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January 15, 1999

Mr. David Key
Police Air Wing
Hanger 104, Essendon Airport
Essendon, 3041

Dear Mr. Key,

Our son John Campbell of the Kingurra crew tells us that you were the one lowered into the water to pull him from the sea. Please know the gratitude that the Campbell's and our extended families and friends feel towards you and your crew mates for the supreme effort in making a successful rescue. Swinging on that wire in those conditions is beyond belief.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Bruce Rowley, General Manager of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia regarding our bequest to the "Sydney to Hobart Safety of Life at Sea Trust" in your honor. It is our hope that these funds will help the families of those sailors less fortunate than our son John.

If my wife and I do visit Australia, we hope to find you and thank you in person. If ever you travel to Seattle with your family, we would enjoy it if you would stay in our home and let us show you the sights.

Again, thank you for your part in this daring rescue!!!

Sincerely,

Wally Campbell
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Mr. Bruce Rowley, General Manager
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
New Beach Road
Darling Point, N. S. W. 2027

Dear Mr. Rowley,

I would like to personally thank you for your prompt telephone call reporting the rescue of our son John Campbell. Your call came at 0130 Sunday morning (2030 Monday your time I believe), just a short time after John's safe removal from an angry sea. Earlier that evening, I had been receiving weather data from the Telstra web site and commented to my wife Sally, "say a prayer for all the sailors" as the weather looked as bad as the conditions John had experienced in the 1993 Sydney Hobart Race. At 0400 Sunday we received a call from John at the hospital saying with great feeling and emotion, "Dad, I'm glad to be alive".

John is back in Seattle recovering from facial surgery to set bones that were broken when the Kingurra rolled. The Campbell's and our extended family and friends are grateful to all who were responsible for the intense effort and timely actions that were part of John's successful rescue. Our hearts and prayers of comfort go out to the families and friends of the six sailors who lost their lives.

John's friend and fellow Kingurra crew member, Peter Meikle, recently informed us that the Sydney to Hobart Safety of Life at Sea Trust" has been established. It is our understanding that this trust will provide assistance to immediate family of those who lost a relative and fund research and training to improve ocean racing safety.

A grateful recognition of the supreme effort put forth by crew members Darryl Jones, Barry Barclay, and David Key, of the Police Air Wing's VH-PVF helicopter, the Campbell family would like to donate \$25,000(US) to this trust fund in their honor and in memory of the six sailors lost. These three men risked their lives in saving John and someday we hope to personally thank them and shake their hands.

Our thanks to all whose self sacrifice saved lives!

God Bless You,


Sally Campbell


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Chief Commissioner N. Comrie
Darryl Jones
Barry Barclay
David Key