

Sword of Orion Sydney to Hobart 1998 timeline

Sunday 27th 1998

2-230am	Took off spinnaker, poled out #3 jib	
3.00am	Granny tack, took down main	
3.15am	2 reefs in main with #3 jib	
	2 reefs in main with #5 jib	
6.30am	2 reefs in main with storm jib	
	BOM forecast 40-50knots	
	Main & #3 jib	
9.30am	2 reefs in main with storm jib	
10.00-10.30am	Stash the main, vang broke, storm jib only	50knots
11.30am-2.00pm	Storm winds & rain	40-55knots
12.30pm approx	VHF grounds station info. Eden CG 90knts W.P.	
	BOM forecast 45-55knots easing	
2.05-2.55pm	Race Schedule	50-70,83 knots
2.50pm	Sword reports 50-70,82 during schedule	
2.55-3.15pm	Sword reports Ausmaid, Team Jaguar etc to Y.E.	
3.15pm	Wind drops, eye of storm	15-20knots
3.25pm	Wind returns	40-50knots
3.35pm	Sword of Orion advises Y.E. retiring to Eden	50-65knots
3.35pm	Turns to heading 340 degrees, move boom to l/w	
3.50-4.10pm	Roll over 360 degrees, man overboard, MAYDAY	70-90knots
	EPIRB activated on deck	
	Lost sight of man overboard 5-7minutes later	
5.00pm	Cut rig away, deck clean up	
5.00pm-5.30pm	Pumping bilges, cleaning up below	
5.15-5.30pm	Sight yacht, fire flares	
7.00-7.30pm	Heard SAR aircraft from Eden, contacted	
7.45-8.15pm	Heard SAR helicopter, gave position etc	
	EPIRB placed in water	
8.30pm-1.50am	Bailing, boat structure problems	

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2-15am-315am	3 crew extracted	
4.00am	Navy helicopter II contacted, approached on strobes	
4.15-5.15am	Navy II regularly inspects	
5.15-5.45am	9 crew extracted	

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