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ISSUED BY THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY, SYDNEY Issued at 0208 on Monday the 28th of December 1998

FOR Sunday 27th of December 1998

AREA: Jervis Bay to Gabo Island.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: Low 984hPa eastern Bass Strait expected to move away to the southeast rapidly today.

WARNINGS: Gale Warning is current for NSW coastal waters south of Broken Bay for this morning.

WIND: W/SW 20/30 knots, reaching 25/35 knots offshore south of Merimbula. Wind decreasing to 15/25 knots and tending south to southeast by late today.

WAVES: 2 to 4 metres, gradually abating to 1 to 2.5 metres by late today.

SWELL: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres in south.

WEATHER: Cloudy but generally fine.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: NW/SW winds 10/15 knots at first Tuesday with afternoon NE seabreezes about 15 knots. Fine weather.

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FOR Sunday 27th of December 1998

AREA: Jervis Bay to Gabo Island.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: Low 987hPa eastern Bass Strait expected to move to the east today.

WARNINGS: Storm Warning is current south from Merimbula. Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: W/SW 25/35 knots, with stronger gusts, increasing to 40/50 knots offshore south of Merimbula today. Wind decreasing to 15/25 knots north of Merimbula Monday and 25/35 knots south of Merimbula during Monday.

WAVES: 2 to 3 metres, rising to 4 to 5 metres offshore in the south today.

SWELL: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres in south.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the south.

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FOR

AREA: Jervis Bay to Gabo Island.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: A deepening low near 41S 149E moving ENE at about 20 knots. Cold front through Sydney/38S 152E/41S 149E moving E at about 20 knots.

WARNINGS: Storm Warning is current south from Merimbula. Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: W/SW winds 25/35 knots, with stronger gusts. Winds increasing to the south of Merimbula offshore, reaching 40/50 knots this afternoon as low sepens.

WAVES: 2 to 3 metres, rising to 4 to 5 metres offshore in the south.

SWELL: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 to 4 metres offshore south of Merimbula.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms at first, clearing during the morning.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: W/SW winds moderating overnight Sunday to 20/25 knots, possibly still reaching 35 knots at times near Bass Strait.

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FOR

AREA: Sydney to Jervis Bay.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: A high near New Zealand is ridging onto the central NSW coast. A low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. A cold front is over central Victoria.

WARNINGS: Storm Warning is current south from Merimbula. Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: North to northeast wind 20/25 knots ahead of a W/SW change 25/35 knots, with stronger gusts, expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-2am and then near Sydney around 3am-5am Sunday. Wind may tend briefly northwest 15/20 knots prior to the change.

WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres offshore with W/SW change.

SWELL: 1 to 2 metres.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing tonight ahead of the change then clearing tomorrow.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: Winds moderating north of Jervis Bay Sunday night. Gale to storm force W winds south of Jervis Bay expected to moderate Monday evening. '

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FOR

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SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: A high near New Zealand is ridging onto the central NSW coast. A low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. A cold front is over central Victoria.

WARNINGS: Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: North to northeast wind 15/20 knots freshening to 20/25 knots by late aft ernoon or evening. A\S/SW change 30/35 knots, with stronger gusts, expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-2am and then near Sydney around 3am-5am Sunday. Wind may tend briefly NW 15/20 knots prior to the change.

WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 to 4 metres with S'ly change .

SWELL: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 2 to 3 metres after S'ly change.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing this evening ahead of the change. A few showers persisting following the southerly change.

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FOR

AREA: Sydney to Jervis Bay.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: A high near New Zealand is ridging onto the central NSW coast. A low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. A cold front is over western Victoria.

WARNINGS: Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: Northeast wind 10/15 knots freshening to 15/25 knots by late afternoon or evening. A S/SW change 30/35 knots, with stronger gusts, expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-2am and then near Sydney around 3am-5am Sunday.

- WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 to 4 metres with S'ly change .

SWELL: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 2 to 3 metres after S'ly change.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing this evening ahead of the change. A few-showers persisting following the southerly change.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT \48 HOURS: Winds moderating north of Jervis Bay Sunday evening. Strong to gale force SW/W winds south of Jervis Bay expected to moderate Monday evening.

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OUTLOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: Following passage of southerly change winds should abate within a few hours and tend south to southeast 15/25 knots during Sunday.



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AREA: Sydney to Jervis Bay.

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WARNINGS: Strong wind warning current for waters SOUTH of Ulladulla.

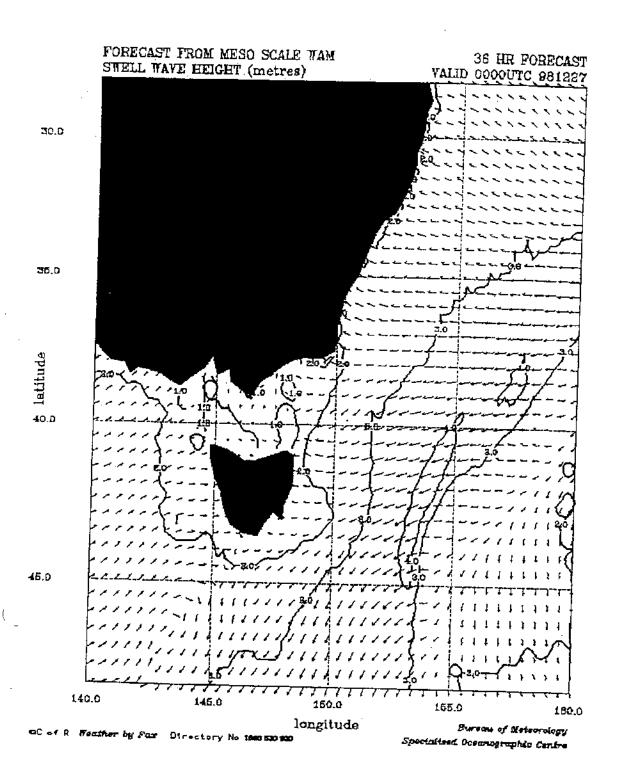
WIND: West to northwest winds 5/10 knots inshore at first, east of northeast winds 10/15 knots offshore. Northeast seabreezes developing inshore around midday, 10/15 knots at first but freshening to 20 knots by late afternoon, persisting into the evening. A southerly change 20/30 knots expected to move up the NSW coast overnight. Expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-2am and then near Sydney around 3am-5am Sunday.

WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres with S'ly change.

SWELL: 1 to 1.5 metres, rising to 2 metres with passage of change.

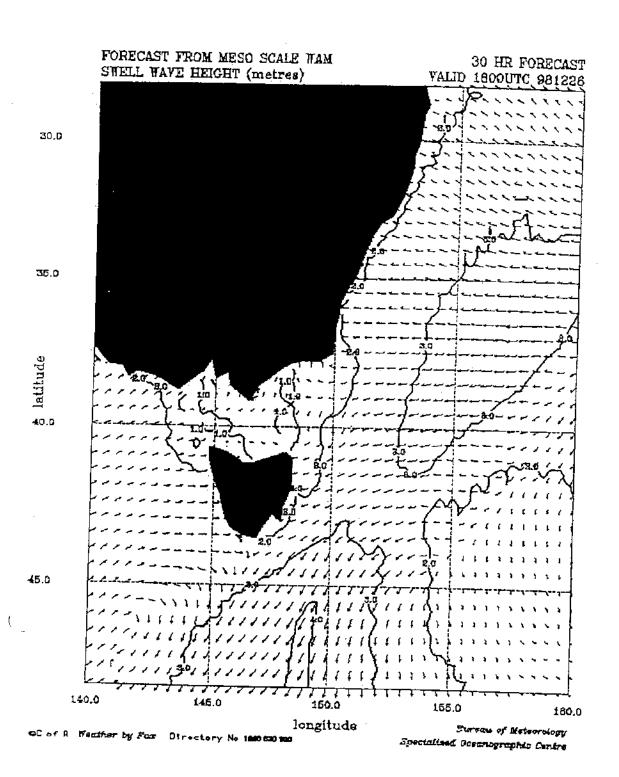
**WEATHER:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing this evening ahead of the change. A few showers persisting following the southerly change.

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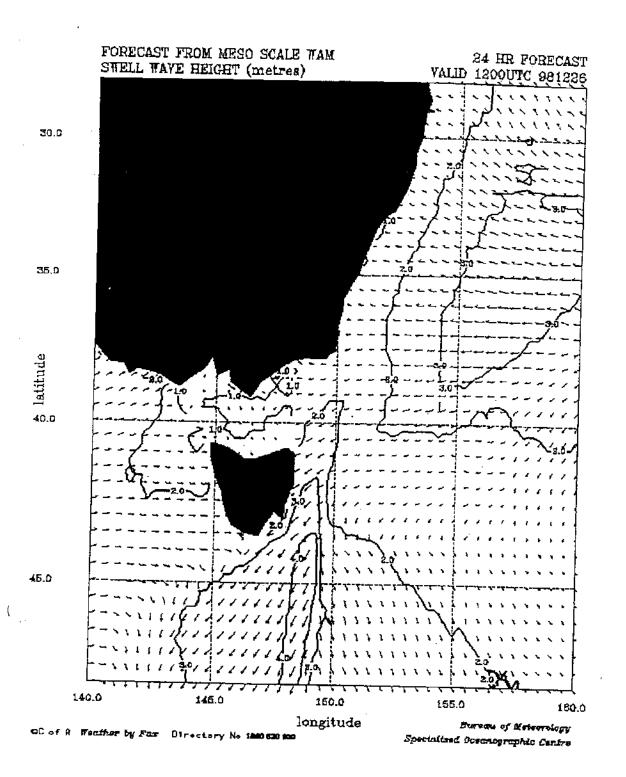


