

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

FRIDAY 28 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 Stanley QC with Mr Santamaria for the Bureau of
Meteorology
Mr R Weber for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

PART HEARD

WEBER: Before my learned friend - are you housekeeping or
about to--

HILL: No, no, if you want something done.

WEBER: As a result of a conversation I've had with Mr Green
your Worship, there's a very small aspect of his evidence
which I think might have been left in an incomplete form.
Your Worship will recall there was evidence that within his
organisation there were seven staff.

CORONER: Yes.

WEBER: That certainly left in my mind that seven staff were
equivalent to sailing office staff. That's apparently not
the case. I'm instructed that the seven includes Mr Green
includes an accountant and includes two receptionists and so
if one comes down to sort of sailing office level, the staff
including Mr Green is four. Mr Green is available to verify
that if it's an issue.

CORONER: I'll accept that from the bar table.

WEBER: I just didn't wish it to be left in the--

CORONER: Yes, thanks very much, Mr Weber.

HILL: Mr Coroner, the first witness I propose to call is
Mr Van Kretschmar, then will be Mr Hans Sommer, then
Mr Robinson then possibly Mr Elliott, if we get that far.

<JOHANNE CHRISTIAN HUGO VAN KRETSCHMAR(10.37AM)
SWORN AND EXAMINED