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Andrew

I attended as the CYCA representative, the life raft and harness testing conducted by the NSW Police on behalf of the NSW Coroner for the inquest into the 1998 Sydney Hobart Race. Testing took place at the Survival Centre of the Australian Maritime College and several miles offshore in Bass Strait.

I can report to the CYCA that the conduct of the tests was of the highest standard and that the results will be of significant interest and value to the sailing community. In addition, the enthusiasm and dedication shown in the tests by the officers of both the NSW and Tasmanian Water Police was greater than one would normally expect.

The NSW Police have instructed me not to publish or broadcast any of the details or results of the tests until the Coroner has considered them in the inquest and given his permission.

I have attached accounts and receipts for my expenses that come to \$906.45. Please credit this amount to my account if you wish, otherwise I would appreciate a cheque.

Yours sincerely

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