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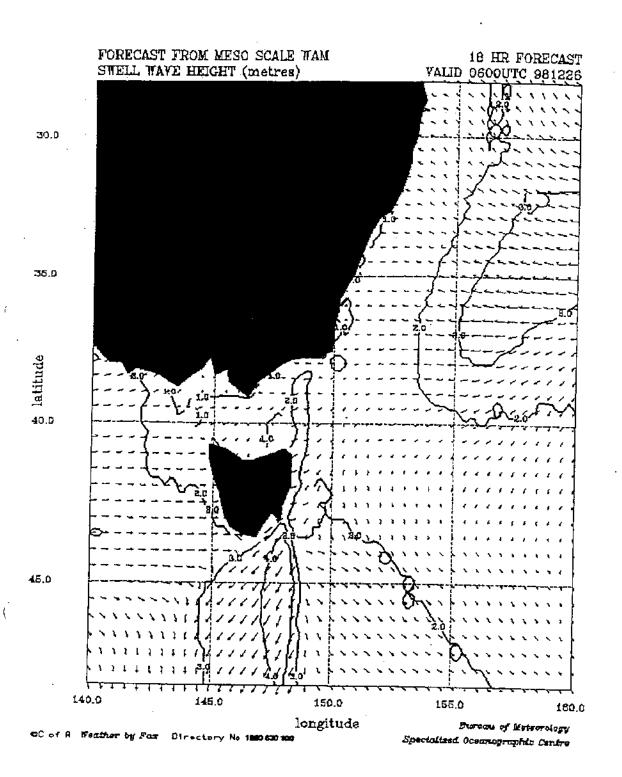
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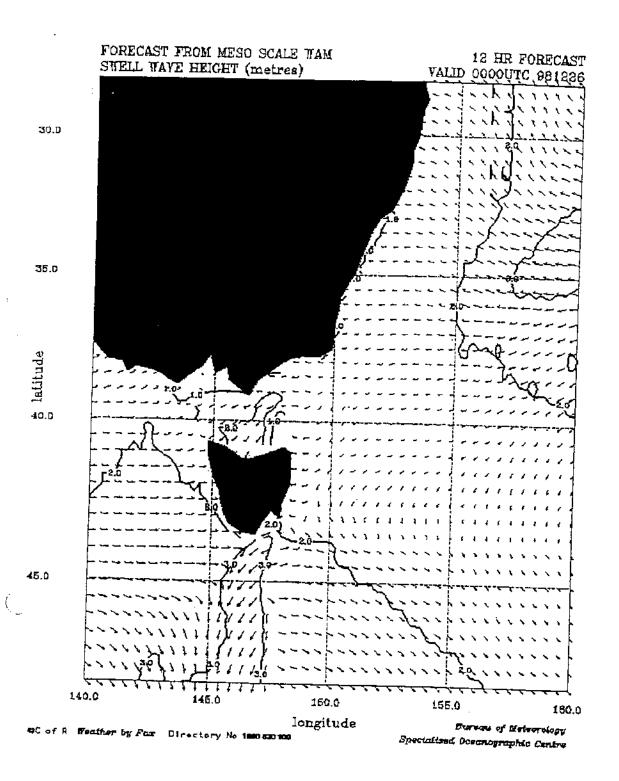
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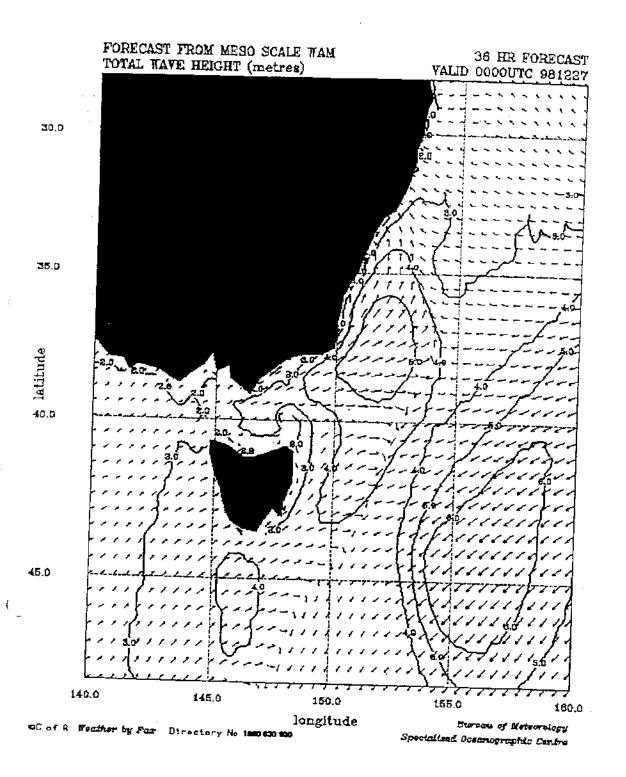


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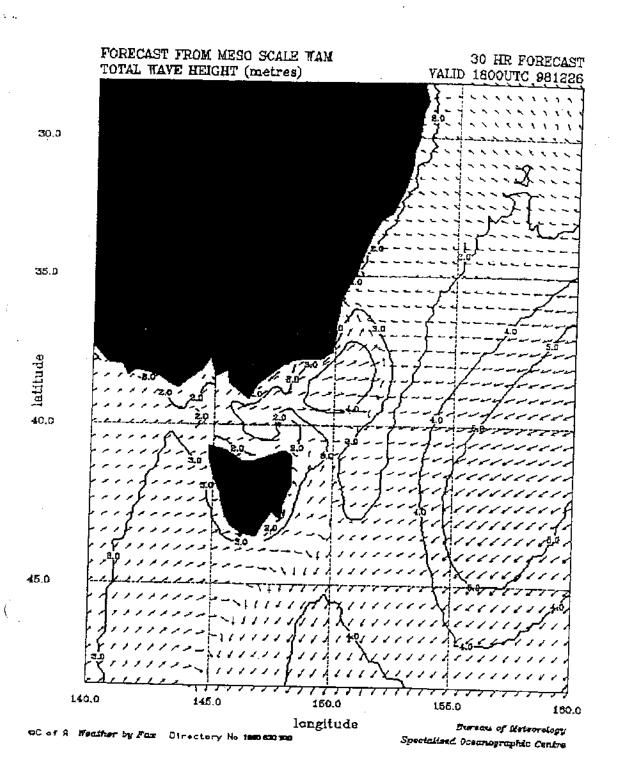
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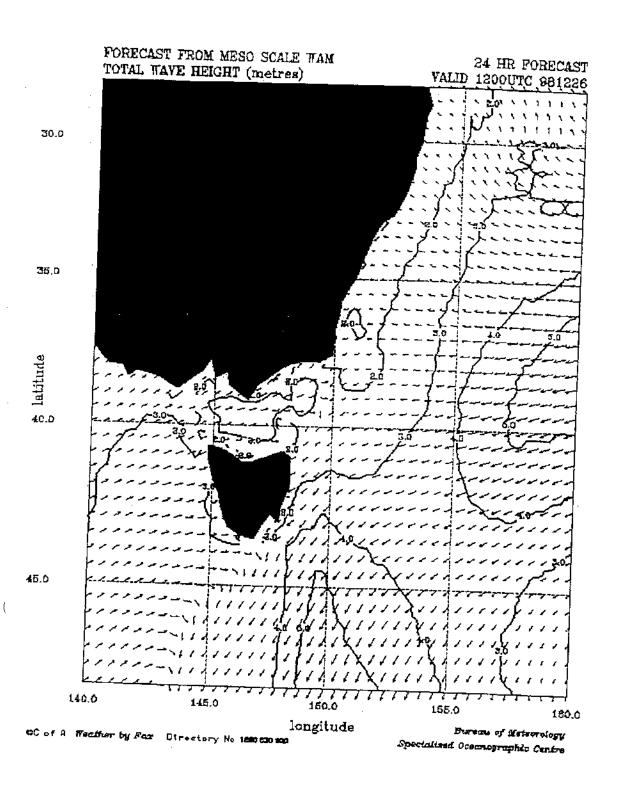


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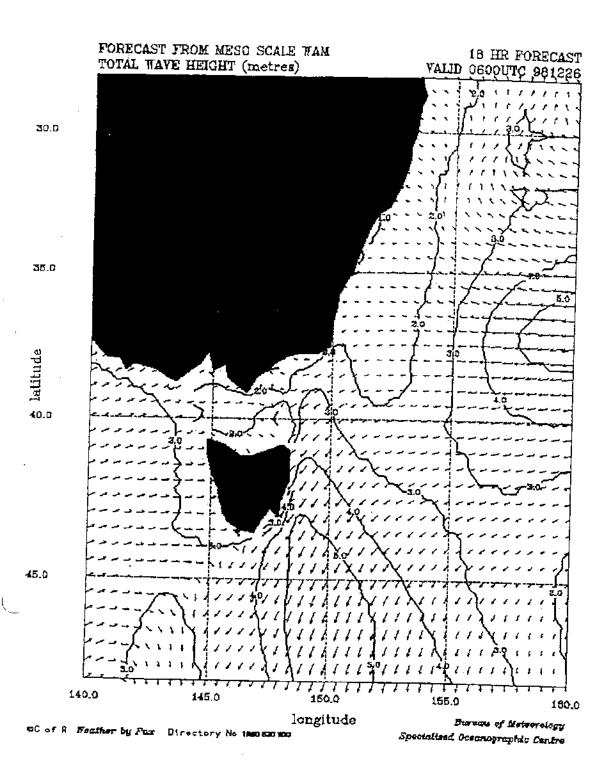
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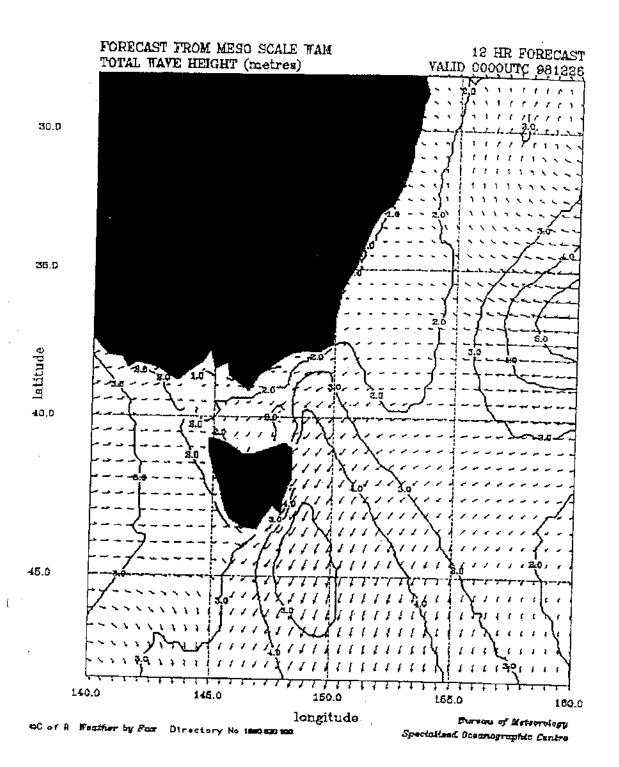


