugh Treharne             | Peterson 51     | PHS  | NSW   |
| 23 | Brindabella            | C1       | George Snow               | Maxi            | IMS  | NSW   |
| 24 | Business Post Naiad    | 5466     | Bruce Guy                 | Farr 40         | IMS  | TAS   |
| 25 | Canon Maris            | 780      | Ian Klemm                 | Tasman Seabird  | IMS  | NSW   |
| 26 | Challenge Again        | SM2      | Lou Abrahamis             | Sydney 41       | CHS  | VIC   |
| 27 | Chutzpah               | R33      | Bruce Taylor              | Murray 36       | IMS  | VIC   |
| 28 | Computerland           | 125      | John Saul                 | Inglis 47       | PHS  | TAS   |
| 29 | Cyclone                | 5090     | Stephen Keal              | Frers 50        | IMS  | TAS   |
| 30 | Dixie Chicken          | PNG 6    | Liz Wardley               | Elliott 40      | PHS  | NSW   |
| 31 | Doctel Rager           | YC560    | Gary Shanks               | Elliott 55      | PHS  | SA    |
| 32 | Elysion Blue           | 6812     | Dominic Barbat            | Swan 68         | CHS  | FIN   |
| 33 | Forzado                | 7314     | Geoff Phillips            | Farr 1020       | IMS  | NSW   |
| 34 | Foxtel - Titan Ford    | M250     | Hodder/Zemanek/Sorenson   | Farr 50         | CHS  | NSW   |
| 35 | Fudge                  | SM1      | Peter Hansen              | Elliott 56      | PHS  | VIC   |
| 36 | Gundy Grey             | C2       | Robert Green              | Adams 40        | PHS  | ACT   |
| 37 | Hawk 5                 | GBR4640R | Nigel Bramwell            | Sydney 40       | IMS  | NSW   |
| 38 | Helsal II              | SA 93    | Keith Flint               | Pocket Maxi     | PHS  | SA    |
| 39 | Henry Kendall Akubra   | 6074     | Patrick Wilde             | Farr 1220       | PHS  | NSW   |
| 40 | Hi Flyer               | PNG 1888 | Carol Tumbull             | Beneteau 40.7   | CHS  | PNG   |
| 41 | Hogsbreath Witchdoctor | 2557     | Rum Consortium            | Davidson 40     | PHS  | NSW   |
| 42 | Impeccable             | MH106    | John Walker               | 3/4 Tonner      | CHS  | NSW   |
| 43 | Indian Pacific         | M19      | Wayne Reynolds            | Davidson 36     | PHS  | VIC   |
| 44 | Industrial Quest       | 9090     | Kevin Miller              | Nelson Marck 43 | IMS  | QLD   |
| 45 | Inner Circle           | M762     | Dennis Pomfret            | Farr 40         | IMS  | NSW   |
| 46 | Innkeeper              | 5462     | Innkeeper Syndicate       | Pocket Maxi     | PHS  | NSW   |
| 47 | Jack Guy               | 3838     | Gordon Ketelbey           | Northshore 38   | PHS  | NSW   |
| 48 | Jubilation             | B116     | David James               | Farr 11.6       | PHS  | VIC   |
| 49 | Kendell                | 4168     | Jeff Cordell              | Dubois 38       | PHS  | TAS   |
| 50 | Kickatinalong          | 317      | Mike De Berg              | Adams 44        | PHS  | NSW   |
| 51 | King Billy             | 4966     | Phillip Bennett           | King 38         | IMS  | NSW   |
| 52 | Kingurra               | B23      | Peter Joubert             | Black Swan      | PHS  | VIC   |
| 53 | Komatsu Blue Lady      | 5868     | Shane Kearns              | Challenger 38   | IMS  | NSW   |
| 54 | Lady Penrhyn           | 3809     | Jan McPherson             | S111            | PHS  | NSW   |
| 55 | Liquid Asset           | D34      | Maurice Contassi          | Duncanson 34    | PHS  | TAS   |

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|     |                          |         |                        |                 |     |        |
|-----|--------------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|-----|--------|
| 56  | Loki                     | 3144    | Stephen Ainsworth      | Swan 44         | CHS | NSW    |
| 57  | Maglieri Wines           | SA999   | Brian Graves           | Jutson 43       | IMS | QLD    |
| 58  | Marchioness              | 9431    | Marchioness Syndicate  | Maxi            | PHS | NSW    |
| 59  | Margaret Rintoul II      | 2170    | Richard Purcell        | S&S 48          | IMS | NSW    |
| 60  | Mark Twain               | A113    | Hugh O'Neill           | S & S 39        | IMS | NSW    |
| 61  | Mercedes IV              | 1224    | Peter Stronach         | Kaufman 42      | IMS | NSW    |
| 62  | Midnight Special         | 9000    | Peter Baynes           | Jarkan 40       | IMS | NSW    |
| 63  | Mintinta                 | 5838    | Brian Emerson          | Swanson 42      | PHS | NSW    |
| 64  | Mirrabooka               | A8      | John Bennetto          | Frers 47        | IMS | TAS    |
| 65  | Misty                    | M678    | Bryan Clague           | S & S 34        | IMS | VIC    |
