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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J B ABERNETHY

TUESDAY 14 MARCH 2000

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5/98 - EVENT OF THE 1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF JAMES MICHAEL LAWLER

MICHAEL BANNISTER

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BRUCE RAYMOND GUY

PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS

JOHN WILLIAM DEAN

GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

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PART HEARD

CORONER: Appearances I think are as before, just about, I don't think Mr Morahan is here is he?

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MORAHAN: Yes.

CORONER: Yes Mr Dougall, Mr Dougall mightn't be here, okay I think everyone else is though.

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HILL: Yes I recall Mr Evans.

<TIMOTHY ALEXANDER DAVID EVANS(10.00AM)
SWORN AND EXAMINED

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HILL: Q. Sir there are three further questions which I wish to ask you, the first one is this, pamphlets, weather pamphlets in particular and I want to direct your mind to the briefing that took place on the Christmas Eve at the CYC were there any weather pamphlets handed out there?

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A. Not that I saw no.

Q. Were there any on display anywhere or--

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A. Not that I saw, no.

Q. Now what about on the morning of the race?

A. I didn't go the CYC on the morning of the race.

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Q. The next point is this that yesterday you told us about you added 20 percent onto any wind that you were given in the forecast to take into account gusts is that right?

A. That's correct yes.

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Q. What about wave heights?

A. I wouldn't have particularly thought about adding a percentage but I would've expected some waves to be higher than predicted.

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Q. And then I think a final question is this, the weather information you got via the radio relay vessel the 'Young Endeavour' in your opinion was that minimal?

A. No I wouldn't call it minimal they were obviously