

CORONERS COURT

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

STATEMENT OF MARK ROBINSON

On 7 July 2000, I, **MARK ROBINSON**, of 31 Carlotta Road, Double Bay, in the State of New South Wales, sports administrator, say:

Background

1. I have been sailing since I was five years old in boats ranging from dinghies to yachts, both inshore and offshore. However, I have never sailed in a Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race ("SHYR").
2. I have completed my associate diploma in Naval Architecture.
3. I have been employed by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia ("CYCA") for over 5 years. Since 1996 I have been the Sailing Administrator of the Sailing Office. In my role as Sailing Administrator, I assist Phil Thompson, the Sailing Manager, with on and off water administration and race result management.
4. In mid 1998 I qualified as an IMS Measurer and since that time have been the CYCA Measurer. I am now the NSW Chief Measurer and the Deputy Chief Measurer of Australia.
5. In 1998 I completed the ISAF International Race Officers course and as a result, qualified as a National Race Officer in early 1999.
6. In 1998 I was a member of the SHYR Race Committee and Race Management Team. I have been a member of the Race Management Team since 1996. However, 1998 was my first year as a member of the Race Committee.
7. In 1998 I had a good understanding of ISAF's Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF and the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, which together are the rules under which the SHYR is conducted.