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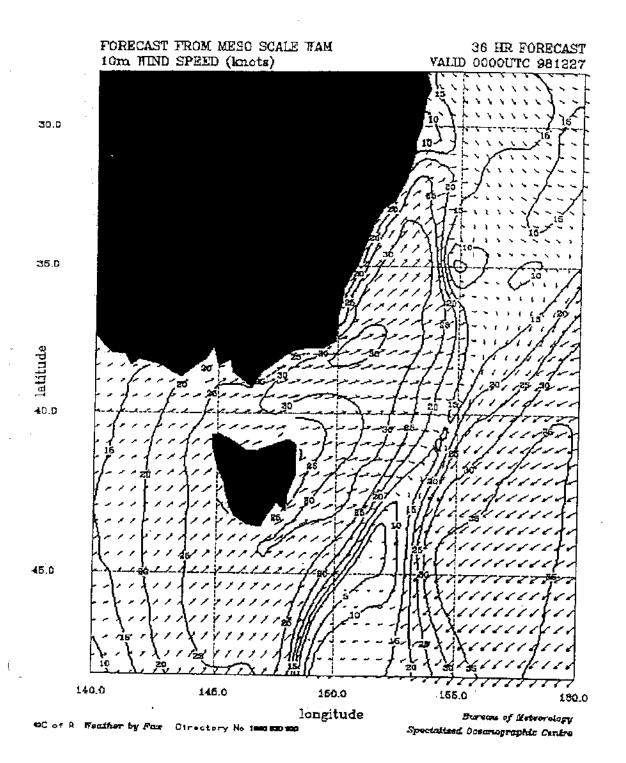


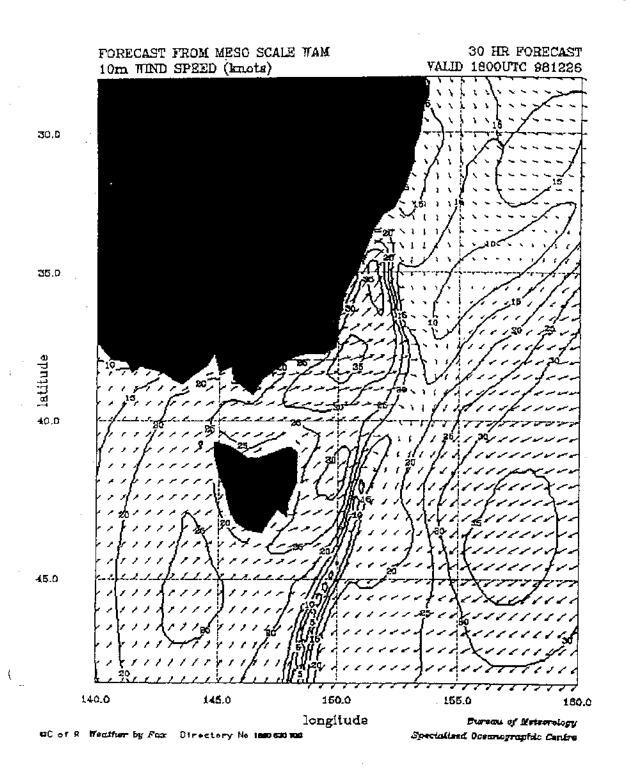
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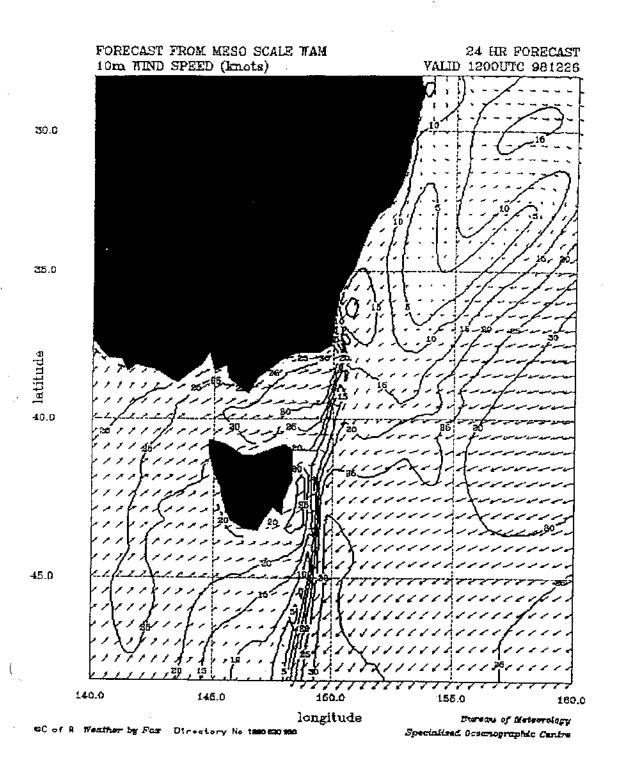
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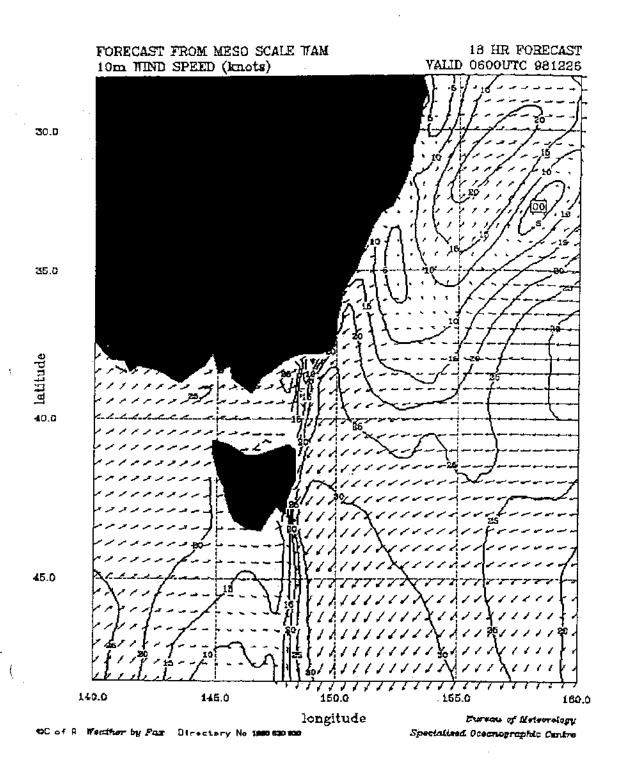


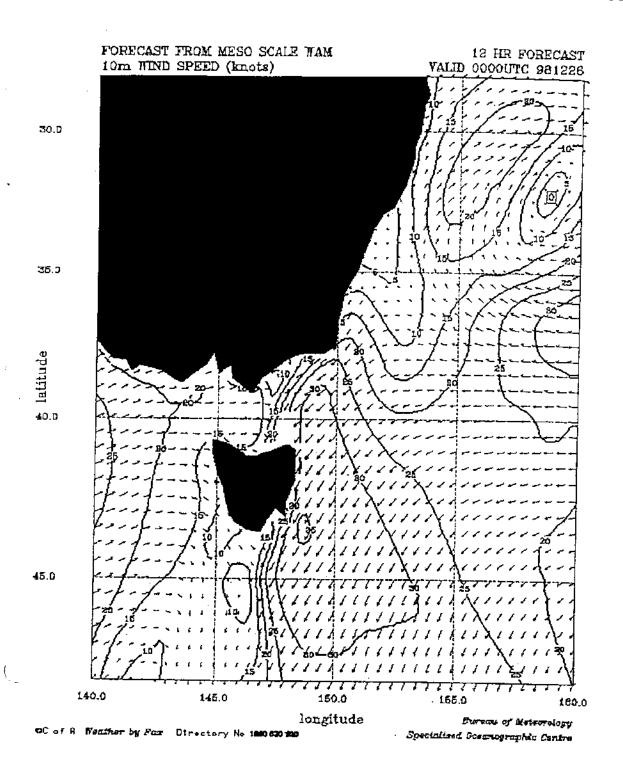
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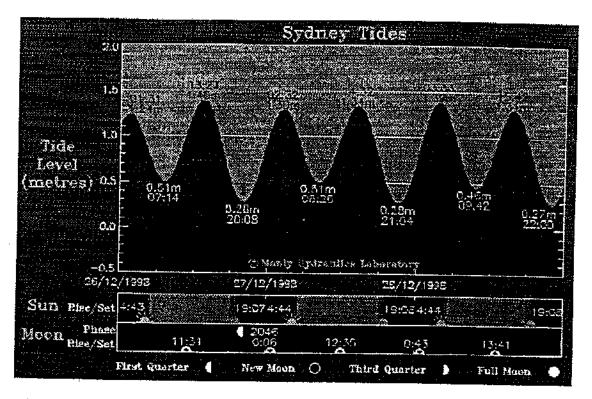




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Note: All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time.

