



Fleet Weather and Oceanography Centre

FAX COVER SHEET

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WEATHER FORECAST FOR EAXA FOR PERIOD 271000Z TO 272200Z:

INFERENCE FROM THE 270500Z CHART:

DEPRESSION 982HPA CENTRED NR 39S 152E MOVES RAPIDLY EAST AND DEEPENS, IT IS FORECAST TO BE INTO CENTRAL TASMAN BY END PERIOD. ANTICYCLONE 1017HPA IN CENTRAL BIGHT EXTENDS A RIDGE EAST ALONG 35S TO NSW COAST. AREA LIES IN A GALE FORCE W TO SW FLOW FRESHENING AT TIMES TO STORM FORCE TO STH OF AREA.

WARNINGS:

SIGMET CURRENT FOR SEVERE TURBULENCE BELOW 10000FT ON RANGES AND TO EAST.

STORM WARNING FOR NSW WATERS STH OF MERIMBULA, GALE WARNING STH OF BROKEN BAY AND STRONG WIND WARNING STH OF SEAL ROCKS. GALE WARNING FOR VIC WATERS BETWEEN CAPE OTWAY AND GABO ISLAND AND ALL TASMANIAN WATERS.

WINDS:

SURFACE:

NTH: W TO SW 20 TO 30KTS FRESHENING 35KTS OFFSHORE THEN MODERATING 15 TO 25KTS BY END PERIOD.

STH: W TO SW 30 TO 40KTS FRESHENING 40 TO 50KTS (SQUALLS TO 55KTS) OFFSHORE THEN MODERATING 25 TO 35KTS BY END PERIOD.

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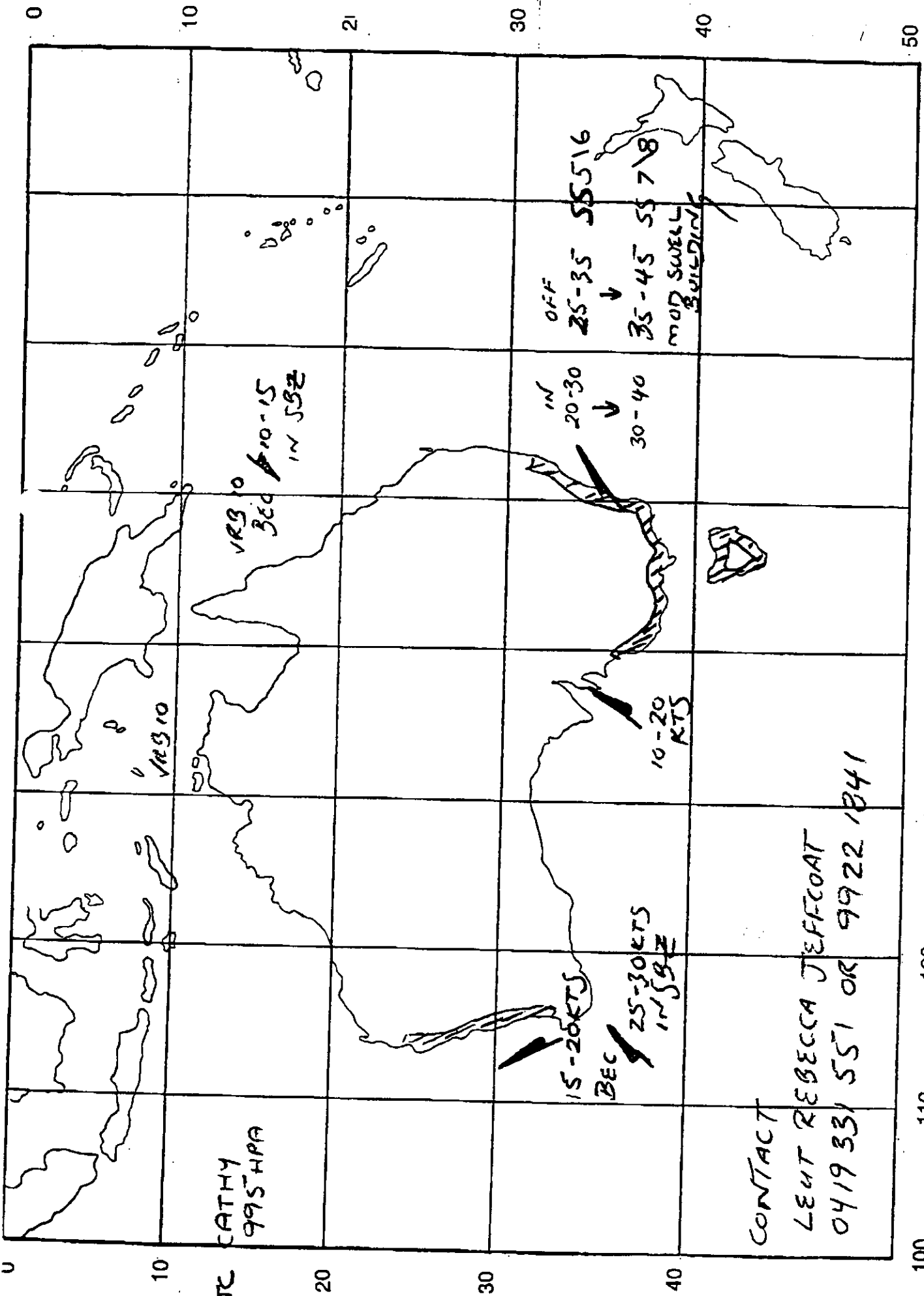
2000FT 250/35
3000FT 270/35
5000FT 270/30

