

**Incident Number:** 1998/4382

**Date:** 27-Dec-98

**Name:** BUSINESS POST NIAID

**Title:** TAKING WATER

**Narrative:** This vessel was one of several vessels involved in a major SAR incident in the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

At 270711 UTC Dec 98, Race Control Hobart advised that Business Post Niaid with 9 POB had rolled and suffered major damage in a position about 42 miles southeast of Gabo Island. A distress broadcast was relased. Shortly afterwards an aircraft reported sighting 2 persons on Business Post Niaid which was underway and seemed OK. Yacht Midnight Special reported to be standing by Business Post Niaid. Broadcast suspended.

At 2130 Careflight helo reported that 7 crew had been winched off Business Post Niaid. It was reported that two crew had died on the boat and their bodies left onboard. Arrangements made with Police to recover Business Post Niaid and the two deceased. Broadcast cancelled.

Aircraft and HMAS Newcastle assisted police launch Nemisis in locating Business Post Niaid which was towed back to Eden.

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