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Mrs Genta Hawkins Holmes
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States of America
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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

Clive Davidson

5 January 1999