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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

TUESDAY 4 APRIL 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 and Mr M Papallo with Ms P Lazzarini assisting the
 Coroner

Mr P Santamaria for the Bureau of Meteorology

Mr J Harris with Miss T Nugan for the Cruising Yacht Club of
 Australia

Miss C Needham for Richard Winning

Ms S Finter for Sword of Orion

<BRUCE DOUGLAS GOULD(10.16AM)
 SWORN AND EXAMINED

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

A. Bruce Douglas Gould.

Q. Your address, sir?

A. 7 Warringah Road, Mosman.

Q. Your occupation?

A. Merchant banker.

Q. You were a crew member aboard the vessel Winston
 Churchill in the Sydney to Hobart race in 1998, is that
 correct?

A. Correct.

Q. What position was yours aboard the vessel?

A. I was a helmsman and watch captain.

Q. Who was the other watch captain?

A. Jim Lawler.

Q. And the skipper was Mr Winning?

A. The skipper was Mr Winning.

Q. How much experience have you had in offshore yacht
 racing?

A. That year was my thirty-second Hobart race.

Q. And I take it you have also had other races and cruising
 off the coast, is that right?'

A. Correct.