| 66  | Morning Tide             | 5488    | Alan Fenwick           | S & S 34        | IMS | NSW    |
| 67  | Nattel Adrenalin         | 1999    | David Bennett          | Peterson 38     | PHS | NSW    |
| 68  | New Horizons             | M236    | Michael Kelaher        | Cavalier 37     | PHS | NSW    |
| 69  | Ninely Seven             | 9797    | Graham Gibson          | Farr 47         | IMS | NSW    |
| 70  | Nokia                    | COK1    | David Witt             | Farr 75         | PHS | C.I.   |
| 71  | Not Negotiable           | 5671    | Michael Dolphin        | UFO 34          | IMS | VIC    |
| 72  | Noumea                   | N11     | Jean Luc Esplaas       | Young 11        | IMS | Noumea |
| 73  | Ocean Designs            | RO2000  | Stephen Bean           | Sydney 41       | IMS | QLD    |
| 74  | Outlaw                   | R17     | Alan Quick             | Sayer 44        | PHS | NSW    |
| 75  | Pippin                   | 533     | David Taylor           | Farr 37         | IMS | NSW    |
| 76  | Polaris                  | 5527    | John Quinn             | Cole 43         | IMS | NSW    |
| 77  | Quest                    | 6606    | Bob Steel              | Nelson Marek 46 | IMS | NSW    |
| 78  | Ragamuffin               | AUS70   | Syd Fischer            | Farr 50         | IMS | NSW    |
| 79  | Rapscallion-Team Synt    | 5588    | Dick Voorderhake       | Lyons 40        | IMS | NSW    |
| 80  | Red Jacket               | HY1220  | Ron Lally              | Radford 12.2    | IMS | WA     |
| 81  | Relish IV                | 4337    | Bill Bailey            | Elan 43         | PHS | NSW    |
| 82  | Rengade                  | SA98    | Robert Francis         | Holland 40      | IMS | SA     |
| 83  | Ruff N Tumble            | M160    | Peter Heanly           | Cole 43         | IMS | NSW    |
| 84  | Sagacious V              | 4000    | Peter Davis / Hamilton | Farr 40         | IMS | NSW    |
| 85  | Sayonara                 | US17    | Larry Ellison          | Maxi            | IMS | USA    |
| 86  | Sea Jay                  | 242     | Scott Wheelhouse       | Sydney 41       | CHS | NSW    |
| 87  | Secret Mens Business     | SA3300  | Geoff Boettcher        | Murray 40       | IMS | SA     |
| 88  | She II                   | 4924    | Peter Rodgers          | Mull 12.12      | PHS | NSW    |
| 89  | She's Apples Two         | 4527    | Max Prentice           | Jarkan 12.5     | IMS | NSW    |
| 90  | Siena                    | 99      | Iain Moray             | Northshore 38   | CHS | NSW    |
| 91  | Sledgehammer             | 5785    | Ron Jones              | Sydney 40       | IMS | NSW    |
| 92  | Solo Globe Challenger    | M2000   | Tony Mowbray           | Cole 43         | PHS | NSW    |
| 93  | Southerly                | 38      | Don Mickleborough      | Peel 35         | IMS | NSW    |
| 94  | Spirit of Downunder      | R1200   | Lawrence Ford          | Cameron 12      | PHS | VIC    |
| 95  | Sword of Orion           | 2006    | Rob Kothe              | Reichel Pugh 43 | IMS | NSW    |
| 96  | Sydney                   | 6070    | Charles Curran         | Sydney 60       | IMS | NSW    |
| 97  | T42 Solandra             | A55     | Craig Escott           | S & S 34        | IMS | TAS    |
| 98  | Tartan                   | 3846    | Mark Ballard           | Northshore 38   | PHS | TAS    |
| 99  | Team Jaguar Infinity III | 5474    | Martin James           | Maxi            | IMS | NSW    |
| 100 | Tenacious                | 2919    | Selwyn Enoch           | Defiance 30     | PHS | NSW    |
| 101 | Terra Firma              | 4100    | Nieman / Bartels       | Murray 43       | IMS | VIC    |
| 102 | Tilting At Windmills     | Sm 117  | Thorry Gunnensen       | John Dory       | IMS | VIC    |
| 103 | Trust Bank Hummingbir    | 3946    | Errol Pyke             | Farr 37         | IMS | TAS    |
| 104 | Unipro Ocean Road        | 5275    | Kenneth Simpson        | Adams 45        | IMS | VIC    |
| 105 | Vagrant                  | R133    | Arch Waters            | Maggie 34       | CHS | VIC    |
| 106 | Valheru                  | 1195    | Anthony Lyall          | Elliott 13      | IMS | TAS    |
| 107 | VC Offshore Stand Asid   | YC4882  | James Hallion          | Young 12        | PHS | SA     |
| 108 | Veto                     | 5643    | Graham Brown           | Cavalier 38     | IMS | NSW    |
| 109 | Waitangi II              | 265     | David Wearn            | Jarkan 10       | PHS | NSW    |
| 110 | Wide Load                | A16     | Warren Anderson        | Swarbrick 12    | PHS | NSW    |
| 111 | Wild One                 | Sm 1995 | Gary Walker            | Inglis 47       | PHS | VIC    |

