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ZNR UUUUU
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FM CTU 646.2.2
TO HQAC AIROPS
RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA
INFO RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE
RAYWAF/COASTWATCH CANBERRA
RAYMHG/MHQAUST
RAYBUV/92WG OPS
ZEN/CTG 646.2

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MSGIC/PURPLE/CTU646.2.2/12051/AEC//
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MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH AND COMMAND CONTROL//
NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YATCH RACE//
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EVTASK/YPED/280420Z6/280624Z2/281423Z0/281517Z4/YATCHS/-//
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ACFTID/P3C/A9-756/-/2NM/ALR2001//
PCRAFT/1/UNK/AS/AMT/BLUE/-/SLOOP/-/-/M2000//
TMPOS/280640Z0/3644S8-15217E8/330T/1KTS/FIXED/AIR/VISUAL//
PCRAFT/2/UNK/UNK/AMP/-/-/SLOOP/-/-//
TMPOS/281321Z7/3718S9-15115E3/-/-/FIXED/AIR/IRDS//
AMPN/DISMasted, NO SIGN OF CREW//
PCRAFT/3/UNK/UNK/NROD/-/-/SLOOP/-/-//
TMPOS/281319Z4/3716S7-15121E0/-/-/FIXED/AIR/IRDS//
AMPN/DISMasted, NO SIGN OF CREW//
FISHCTC/N/OREGON/TRAWLER/AS/NAH//
TMPOS/281331Z8/3711S2-15059E0/140T/5KTS/FIXED/AIR/VISUAL//
AMPN/TRACKING FOR PCRAFT NO.2//
FYFCE/HMAS NEWCASTLE/1/FFG//
FYPOS/HMAS NEWCASTLE/3655S9-15203E1/280847Z9/038T/9KTS/AS//
MET/FL007/210T/25KTS/5NM/NIL/LGT/S/SC/BASE:030/TOPS:035/
14C/1006/3M/210T/4//
TMPOS/280632Z1/3645S8-15213E2/-/-/-/AIR/VISUAL//
EXPEND/MK58 SMOKEs/7/-/-/MK25 SMOKEs/1/-/-/SSQ53/8/-/-/
GREEN VEREY PISTOL FLAREs/32/-/-//
CREW/1/PC-FLTLT GALL/TC-FLTLT FLYNN/SEM-FLTLT MURGREW//
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FLTTM/OTR/11.1//

AMPN/OTR/TASK CAT 101//AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE ASAP AND FULLY SERVICEABLE.
MAX TAS TO ONTASK. WHILST TRACKING TO START OF SEARCH AREA 2 BEACONS
ON 121.5 PICKED UP. ONE BEACON LOCALISED AND ITS POSITION AND THE
OTHER BCN REPORTED. A/C CONTINUED WITH ASSIGNED TASKING COMMENCED
VISUAL SEARCH IN ASSIGNED AREA. THIRD BCN LOCATED DURING FIRST LEG OF
SEARCH. ITS POSN WAS LOCALISED INSIDE SRCH AREA AND WAS IMMEDIATELY
INVESTIGATED. BCN DETERMINED TO BE CO-LOCATED WITH DISMasted YACHT

(PCRAFT NO 1) SAIL NO M2000. YACHT WAS MAKING WAY AT ABOUT 1KT, WITH 3 PEOPLE SEEN ON DECK. YATCH WAS REPORTED TO BOTH AUSSAR AND HMAS NEWCASTLE. YATCH DID NOT APPEAR IN UNDUE DISTRESS ALTHOUGH NO COMMS WAS ABLE TO BE ESTABLISHED ON CH16. NEWC ADVISED THAT ITS TASKING WAS TO LOCATE THIS VESSEL. A/C RESUMED SRCH OF TASKED AREA. INTERMITTENT RADAR CONTACT WAS REPORTED TO AUSSAR EAST OF SEARCH AREA. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 2 LEGS OF THE SRCH AREA COMPLETE A/C RETASKED TO INVESTIGATE BCN CONTACTS AT POSN'S 3621S1-15246E AND 3632S-15351E. FIRST POSN APPEARED TO CORRELATE WITH INTERMITTANT RADAR CONTACT PASSED. BCN AND VISUAL DATUM SRCH'S OF BOTH POSNS CONDUCTED WITH NO JOY. RADAR CONTACTED REASSESSED AS WEATHER. EACH ARE EFFECTIVELY SEARCHED FOR APPROX 20MIN PER AREA. AFTER REPORTING