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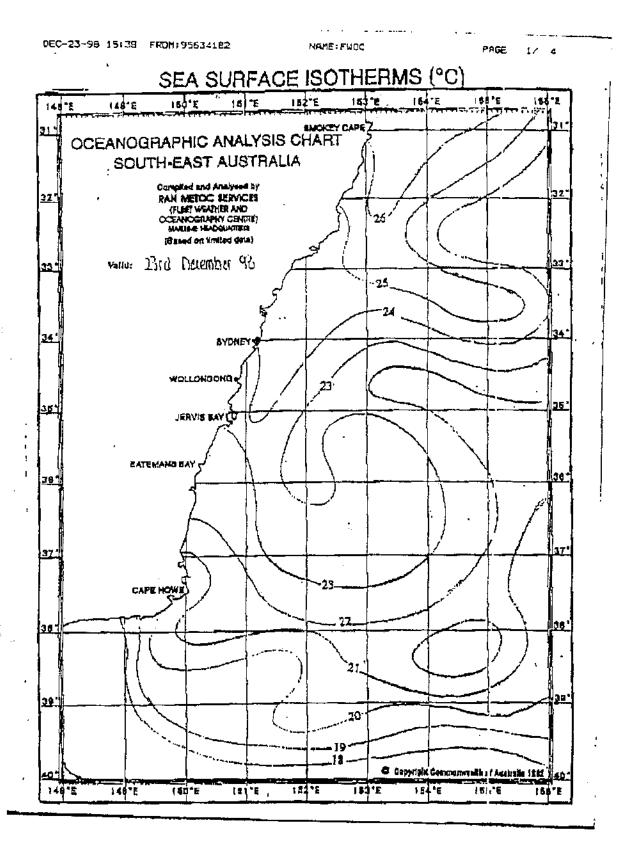
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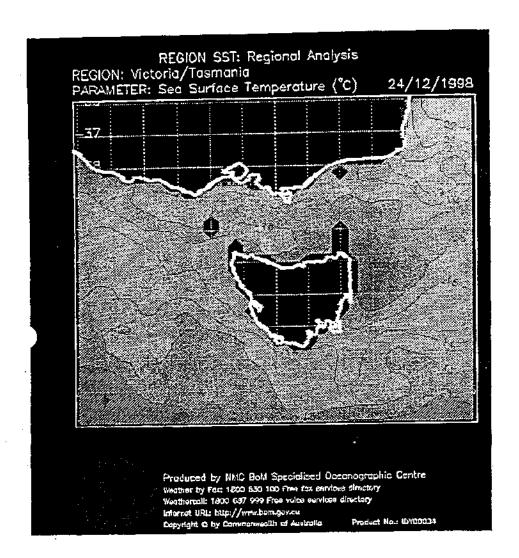
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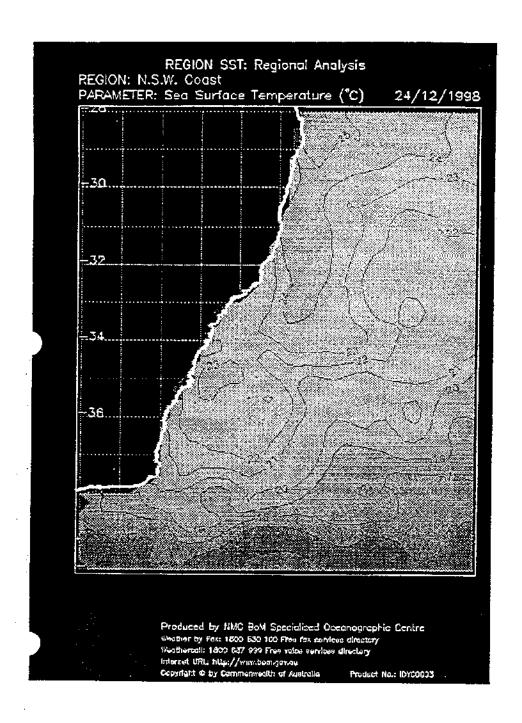


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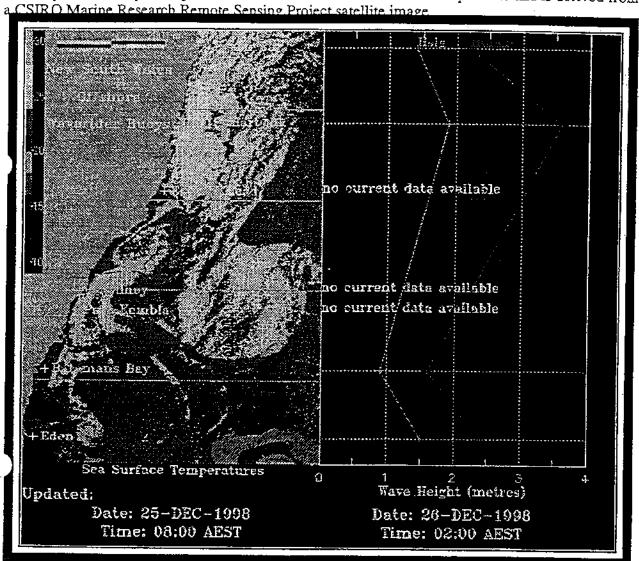




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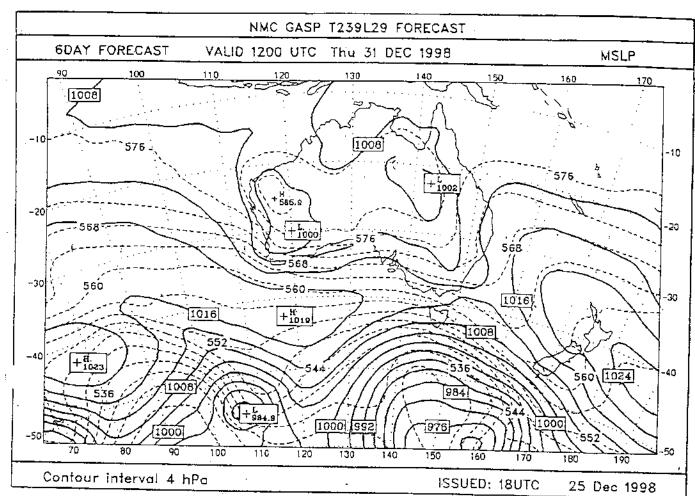
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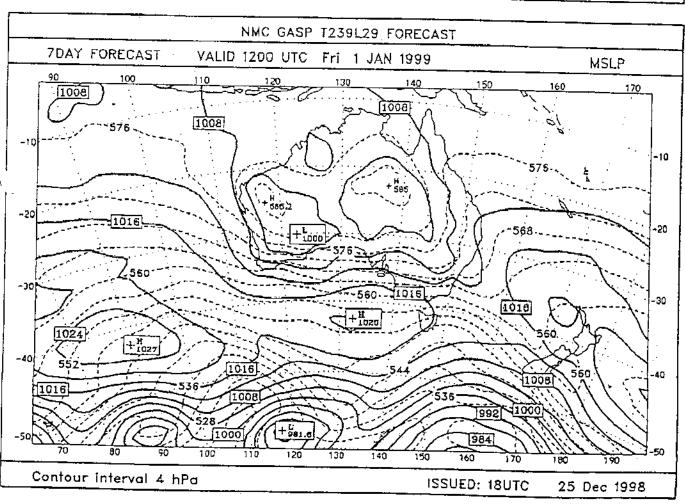
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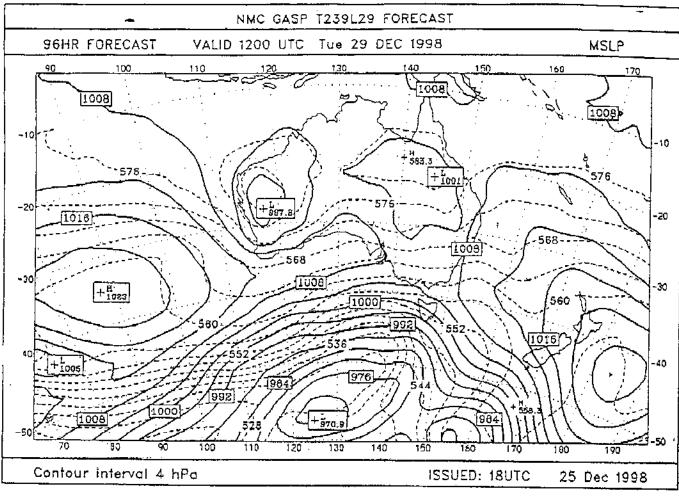


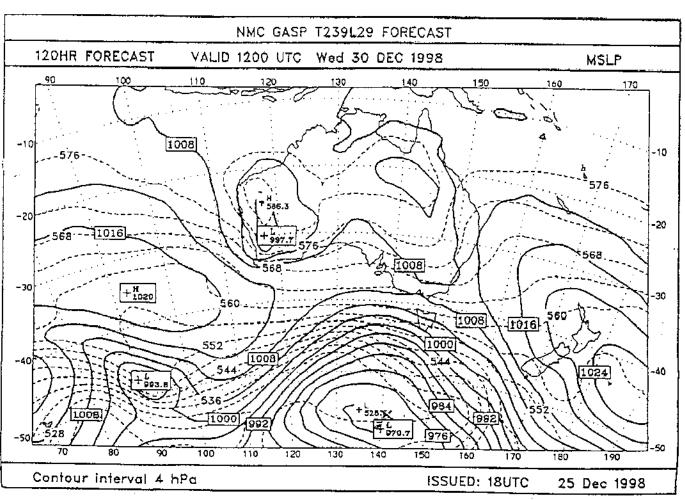
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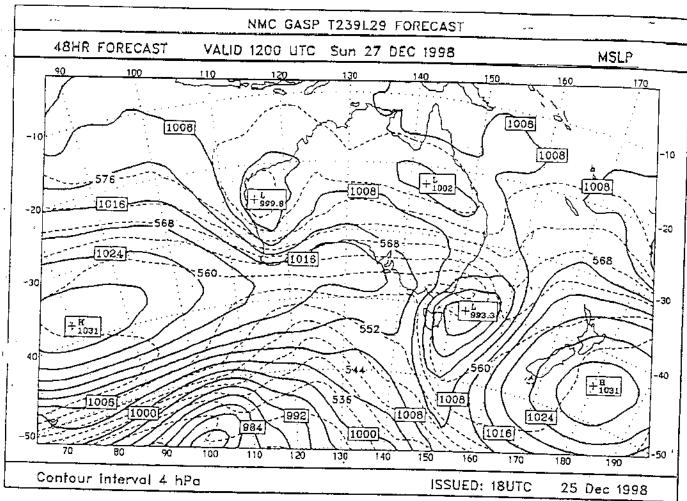
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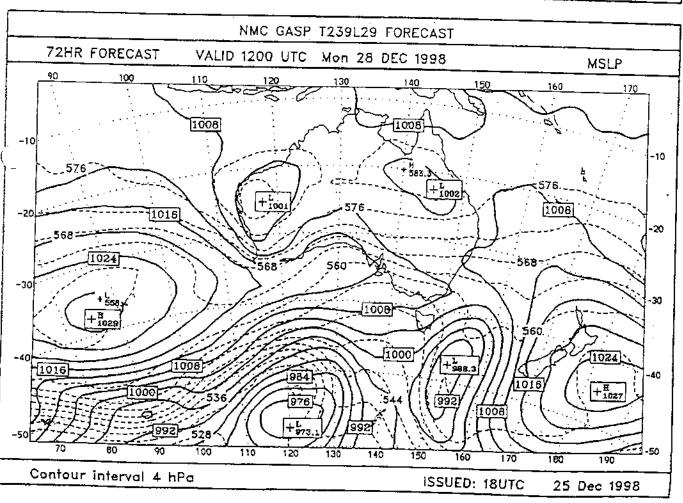


