Incident Number:

1998/4384

Date:

27-Dec-98

Name:

SWORD OF ORION

Title:

MAN OVERBOARD

Narrative:

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

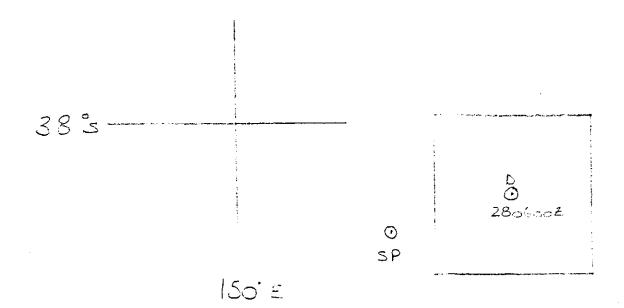
At 270829 UTC RCC was advised of a man overboard from the yacht Sword of Orion in a position approximately 40 miles south east of Gabo Island. There were also several persons seriously injured. An Urgency broadcast to shipping was immediately issued. An aircraft on scene, helicopter VH-SAR, was forced to leave the area due to bad weather.

A search area for the missing man for first light was calculated with first aircraft on scene exptected at about 271900 UTC. Helicopter tasked to evacuate vessel of remaining crew. Helo arrived at about 1847 and lifted off the 6 crew, two with injuries and transported them to Merrimbula into medical care. Vessel abandoned.

Search for man overboard was not successful and was suspended at about 281058 UTC with the notification of NOK. Urgency broadcast cancelled at 290714 UTC Dec 98.

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