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Exhibit "27"
Inquest touching the death of <i>Sydney - Hobart</i>
State Coroner's Court, 44-45 Parramatta Road Glebe
Date <i>13. 3. 00</i>
Court Office

This email was sent from Sword of Orion during the Telstra Hobart 1998 Race courtesy of Tetra.

Sword of Orion, the Reichel Pugh 44 is now climbing back thru the fleet, carrying a red flag after a collision on the start with Nokia.

It has just moved past Ninety Seven, the Farr 47 and is very gradually closing on Quest, the Nelson-Marek 46 as the IMS B fleet surfs toward Wollongong, in 2-3 knots of current and strengthening northerly sea breezes.

During the start line incident Sword of Orion sustained severe damage.

The damage to the three starboard staunchions has been repaired, however delamination occurred in a metre long section at the starboard stern quarter.

Of major concern however is the damage sustained by the mast. There is a compression crease about 2 metres above the deck.

Rob Kothe

Sword of Orion