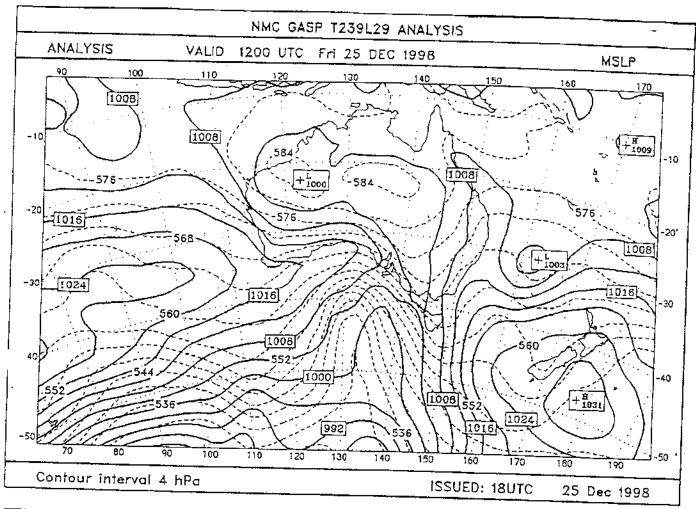


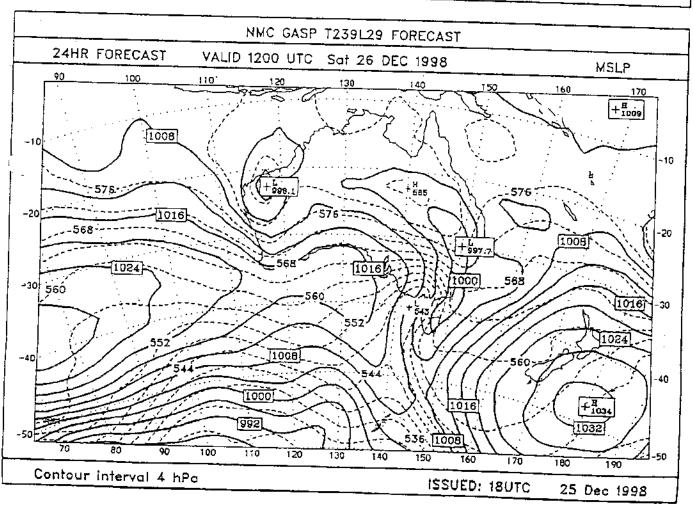


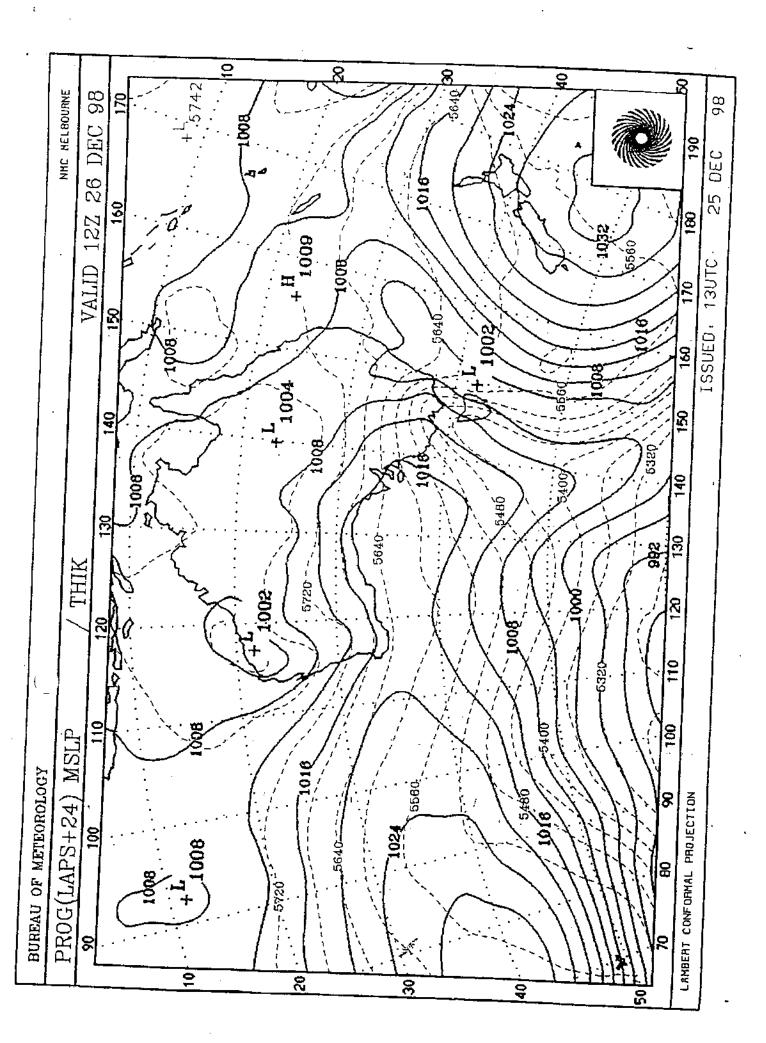


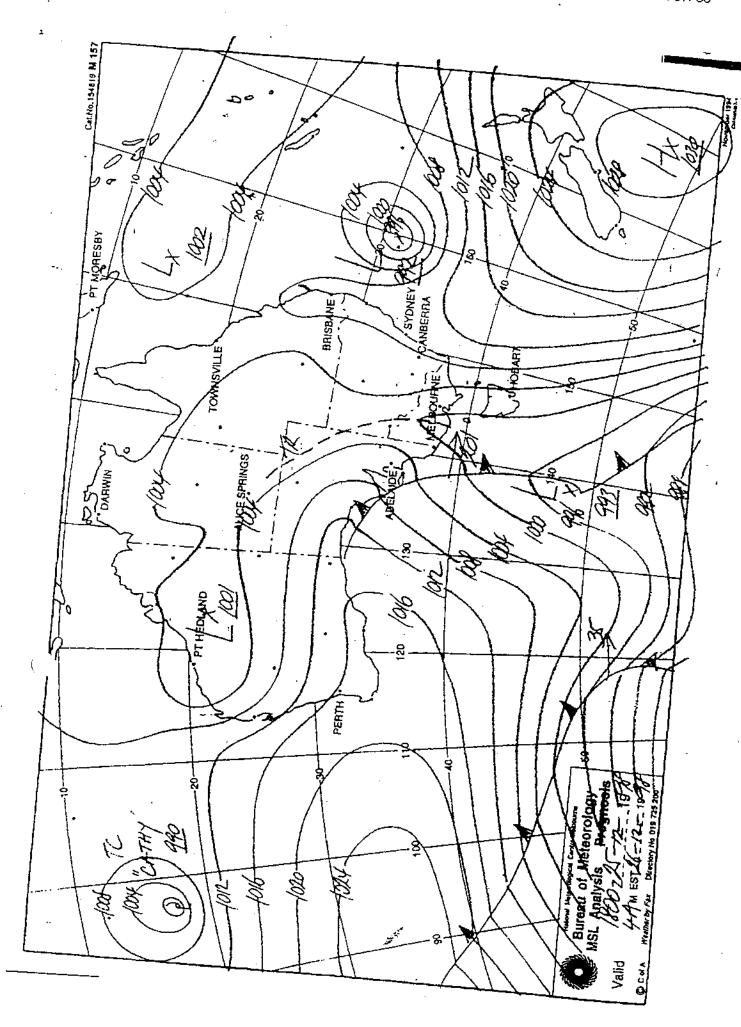






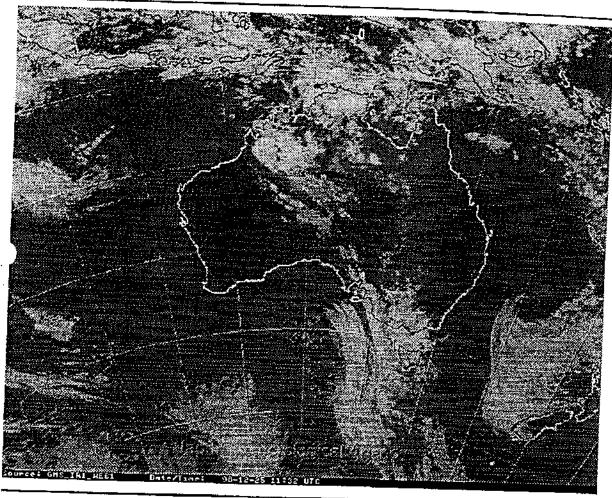








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FOR

AREA: Sydney to Jervis Bay.

SYNOPTIC SISTUATION: A high near New Zealand is ridging onto the central NSW coast. A low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. A cold front

WARNINGS: Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: Northeast wind 10/15 knots freshening to 15/25 knots by late afternoon or evening. A S/SW change 30/35 knots, with stronger gusts, expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-2am and then near Sydney around

WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 to 4 metres with S'ly change .

SWELL: 1 to 1.5 metres, increasing to 2 to 3 metres after S'ly change.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing this evening ahead of the change. A few showers persisting following the southerly change.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: Winds moderating north of Jervis Bay Sunday evening. Strong to gale force SW/W winds south of Jervis Bay expected to moderate Monday evening. ---- End COMMS message -----



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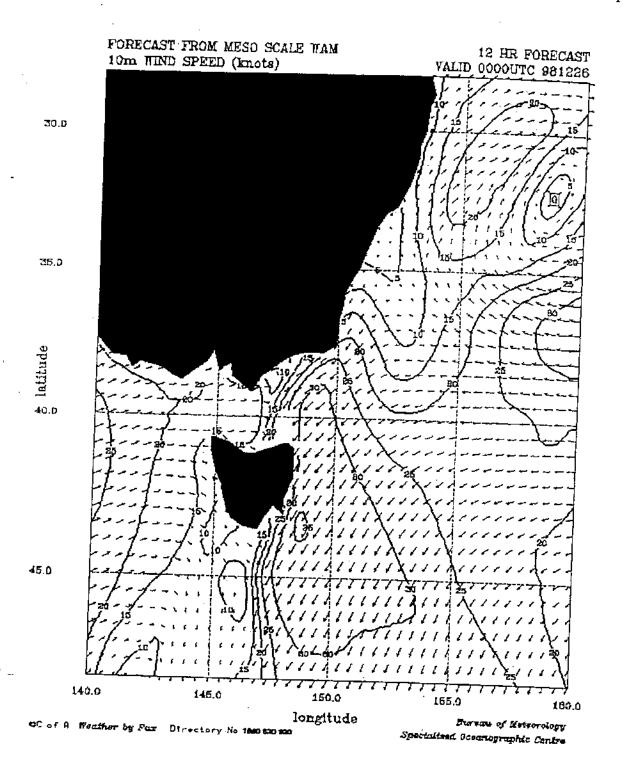
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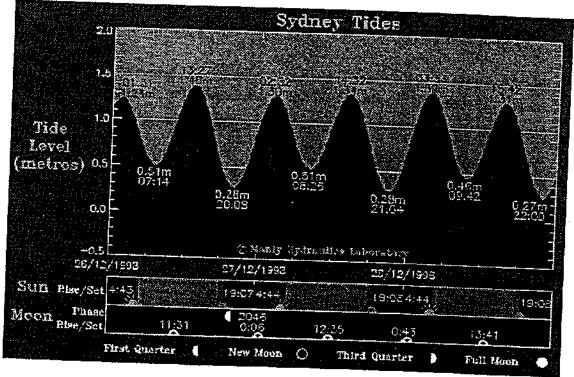
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Data similar to this and much more generally useful information is published in the NSW Tide Charts.