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NO JOY TO AUSSAR A/C RETASKED BY COMMAND SARO WITH VISUAL SRCH OF AREA BOUNDED BY 37208-3730S-15015E-15130E TO LOCATE LIFERAFT WITH 5 POB FROM YATCH WINSTON CHURCHILL. SRCH LEGS WERE TO BE EAST-WEST WITH 1NM TRACK SPACING TO THE SOUTH, WITH 12 LEGS. ALSO ADVISED OF FLARE SEACH AREA OF 3654S-15205E, 37138-15213E, 3750S-15023E, 3733S-15014E. FINNALLY A POSN WAS ADVISED OF 3736S-15128E FOR PLACEMENT OF A SAR DATUM BOUY ON OPPORTUNITY BASIS. THE INITIAL VIS SRCH TASK WAS COMMENCED AND INVESTIGATED TWO BCNS WERE LOCALISED AND POSNS PASSED TO AUSSAR. ONE BCN WAS LOCATED INSIDE SRCH AREA AND WAS INVESTIGATED WITH NO JOY. A/C WAS ADVISED THAT BOTH BCNS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVESTIGATED AND WERE TO BE DISREGUARDED. A/C THEN RESSUMED VISUAL SRCH OF TASKED AREA HOWEVER DUE TO FAILING LIGHT CONDITIONS IT WAS DECIDED TO PREPARE FOR THE FLARE SRCH, HOWEVER A/C WAS MAINTAINED ON VISUAL SRCH TRACK UNTIL READY TO CHANGED TO NEW TACTK. DURING THIS VISUAL TALLY GAINED ON WEAK LIGHT SOURCE IN WATER. NO IRDS CONTACT GAINED HOWEVER DETERMINED THAT LIGHT SOURCE HIGHLY LIKELY TO BE RELATED TO POSSIBLE SURVIVORS. CONTACT REPORTED TO AUSSAR AND TO NEWCASTLE/.HOUMED 1 UNABLE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISSTANCE DUE TO REFUELLING REQUIREMENTS. SEAHAWK C/S TIGER 75 WAS DIVERTED FROM MERIMBULA TO INVESTIGATE. TWO SURVIVORS WERE LOCATED

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IN DAMAGED LIFERAFT AND WINCH ABOARD TIGER 75. P3 PROVIDED HIGH BOUY OPS AND COMMS RELAY TO AUSSAR. ONE SURVIVOR IDENTIFIED AS JOHN STANLEY WITH OTHER SURVIVOR NOT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED. INFROMATION OBTAINED INDICATED SURVIVORS WERE FROM THE WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS HAD BEEN LOST OVERBOARD FROM TH ELIFERAFT AT APPROX 0500 LOCAL (16HOURS PRIOR). ALL THREE WERE BELIEVED TO BE TOGETHER WITH LIFEVESTS, COLD WEATHER GEAR AND POSSIBLEY AN EPIRB AND STROBE LIGHT. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF TIGER 75, RE-ASSESSMENT OF SRCH TACTICS MADE TO LOCATE 3 POS IN WATER. DRIFT RATE OF OCEAN DETERMINED FROM DIFAR BUOY DROPPED EARLIER IN AREA AS 310 AT 2000 YDS PER HOUR. INITIAL ASSESSMENT PLACED APPROX DATUM AT 310, 20NM FROM RAFT WHICH CO-INCIDED WITH PREVIOUS REPORTED BEACON POSN. DATUM SEACH OF BCN CONDUCTED AND CONCLUDED THAT BCN CO-LOCATED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE ABANDONED YACHT. REVISED SRCH TACTIC WAS TO CODUCT TRACK SEARCH DOWN DRIFT BRG FROM LIFE RAFT FOR DIST 20NM UP TO 5NM EITHER SIDE OF TRACK WITH TRACK SPACING 1NM, ALTITUDE 700FT. SEAKING C/S SHARK 05 ARRIVED ONTASK AND P3 ASSIGNED SHARK 05 TO SEARCH LEFT OF BRG OUT TO 5NM AND P3 TO SRCH RIGHT OF BRG OUT TO 5NM FOR DIST OF 20NM DOWN BRG. TOTAL AREA SEARCHED BOUNDED BY THE POINTS 3704S-15056E, 3717S-15116E, 3723S-15109E, 3711S-15048E. THIS AREA SAS