STAND ASIDE 12 P.O.B
3 CAS

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ISSUED:

VALID: 27 DEC 98

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WEATHER:

PARTLY CLOUDY BEC CLOUDY IN SCT LT TO MOD SHOWERS IN STH

VISIBILITY:

10 TO 20KM REDUCED 5 TO 10KM IN SEA SPRAY AND SHOWERS

SLANT VISIBILITY:

7 TO 15KM REDUCED 4000 TO 8000M IN SEA SPRAY AND SHOWERS

CLOUD: SCT CU 3000-3500/8000FT BEC BKN WITH TOPS TO 15000FT IN STH**SEA STATE:** 4/5 IN NTH GRADING 6/7 IN STH**SWELL:** SHORT MOD TO HEAVY SLY**OUTLOOK:** DEPRESSION WILL MOVE AWAY TO THE SE, GENERALLY MODERATING THE WINDS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AS THE GRADIENT WEAKENS.

W TO SW 15 TO 25KTS IN NTH GRADING 25 TO 35KTS IN STH MODERATING FURTHER THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SS 4 GRADING 6 ABATING 3 GRADING 4/5. MOD TO HEAVY SWELL.

ISSUED BY LEUT JEFFCOAT.

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TO RAYMJB/HQAST

RAYWEEA/ADHQOPS

RAYWAD/DEFNAV CANBERRA

HQACAUST

HQAC AIR OPS

INFO RAYNRB/HMAS NEWCASTLE

RAYMZC/HMAS MELBOURNE

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MSGID/GENADMIN/MHQAUST/24/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 HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN THE RESCUE.//

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GENTEXT/SITREP/1/ MHQAUST HAS DEPLOYED THE FOLLOWING ASSETS IN SUPPORT OF THE SYDNEY TO HOBART MARSAR:

/A/ HMAS NEWCASTLE SAILED FLEET BASE EAST AT 271700Z7 DEC 98 TO PROCEED TO THE TARGET AREA TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AS REQUIRED BY RCC AUSTRALIA. NEWCASTLE HAS NO HELICOPTER EMBARKED.

/B/ NEWCASTLE'S S-70B-2 IS CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO MERIMBULA HOWEVER, IT HAS EXPENDED ALL CREW DUTY HOURS UNTIL 280600Z6 DEC 98.

ADDITIONALLY, THE HELO HAS A DEFECTIVE WINCH. INTENTION IS FOR THE WINCH TO BE REPAIRED DURING THE DAY AND FOR THE HELO TO RETURN TO NAS NOWRA PM 28 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 AS REQUIRED BY RCC AUSTRALIA AND TO RELIEVE NEWCASTLE'S HELO.

/E/ 817 SQN HAS DEPLOYED 2 X SK50 TO MERIMBULA TO ASSIST IN RESCUE OPS.

/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

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KEEPING HQAST INFORMED.//

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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