Note: All times are Australian Eastern Standard Time.

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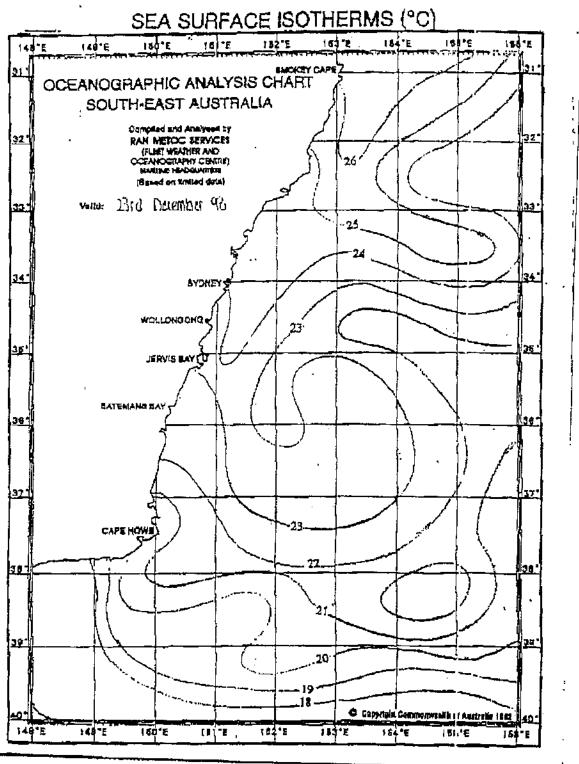


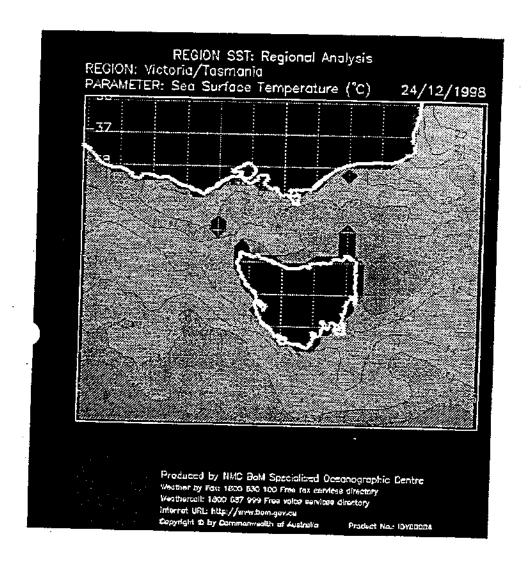
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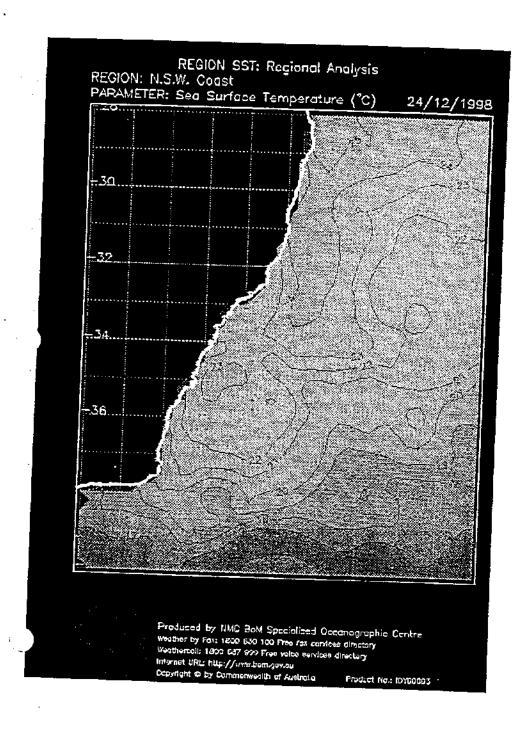
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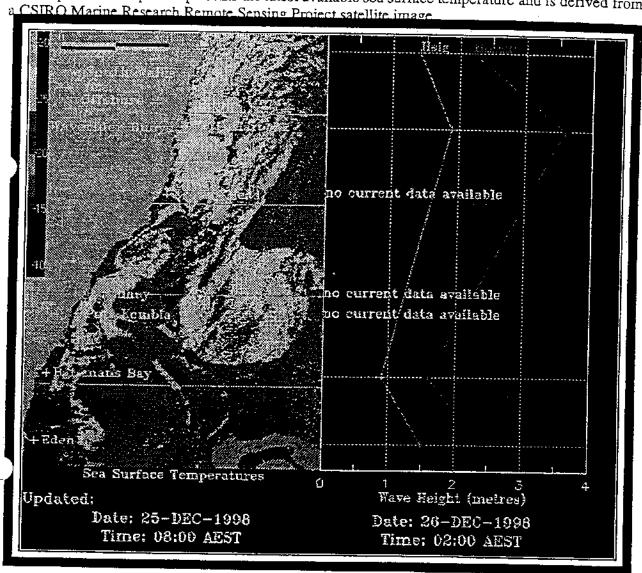




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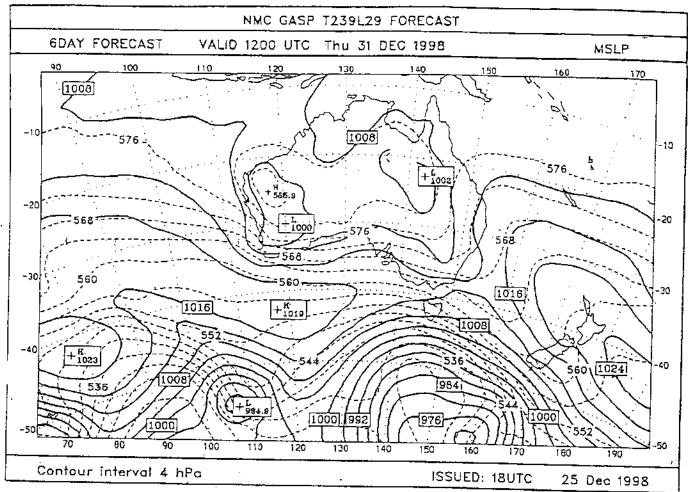
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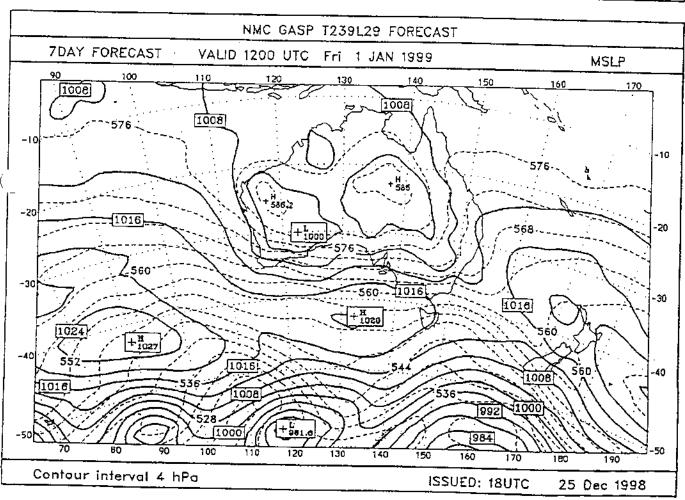
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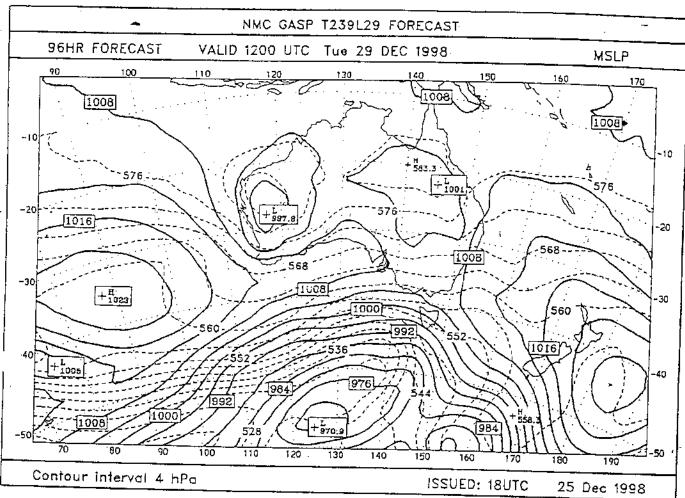