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BASED ON SURVIVORS DRIFTING FASTER THAN LIFERAFT WHICH WAS REPORTED TO HAVE A SEA ANCHOR. WHEN P3 COMPLETED ITS HALF OF ASSIGNED AREA, NEW SEARCH AREA DETERMINED BASED ON LIFERAFT DRIFTING FASTER THAN SURVIVORS IN WATER AND AREA SEARCHED PRIOR TO OFFTASK DUE BINGO FUEL BOUNDED BY 3721S-15112E, 3735S-15131E, 3737S-15129E, 3723S-15109E.

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SEARCH 20 = FLOW ANOMALY TARGET

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white yacht sighted.
white hull
orange raft
NO POS SIGHTED.
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P 282041Z DEC 98
FM RCC AUSTRALIA
TO FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (CANBERRA)
FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (GUNNEDAH)
FAX CHIEF EXECUTIVE AMSA
FAX CHAIRMAN AMSA
FAX DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
FAX MR J MANSER
FAX MRS S BRATTON
FAX MRS S BRATTON (W)
FAX MR D GILLIES
FAX MR A HYAMS
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SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE - RESCUE INCIDENTS

SITREP 2 AT 7.00 AM TUESDAY THE 29 DECEMBER.

SEARCH FOR THE WINSTON CHURCHILL SURVIVORS CONTINUES. A SECOND
RAFT WAS LOCATED EARLY LAST NIGHT WITH 2 SURVIVORS WHO WERE RESCUED
BY HELICOPTER. THREE MISSING CREW MEN WERE REPORTED TO BE IN THE
WATER WITH LIFEJACKETS ON AND HEAVY WEATHER GEAR. THE WINSTON
CHURCHILL IS PRESUMED SUNK. AN AIR SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MEN
CONTINUED THROUGH THE NIGHT AND RESUMED AT FIRST LIGHT WITH 24 FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT AND SIX HELICOPTERS. ONE BODY HAS BEEN LOCATED THIS
MORNING.

RAN FRIGATE HMAS NEWCASTLE IS PROCEEDING TO THE DISMASTED YACHT SOLO
GLOBE CHALLENGER LOCATED THIS MORNING WITH THE AID OF A RAAF P3
ORION. IT IS INTENDED TO EVACUATE INJURED CREW MEMBERS, AND A
FISHING VESSEL HAS BEEN ORGANISED TO TOW THE VESSEL TO SAFETY.

A FIXED WING AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN TASKED TO LOCATE THE YACHT VETO WHICH
IS UNREPORTED TO RACE CONTROL SINCE 14.05 LOCAL TIME ON THE 27
DECEMBER 1998.

SINCE OPERATIONS BEGAN AT 1500 (3.00PM) 27 DECEMBER 1998 A TOTAL OF
54 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RESCUED, WITH SEARCHES CONTINUING FOR TWO MISSING
FROM THE WINSTON CHURCHILL.
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Local DIS MASTED LIGHT.
3718 S 15119 E
SHARKS. INVESTIGATE.
MARK. WITH SMOKE

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There is a large eddy
between 37° + a little south of
37° + from Batemans Bay
to 153° + about 2 1/2 to 3 km
movement to the east.
Please call me any time
Thanks
will fax you details of web
site

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H/A 37 12.5 150 SSE = VH-NBK

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243 MHz BEACON DETECTED 0604 UTC
 36 21S 153 52E PLSE ABIC
 HMMS NEWCASTLE TO MONITOR & REPORT.

