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NEW SOUTH WALES CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

THURSDAY 23 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
 Miss C A Needham for Mr Winning
 Mr A Shand QC for Mr R Purcell
 Mr P Callaghan for Mr R M Kothe

CORONER: Appearances are as before I think.

NEEDHAM: Your Worship Miss Needham for Mr Winning.

CORONER: I note Mr O'Halloran is not here, otherwise the appearances are as before.

<JOHN MICHAEL STANLEY(10.05AM)
 RESWORN, EXAMINATION CONTINUED

CORONER: You had something else Mr Hill did you or not?

HILL: Yes I've still got something else. I thought Miss Needham--

NEEDHAM: I have some sort questions.

Q. Mr Stanley the evidence you gave yesterday included high praise for various crew members in the crisis, you recall giving that evidence?

A. Yes.

Q. And would you agree that at all times after leaving the Cruising Yacht Club, each of the crew members conducted himself in accordance with the best traditions of seamanship?

A. Yes ..(not transcribable).. you wouldn't have anyone else on board but that type of person. That's the sort of thing ..(not transcribable)..

Q. And to your observation during the race, each crew member performed his duty diligently and competently?

A. That's correct.