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INMARSAT C - PACIFIC

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FM RCC AUSTRALIA 290722Z DEC 98

MARSAR 98/4372 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

SOUTH EAST AUSTRALIAN COAST CHART AUS 423.

NUMEROUS ABANDONED YACHTS AND ASSOCIATED DEBRIS REPORTED IN GENERAL  
VICINITY 36 00S TO 39 00S AND COAST TO 152 00E.

VESSELS TRANSITING THE AREA REQUESTED TO KEEP SHARP LOOKOUT.

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VMR

THIS 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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P 290608Z DEC 98  
FM RCC AUSTRALIA  
TO FAX MHQAUST  
FAX SYDNEY WATER POLICE  
FAX MELBOURNE WATER POLICE  
FAX RACE CONTROL HOBART  
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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  
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TO RAYMJB/HQAST

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RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

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HQAC AIR OPS

RAYMMA/MA SYDNEY

INFO RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

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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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HQAC AIR OPS

RAYMMA/MA SYDNEY

INFO RAYRGH/COMAUSNAVAIR

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

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RAYRGH/723 SQN

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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

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MERIBULA 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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SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ BAD WEATHER HAS RESULTED IN THE NEED TO RESCUE  
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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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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.//  
AKNLDG/NO//

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