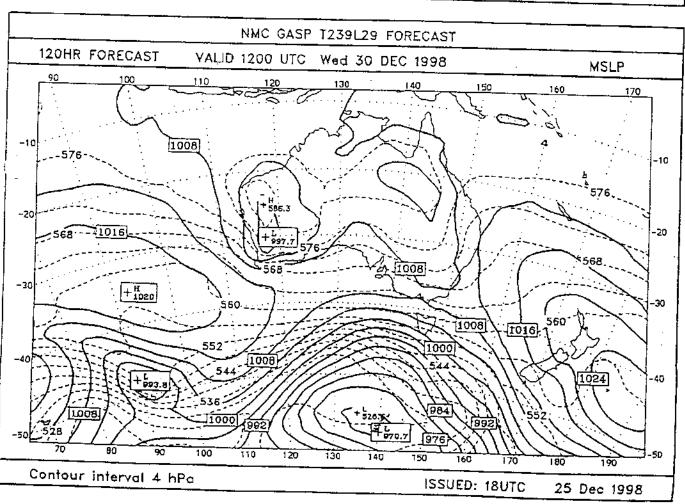
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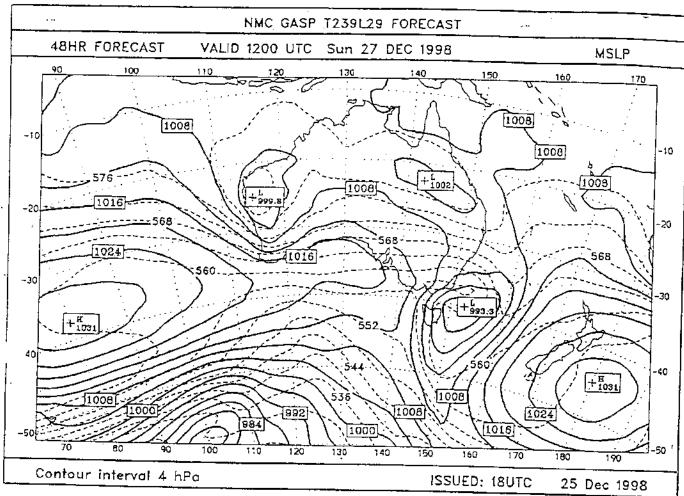
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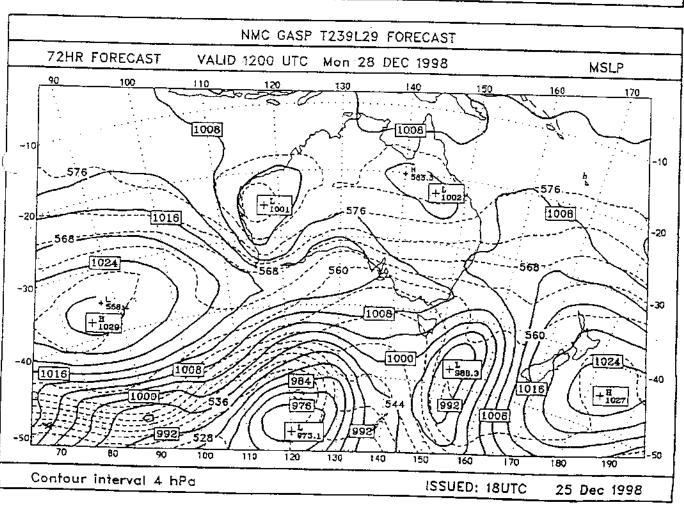


