

CORONERS COURT

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS IN THE 1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

STATEMENT OF PETER BUSH

On 15 July 2000 I, **PETER HALLAM BUSH** of 67 Holt Avenue, Mosman in the State of New South Wales, business strategy consultant, say:

Background

1. I have been sailing since I was 10 years old in boats ranging from dinghies to yachts, both inshore and offshore. I have sailed in all the major ocean races and regattas on the east coast of Australia including 14 Sydney Hobart Yacht Races ("SHYR"), 15 Sydney Mooloolaba Races, 10 Sydney Southport Races, 8 Montagu Island Races and 20 seasons of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia's ("CYCA") long and short ocean point scores. Annexed and marked "A" is a true copy of my sailing log which sets out my sailing experience from 1961 to 1998.
2. I am a licensed radio operator and AYF Safety Officer. I have also completed the AYF Inshore Certificate.
3. I have been a member of the CYCA for 16 years. In July 1993 I was elected to be a member of the CYCA Board of Directors ("the board") and since that time have held various positions on the board. Namely, Rear Commodore from July 1994 to June 1995, Vice Commodore from July 1995 to June 1996 and Commodore from July 1996 to June 1998.
4. I was also a member of the Sailing Committee from July 1995 to June 1997 and July 1998 to June 1999. By virtue of my position as Vice Commodore, I was Chairman of the Sailing Committee from July 1995 to June 1996.
5. After 1998 SHYR I was appointed Chairman of the SHYR Review Committee ("the Review Committee").
6. In the following paragraphs I will set out my involvement in the 1998 SHYR and the Review Committee.