

NATIONAL EMS PILOTS ASSOCIATION

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Snr. Const. Daryl Jones Victorian Police Air Wing Hangar 104, Lionel Street Essendon Airport, Vic. 3041

Dear Daryl,

Re:

Helicopter Rescue in Sydney-to-Hobart Yacht Race

I have been asked by the President of the National EMS Pilots Association to write to you, extending the board's congratulations for your fine work in the search and rescue operations for the Sydney-to-Hobart racing yacht crews off south eastern Australia last month.

As colleagues in the helicopter emergency services field, NEMSPA members understand the magnitude of the task that you were asked to perform and the skill and discipline which was required to complete it.

The location of so many distressed vessels and the successful recovery of 50 sailors from the mountainous seas is a tremendous tribute – not only to the capability of the modern helicopter – but to the professionalism of those who fly them in emergency service.

The National EMS Pilots Association wishes you much success and safe flying in 1999.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel E Tyler

Director, National EMS Pilots Association