


David Adams Ocean Racing



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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,



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