

CORONERS COURT

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

STATEMENT OF PHILLIP THOMPSON

On 2 July 2000, I, **PHILLIP THOMPSON**, of 43 Benelong Street, Cremorne in the State of New South Wales, Sports Administrator, say:

Background

1. I have been sailing for over 20 years both onshore and offshore. I have sailed in 15 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Races ("SHYR"), overseas regattas in Hawaii and England and attempted an around the world Whitbread Challenge.
2. I am a qualified A Level 1 Coach. I have also completed the AYF Offshore Instructors Certificate, which entitles me to take sailors offshore and instruct them in offshore sailing.
3. I have been employed by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia ("CYCA") for over 14 years and since mid 1994 I have been the Sailing Manager of the Sailing Office. Prior to that time, I was the Marina and Site Manager.
4. In my role as Sailing Manager, I am responsible for the marina, slipways, yard and the organisation and conduct of all CYCA races including:
 - (1) Drafting race documentation for the Sailing Committee's approval;
 - (2) Vetting and processing of applications and entries;
 - (3) Pre-race organisation and planning including liaising with authorities and personnel;
 - (4) On and off water management; and
 - (5) Production of results.

I perform the above responsibilities with the assistance of the Sailing Office staff.