R- TIGER 875 HAS WENDED ONBOARD
 HMMS ^(NEWCASTLE) ~~NEWCASTLE~~ AND COME U/S.
 TIGER 875 HAS COMPLETED 5 OF 9
 LEGS OF AREA 'H'.

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MSGID/GENADMIN/MHQAUST/25/DEC//

SUBJ/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE ASSISTANCE//

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.//

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GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ THE FOLLOWING ASSETS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE IS CURRENTLY ENROUTE TO THE YACHT SOLO GLOBE CHALLENGER TO RECOVER THREE REMAINING PERSONNEL ONBOARD. O/C NEWCASTLE WILL REMAIN IN THE AO OVERNIGHT CONTINUING SEARCH FOR YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL AND AS TASKED BY RCC AUSTRALIA.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S70B-2 IS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA HOWEVER IT WILL RETURN TO NAS NOWRA AT APPROX 280730Z DEC 98.

/C/ HMAS MELBOURNE IS CURRENTLY ORV AT 8 HRS NFS ALONGSIDE FBE.

/D/ HMAS MELBOURNE'S S-70B-2 HAS DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR THE YACHT WINSTON CHURCHILL. O/C MELBOURNE'S S70B-2 IS TO RETURN TO NAS NOWRA FAO.

/E/ 817 SQN HAS DEPLOYED 2 X SK50 TO MERIMBULA TO ASSIST IN RESCUE OPS. BOTH SK50 UNQUOTES WILL REMAIN DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA OVERNIGHT, TASKINGS AS REQUIRED BY RCC AUSTRALIA. FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR THE 2 X SK50 UNQUOTES WILL BE REVIEWED AM 29 DEC WITH HIGH PROBABILITY THAT ASSETS WILL BE RELEASED.

/2/ HQACAUST HAS COMMITTED 1 X C130 AND 1 X P3C TO THE MARSAR. THESE ARE BEING UTILISED AS SEARCH ASSETS WHILST MHQAUST ASSETS ARE BEING UTILISED AS RESCUE ASSETS. COMMAND AND CONTROL THEREFORE IS NOT AN ISSUE WITH BOTH COMPONENT COMMANDERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ASSETS KEEPING HQAST INFORMED.//

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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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REQUEST SURFACE WINDS

R 280510Z DEC 98
FM RCC AUSTRALIA
TO FAX MET MELBOURNE

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ATTENTION DUTY FORECASTER

AUSSAR 98/4372 - SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

1. FOR SEARCH PLANNING PURPOSES REQUEST ACTUAL SURFACE WINDS
IN 6 HOURLY INTERVALS FROM 271800 UTC DEC 98 TO PRESENT AND FORECAST
TO 290100 UTC IN 360 DEGREE NOTATION FOR VICINITY OF 37 00S 151 00E.

2. IN ADDITION REQUEST MARITIME SURVEILLANCE FORECAST FOR ABOVE AREA.

3. PSE RESPOND BY FAX TO (02)62306868 AFTN YSARYCYX OR TLX 62349 AS
CONVENIENT.

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RE SIMEX FOR NEWCASTLE
 GIVEN

- ① to SW GLOBE CHALLENGE
- ② SUBJECT to 385 1571 FOR RESCUE MESSAGES
 transcribed.

- SEARCH TO CONTINUE.

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DISCUSSED SOS CALL AND
HE WILL MONITOR FREQ.

DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY THAT IT
COULD BE IN ANY REGION
AND MAY BE CRANK CALL.

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MELBOURNE/PERTH 25048-7

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CANBERRA

OOO INCIDENT TO REPORT.....

THE DISTRESS SIGNAL SOS SENT DISTINCTLY 4 OR 5 TIMES ON HF FREQUENCY
8369KHZ AT 0422Z. NO FURTHER TRANSMISSION SENT, INTERROGATED BUT DUE
TO THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THE WORLD CALLING FREQUENCIES ANY RESPONSE
WOULD HAVE BEEN HIGHLY UNLIKELY (IN ANY EVENT A HF SOS SIGNAL WOULD
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO A PARTICULAR SHORE STATION, WITH THE VESSEL
SPECIFICALLY LISTENING TO THE SHORE STATION TRANSMIT FREQUENCY).

