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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2000

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

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF JAMES MICHAEL LAWLER  
MICHAEL BANNISTER  
BRUCE RAYMOND GUY  
PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS  
RONALD FRANK MATTHEWS  
GLYNN RODERICK CHARLES

Mr A Hill assisting the Coroner  
Mr R Stanley with Mr P Santamaria for the Bureau of  
Meteorology  
Mr R Weber for The Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
Mr Morahan for Mr Richard Winning

PART HEARD

<CHARLES ROGER BADHAM(10.08AM)  
RESWORN, EXAMINATION CONTINUED

HILL: Q. Mr Badham, when we left off yesterday afternoon  
you were given two charts and the reason for that was--  
A. My homework.

Q. Yes, for some homework. Basically it was because you  
said that on the afternoon of 26th, some hours after the  
race, you realised about the storm warning, that you could  
actually forecast at that point in time where there would be  
tumultuous seas and weather. Is that correct?

A. That's correct. When I say, on that afternoon I had  
gone through the motions of looking at the charts and  
figuring out that that's would occur, particularly the  
current charts, that's the water movement charts. And then  
early the next morning I actually ran through all my  
algorithms, I think it was about 5 or 6am in the morning I  
actually ran them to see what the numbers would produce.

Q. How long would it have taken once you had the storm  
warning, how long would it have taken you to actually sit  
down and work out everything?

A. That assumes of course that the model winds are correct,  
so you take the model output winds, you look at the  
oceanographic currents, you put them together and you can  
come up with, physically you input the winds into another  
computer, run them, that takes about half an hour, an hour,  
and you import the stuff, look at it and then adjust them  
and add in the currents, virtually manually I had to do it.  
So yeah, about an hour.

Q. If I can put it this way, if you had had or if anyone  
had had with your abilities the storm warning at 2 o'clock,