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NEW SOUTH WALES CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

WEDNESDAY 22 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
 JOHN WILLIAM DEAN
 GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

Mr A Hill assisting the Coroner
 Mr R Stanley QC for the Bureau of Meteorology
 Mr R J Weber for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 Mr T Elsworth for the Australian Yachting Federation
 Mr O'Halloran for the Lawler Family
 Miss C A Needham for Mr Winning

PART HEARD

CORONER: The appearances are basically as before. Mr Morahan or Mr Peoples aren't here but that's all right. Ready to proceed?

HILL: Yes ready to proceed. I recall Mr Lumtin.

<PAUL PATRICK LUMTIN(10.10AM)
 RESWORN, EXAMINATION CONTINUED

HILL: Q. Mr Lumtin yesterday we'd got to the state where you had gone aboard the four man raft, do you recall that?
 A. Yes.

Q. That's where we'd got to in your evidence. Now I want to take you back prior to that and indeed to the Christmas eve of 1998. Did you attend the briefing at the CYCA, the weather forecast briefing?
 A. No I didn't, no.

Q. Why not?
 A. I was on holidays so I discussed that with Richard and Steamer and they were both going to attend the briefing.

Q. So was that--
 A. Sorry John Stanley.

Q. Stanley?
 A. Yeah.

Q. So Mr Stanley attended, do you know that or not?
 A. I'm pretty sure that he did, I'm not 100 per cent certain but at that time I believe that he and Richard