REGARDING UTM

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VLSTRA AA157749

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TO AIG 3879

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RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

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NARR/SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE//

FORCE/10 SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN: RESCUE 253//

AMPN/TAC:92//

EVTASK/YPED/280330Z6/280530Z8/281530Z9/281600Z7/YMES/-//

AREA/SEARCH AREA AS PER AUSSAR BRIEF START 3607S-15200E//

COMMS/SAR CO-ORD/-/123.1 MHZ/P/VHF VOICE/282.8MHZ/S/UHF VOICE//

AMPN

/HELOS TALKING ON MELBOURNE FIS FREQUENCIES AND ARE OPERATING OUT OF MERIMBULA//

COMMS/SAG FREQ/-/6730KHZ/P/HF//

COMMS/92WGOPS/-/361.25MHZ/P/UHF VOICE//

AMPN/DEPARTURE AND SERVICEABILITY, YPED//

AKNLDG/NO//

RMKS/

1. CONDUCT SEARCH IAW AUSSAR AND 92WG OPS BRIEF.

2. CIVIL FLIGHT FOLLOWING IN TRANSIT. MILITARY (NACOC) FF ON TASK WITH HALF HOUR ALTERNATE POSN/OPSN REPORTS. PRIMARY OPCON CENTRE IS CTU 646.2.2

3. MAINTAIN CRATT COMMS WITH CTU 646.2.2 VAI AOCs THROUGHOUT MISSION. USE GPN AND PHONE PATCH AS REQUIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AUSSAR.

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AUSSAR PHONE NUMBER 1800 815 257.

4. TASK CAT 101. PURPLE NO. 12051

5. POC: DOPSO 92WG OPS (08) 8393-4021 FAX (08) 8393-4025

6. CALL 92WGOPS ONCE AIRBORNE WITH DEPARTURE CALL AND SERVICEABILITY STATE.//

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R 280151Z DEC 98
FM RCC AUSTRALIA
TO FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (CANBERRA)
FAX MINISTER ANDERSON (GUNNEDAH)
FAX CHIEF EXECUTIVE AMSA
FAX CHAIRMAN AMSA
FAX DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
FAX MR J MANSER
FAX MRS S BRATTON
FAX MRS S BRATTON (W)
FAX MR D GILLIES
FAX MR A HYAMS
X25 CEO AMSA AND GM AUSSAR

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SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE - SITREP 1 AT 12.00 28 DEC 98

1. At approximately 3.00pm 27 Dec 1998, RCC Australia became involved in a number of incidents related to yachts engaged in the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. These incidents took place between Eden and Mallacoota.
2. The weather conditions in the area were not good with south-westerly winds of 30 to 50 knots and seas 5 to 6 metres. Visibility was fluctuating, deteriorating to 2 to 3 kilometres with a cloud base of 900 feet. These conditions have continued through the night. Winds have abated to 30 to 40 knots, visibility is between 3 and 6 kilometres; this is reported to improve during the day, however the sea state is expected to remain high for some time.
3. Currently search and rescue action is being taken in respect of;
 - a. Continuing the search for man overboard from the Sword of Orion.
 - b. Winston Churchill with 9 POB has been out of contact since a may-day call late on the afternoon of 27 Dec. Intercepted radio message indicated that the crew were going to abandon ship and take to life rafts. A major search involving fixed and rotary wing aircraft is in progress.
 - c. The yacht Atara has transmitted an emergency call. Currently located approximately 150 nautical miles East-north-east of Launceston. A search aircraft will be proceeding to the location and is expected to be there at 1.30pm.
4. There are approximately 24 fixed wing and 6 helicopters committed to the search for the man overboard and the Winston Churchill. In addition to search aircraft the Young Endeavour is in the area and the

RAN Frigate Newcastle has arrived in the area. One aircraft is committed to the Atara, and additional air assets are available and will be committed if necessary.