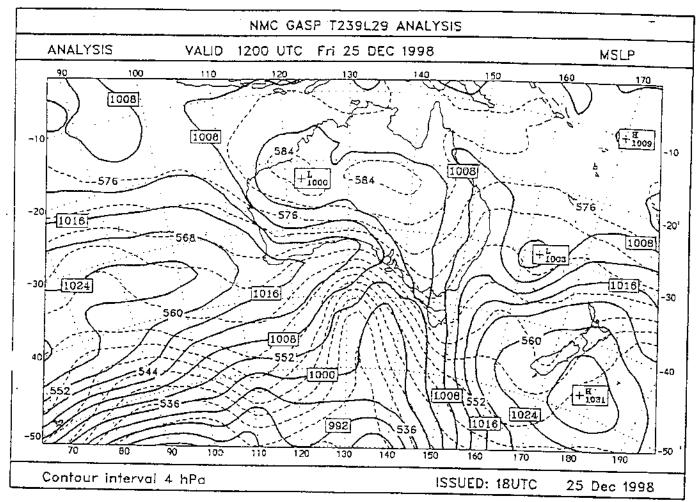


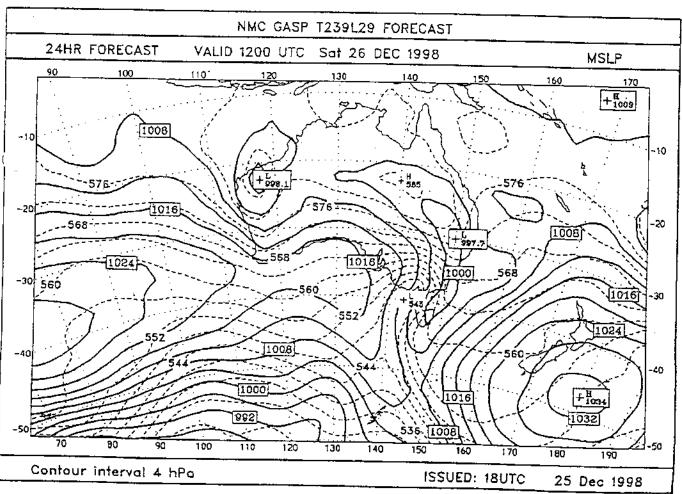


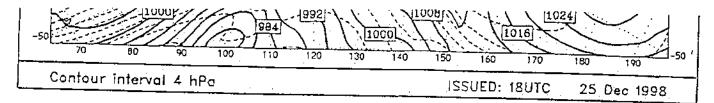


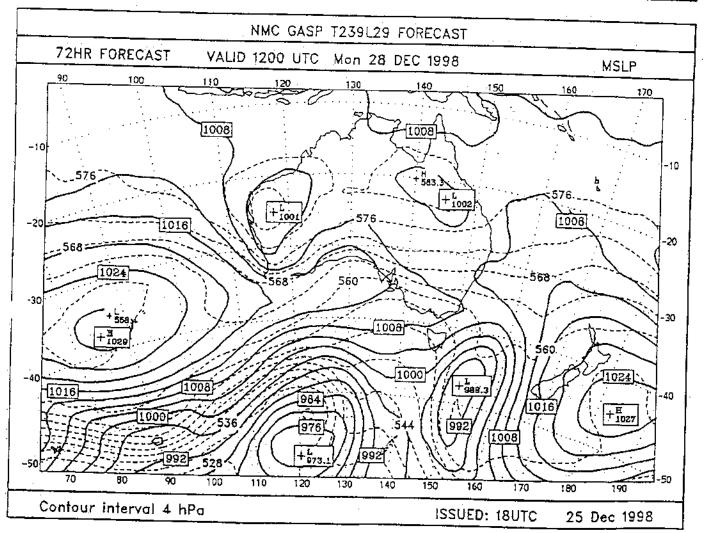


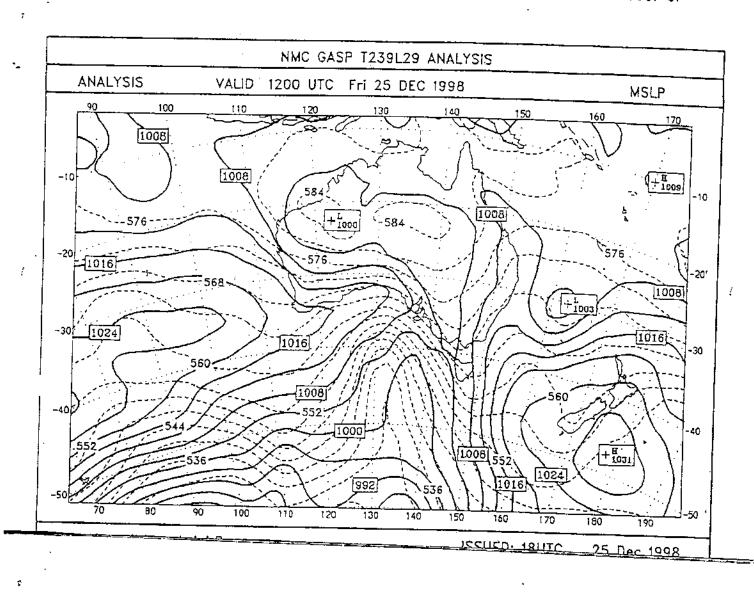


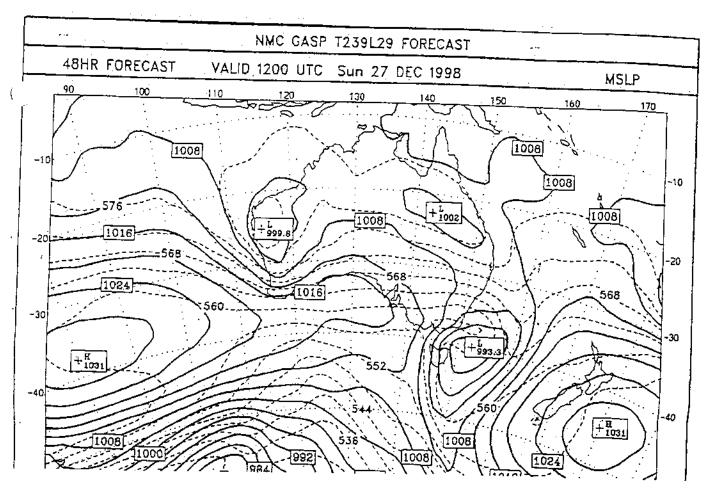


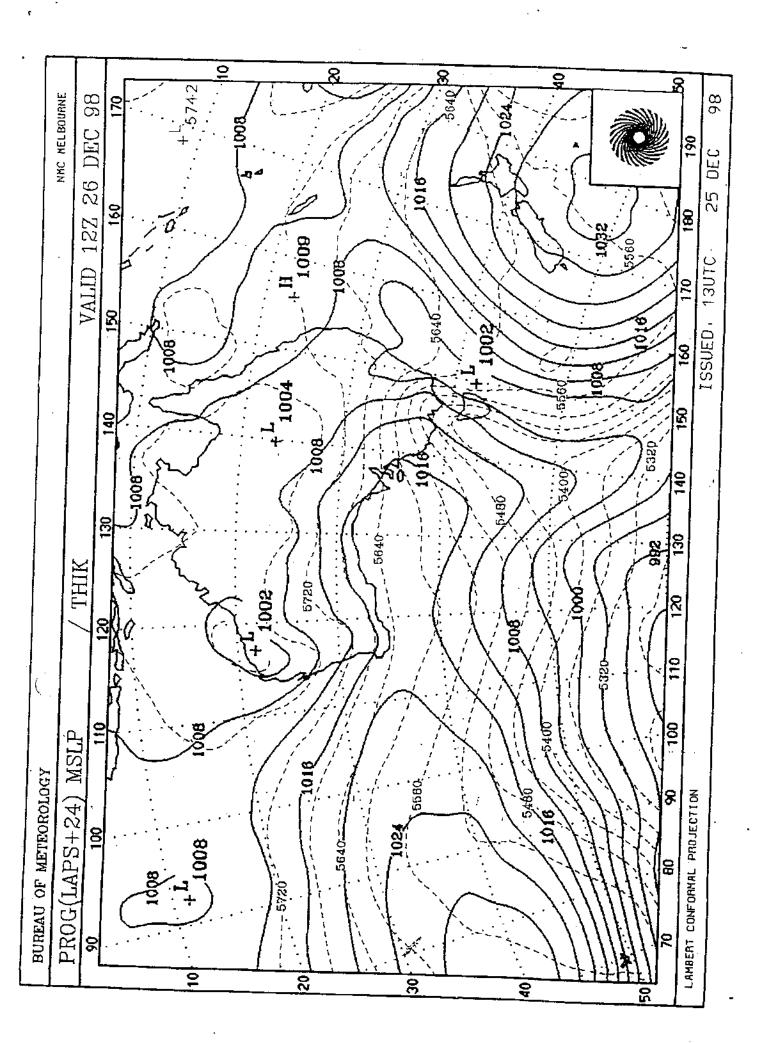


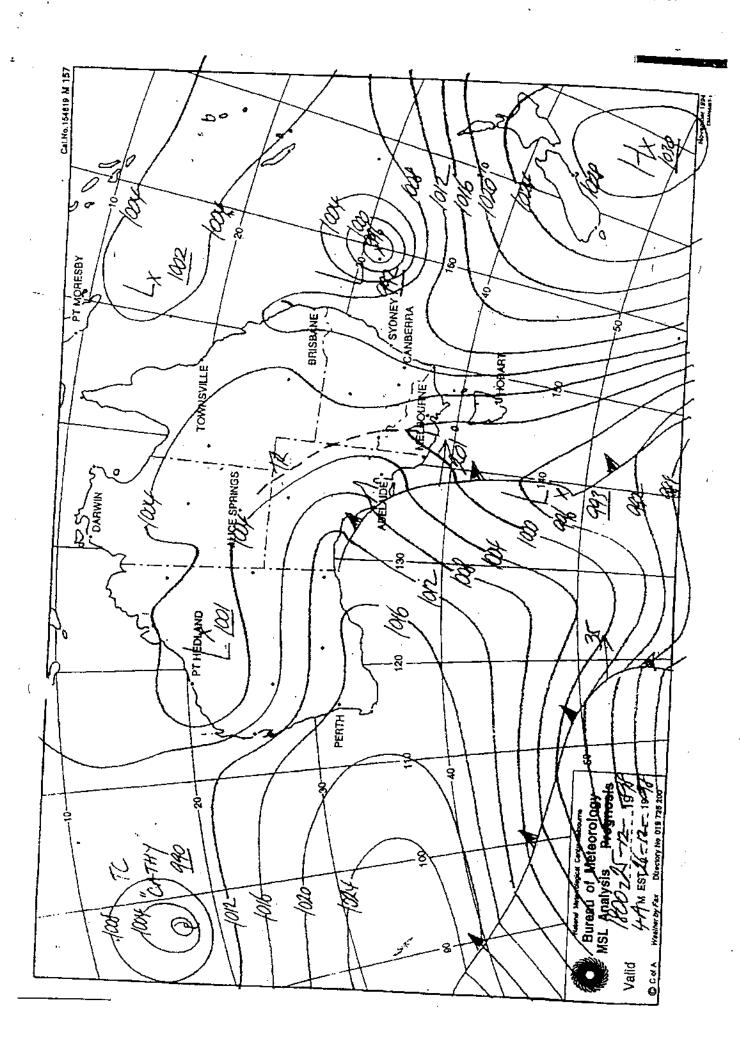






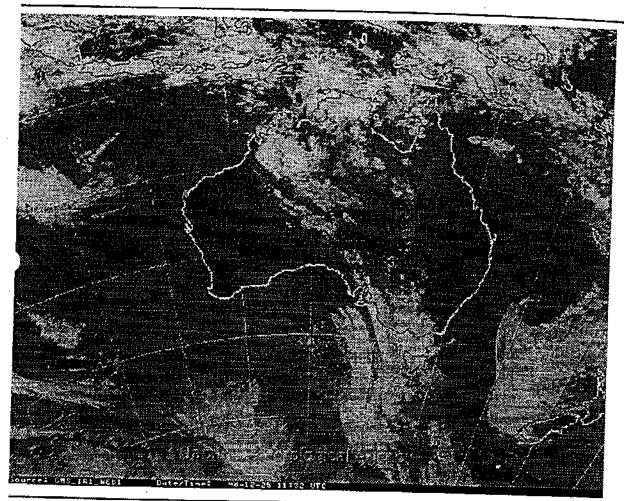








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## Issue:

Investigations into the deaths of participants in the Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race - Police to travel to Tasmania.

#### Background:

The events which decimated the 1998 Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race on 27/28 December, 1998, have been well documents through the media and a number of SITREPS. As a result of those events, four persons are deceased, while two more are missing presumed drowned. The Deputy Coroner, Mr John Abernathy, will conduct an inquest/inquiry into the deaths and other issues impacting upon the race.

#### Comment:

The investigations are being conducted co-jointly between the Water Police and Far South Coast LAC, and whilst a number of inquiries have been made and statements taken, there is a deal to he done. An Investigation Plan has been prepared by Detective Senior Constable Gray, Bega, and there is regular consultation between the investigation team and the Coroner.

It has become necessary for inquiries to be made in Hobart from part of the fleet which completed the race. Important among these inquiries, are those to be made from the crew of the Young Endeavour, a naval training vessel which accompanied the fleet and which contained communications personnel from the CYC in Sydney. There have been allegations made in connection with the prioritisation of yachts to be rescued made by personnel on the Young Endeavour. Protocols have been established and Mr Abernathy has issued process to obtain documents from the Young Endeavour. The process can be served by the local Coroner on behalf of Mr Abernathy.

Information is also at hand that the surviving crew of the 'Sword of Orion's will travel to Hobart on 1.1.99, to attend the memorial service. They will have to be interviewed in relation to the missing crew member, Glen Charles. Other crews may also be able to provide useful evidence.

It is proposed that Detective Senior Constable Gray and Sergeant Upton, Water Police leave for Hobart on 1.1.99. Authority to travel granted by myself and Superintendent Jeffries.

I have spoken with Deputy Commissioner Lupo Prinz, TASPOL, this date, and he has undertaken to assist the investigation with the provision of resources which may be required.

B W Johnston

Commander .

South Eastern Region

31,12,98.

1. Acting Deputy Commissioner.



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# Final Gale Warning Coastal Waters South of Broken Bay and Strong Wind Warning between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks

## Issued at 0235 on Monday the 28th of December 1998

## Synoptic Situation ....

Low 984hPa east of Tasmania and moving eastsoutheast at about 20 knots.

#### Warning

W/SW winds 25/35 knots south of Merimbula, winds abating to 15/25 knots during theday.

W/SW winds reaching 20/30 knots offshore between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks, decreasing to below 25 knots this morning.

Seas 2 to 4 metres offshore, abating to 1 to 2.5 metres by late today.

Swell 1 to 2 metres in the north grading to 2 to 3 metres in the south.



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## Gale Warning Coastal Waters South of Broken Bay Strong Wind Warning between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks

## Issued at 2104 on Sunday the 27th of December 1998

#### Synoptic Situation

Low 984hPa east of Bass Strait moving eastsoutheast about 20 knots.

#### Warning

W/SW winds 25/35 knots south of Broken Bay, increasing to 35/45 knots offshore south of Merimbula overnight. Winds abating to 20/30 knots during Monday.

W/SW winds reaching 20/30 knots offshore between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks, decreasing below 20 knots Monday morning.

Seas 2 to 3 metres offshore, reaching 3 to 5 metres offshore in the south overnight, but abating during Monday. Swell 1 to 2 metres in the north grading to 2 to 3 metres in the south.



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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 1500 on Sunday the 27th of December 1998

## **Synoptic Situation**

Low 987hPa east of Bass Strait moving east about 20 knots.

## Warning

W/SW winds 30/40 knots south of Merimbula, reaching 40/50 knots offshore, decreasing to 25/35 knots during Monday.

W/SW winds 25/35 knots between Broken Bay and Merimbula, reaching 40 knots offshore, decreasing below 25 knots Monday morning.

W/SW winds reaching 20/30 knots offshore between Seal Rocks and Broken Bay, decreasing below 20 knots Monday morning.

Seas 2 to 3 metres offshore, reaching 3 to 5 metres offshore in the south, but abating during Monday. Swell 1 to 2 metres in the north grading to 2 to 3 metres in the south.

Review 9 pm



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Issued at 0904 on Sunday the 27th of December 1998

## Synoptic Situation

Low 987hPa near northeast Tasmania. Cold front south of Coffs Harbour moving north

## Warning

W/SW winds 25/35 knots south of Merimbula increasing to 40/50 knots offshore this afternoon then decreasing to 30/40 knots Monday.

W/SW winds 25/35 knots between Broken Bay and Merimbula, reaching 40 knots in south today, then decreasing to 15/25 knots in south Monday and 10/15 knots in north. W/SW winds reaching 20/30 knots offshore between Seal Rocks and Broken Bay, decreasing to 10/15 knots Monday.

Seas 2 to 3 metres in the north, rising to 3 to 5 metres in the south offshore, but abating in the north Monday. Swell rising in the south offshore to 2 to 3 metres.







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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

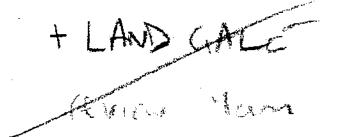
## Synoptic Situation

Low 992hPa near northeast 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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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 2059 on Saturday the 26th of December 1998

## Synoptic Situation

High over New Zealand ridging onto central NSW coast. Low 995hPa just south of Lord Howe Island is slow moving and weakening. Cold front moving east across eastern Victoria. Low 992hPa forming in eastern Bass Strait

#### 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.



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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.

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Priority Gale Warning Coastal Waters South of Broken Bay. Priority Strong Wind Warning Coastal Waters between Broken Bay and Seal Rocks

Issued at 0926 on Saturday the 26th of December 1998

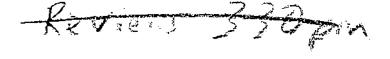
## Synoptic Situation

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

## Warning

S/SW change 30/40 knots expected South Coast tonight, then S/SW 25/35 knots Illawarra and Sydney Coast early Sunday morning, and S/SW 25/30 knots Hunter Coast later Sunday morning.

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.





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# Coastal Waters South of Ulladulla

## Issued at 0408 on Saturday the 26th of December 1998

**Priority** Strong Wind Warning

## Synoptic Situation

High over New Zealand ridging onto central NSW coast, trough over western Victoria and cold front approaching Adelaide.

#### Warning

Southerly winds 20/30 knots expected following the passage of the cold front late tonight.

Seas 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres with frontal passage. Swell 1 to 2 metres, rising tonight.

