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The Commodore  
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Dear Sir,

As part of the Coronial investigation into the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, a life raft assessment project has been compiled and will be conducted at the Australian Maritime College Launceston and at sea on the 20-21-22 September 1999.

A member of the Yacht Club's Review Committee is invited to attend and view the assessment. That member is also invited to view the a proposed programme and discuss issues related to it.

I have read the CYCA's report on life rafts which was compiled by Mr Greg Halls (Chairman of the sub-committee - Life Rafts). I believe Mr Halls has a great deal of experience in sea safety and an intimate knowledge as a result of interviewing key survivors on behalf of the committee. If Mr Halls is available to represent the Club at the assessment, it would be of great benefit to all concerned.

Yours sincerely

David Upston  
Senior Constable

cc: Chief Deputy State Coroner.

Mr Greg Halls.