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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

TUESDAY 25 JULY 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 Weber for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
 Mr A Colefax for Mr Lew Carter
 Mr N Hunt for Mr Richard Purcell

PART HEARD

 CORONER: I note your appearance, Mr Hunt.

<LEWIS JOHN CARTER(9.31AM)
 SWORN AND EXAMINED

HILL: Q. Mr Carter, would you give the Inquest your full name?

A. Yes, it's Lewis John Carter.

Q. And your address, professional address will be fine?

A. It's the same address, it's 3/13 Dumaresq Road Rose Bay.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I'm a self-employed buyer in the motor industry.

Q. You've made two statements in this matter, one 27 January 1999 which was about a month after the race and the other one I think was made - I'll just get the date on that, the other one on 27 March 2000, is that right?

A. That is correct sir.

Q. Do you have copies of those with you?

A. I have.

Q. What I intend to do is go through the first statement and then we'll go on to the second statement, alright?

A. Yes sir.

Q. There is one other question that's arisen yesterday actually, that in 1998 for the race a technician from Telstra was asked to go aboard the Young Endeavour. Do you know anything about that?

A. At what stage of the race sir?