5. Since commencing operations at 3.00pm on 27 Dec 1998, approximately 17 other yachts have reported difficulties, initiated distress beacons or fired flares:

- a. 7 yachts that have suffered problems ranging through dismasting, steering problems and injuries of varying severity, and have made their own way to safety.
- b. One total crew of 12 were rescued from the yacht Stand Aside and the yacht was abandoned.
- c. The Kingurra reported a Man-over-board. This person was rescued and returned to land by helicopter.
- d. Solo Globe was dismasted. 3 crew have been taken off, 5 chose to stay on board. Crew requested a tow to be arranged.
- e. Business Post Challenger with 9 POB rolled over and was taking water. 7 crew have been taken off. 2 crew were reported dead on board by the rescued crew; they are still on board.
- f. Midnight Special has had 9 crew lifted off and returned to land.
- g. B52, with 9 POB, is dismasted has been located and is returning to Eden under own power.
- h. Sword of Orion with 10 POB, lost 1 crew-over-board at approximately 8.00 pm on 27 Dec. This person is subject to on-going search by rotary wing and fixed wing aircraft. All other crew have been taken off by helicopter.
- i. Miintinta was damaged and under tow subsequently all 6 crew were lifted off by the towing fishing vessel.

6. Totally 48 crew have been rescued from 7 craft, 10 crew are still at risk and 2 crew are reported deceased.

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TO HQAC AIROPS

RAYWMCK/RCC AUSTRALIA

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RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

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RAYBUV/92WG OPS

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SUBJ: SEARCH AND SURVIVOR SUPPLY

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MISSN/COPS/SASS/-/SEARCH AND COMMAND CONTROL//

FORCE/10SQN/1/P3C/CALLSIGN: RESCUE 251//

EVTASK/YPED/271558Z8/271742Z3/272325Z1/280032Z5/YMES//

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ACFTID/P3C/A9-665/-/5NM/ALR2001//

MET/FL010/240T/40KTS/3KM/HZ/LGT/3/CU/BASE:020/TOP:030/

10C/1000/4M/230T/7//

TMPOS/271829Z9/3645S8-15053E4/-/-/-/-/-//

EXPEND/MK58/2/0/-//

EQUIPMAL/ALR2001/272020Z3/-//

CREW/5/PC-FLTLT CARPENTER/TC-FLTLT WOLF/OTR-FLGOFF GERKENS//

AMPN/OTR-SEM//

FLTTM/OTR/8.6/1//

AMPN/TASK CAT 101//

RMKS/ON ARRIVAL IN THE SERCH AREA RESCUE 251 WAS TASKED TO CONDUCT A RADAR AND VISUAL SEARCH ALONG THE LINE FROM 3714S 15019E TO 3638S 15101E THEN EXPANDING 1NM TO THE NW AND SE. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SEARCH, RESCUE DETECTED A BEACON TRANSMISSION TO THE SOUTH EAST. ONCE IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT OTHER ASSETS WERE INVESTIGATING THE BEACON, THE TASK WAS COMMENCED. DURING THE SEARCHES, THREE VESSELS WERE LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED. ADAGIO WAS IN POSITION 3654S 15041E WITH JIB SAIL UP MAKING FOR BERMAGHIE. KICK TEN WAS IN POSITION 3639S 15135E AT 2043Z. LOGIE WAS IN POSITION 3723S 15138E AT 2043 AND HAD SIGHTED ONE RED FLARE.

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THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO MELB FIS AND HELIMED ONE, WHO WAS IN ATTENDANCE NEAR THE RED FLARE LOCATION. ON COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SEARCH A SECOND WAS COMMENCED FROM 15003E TO 15200E SOUTH OF 363530S. EIGHT STRAIGHT LEGS WERE COMPLETED AT ONE MILE SPACINGS AT A SEARCH SPEED OF 220KTS AND 1000FT. DURING THIS SEARCH THE A/C WAS REQUIRED TO TAKE AVOIDING ACTION AGAINST A TWIN ENGINE CESSNA OPERATING IN THE SAME AREA AT THE SAME HEIGHT. CREW WENT OFF TASK AND LANDED AT EAST SALE. TAPES AQH 282,469,997,EC308,OC300//

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