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SYDNEY - HOBART YACHT RACE FORECAST  
26 - 31 December 1998

Forecasts issued from Sydney covering Sydney --> 38S  
on Weather by fax 1902 935 244

Dec 26 (0500, 1000, 1300)	Sydney	-->	Jervis Bay
27 (0200, 1300)	Jervis Bay	-->	Gabo Island
28 (0200, 1300)	Jervis Bay	-->	Gabo Island

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Dec 27 (1300)	Bass Strait	
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30 (0200, 1300)	Bass Strait & East Coast Tas.	
31 (0200, 1300)	Bass Strait & East Coast Tas.	

Coastal Observations are available from 1902 935 813

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FOR

AREA: Sydney to Jervis Bay.

SYNOPTIC SITUATION: A high near New Zealand is ridging onto the central NSW coast. A low 995hPa near Lord Howe Island is slow moving. A cold front is over central Victoria.

WARNINGS: Storm Warning is current south from Merimbula.  
Gale Warning is current south from Broken Bay.

WIND: North to northeast wind 20/25 knots ahead of a W/SW change 25/35 knots, with stronger gusts, expected near Jervis Bay around midnight-

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2am and  
then near Sydney around 3am-5am Sunday. Wind may tend briefly northwe  
st  
15/20 knots prior to the change.

WAVES: 1 to 2 metres, rising to 3 metres offshore with W/SW change.

SWELL: 1 to 2 metres.

WEATHER: Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing tonight ahea  
d of  
the change then clearing tomorrow.

OUT LOOK FOR NEXT 48 HOURS: Winds moderating north of Jervis Bay Sun  
day  
night. Gale to storm force W winds south of Jervis Bay expected to mo  
derate  
Monday evening.

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