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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

MONDAY 27 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

BRUCE RAYMOND GUY

PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS

JOHN WILLIAM DEAN

GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

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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 P Callaghan SC for Mr R Kothe

Mr A Shand QC Mr R Purcell

Mr A Colefax for Mr L Carter

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PART HEARD

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<STEPHEN GARY KULMAR(10.12AM)

SWORN AND EXAMINED

HILL: Q. Would you give the inquest your full name please.

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A. Stephen Gary Kulmar.

Q. Your address?

A. 4 Tutus Street, Balgowlah Heights, Sydney, New South Wales.

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Q. Your occupation?

A. My occupation I own and run my own business, an advertising agency.

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Q. You gave a statement in this matter, a 30 page statement on I think 12 April 1999, is that correct?

A. Correct.

Q. You have a copy of that with you?

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A. I do.

Q. If I could what is your experience on offshore yachting?

A. I have been sailing offshore boats since about 1979 and have contested a number of regattas representing Australia in other countries, in a lot of countries in the world over the last 10 or 12 years up to 1997.

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Q. And your expertise aboard these vessels is what?

A. Generally helmsman or tactician.

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Q. You were aboard the vessel Sword of Orion?

A. Yes, I had sailed on Sword of Orion doing the Hobart