

STATEMENT in the matter of:  
Death of Phillip SKEGGS

Place: Launceston

Date : 3 January 1999

Name: Stephanie Margaret SKEGGS  
Address: 9 Pitten Crief, Riverside, Launceston Tel. No.: 03 63 272692  
Occupation: Home Duties STATES:-

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

2. I am 34 years of age.

3. I am currently residing at the above address with my two children, Kirsty, aged 9 and Joshua aged 6. I was married to Phillip during 1985 and we have lived in this house since.

4. Phillip was avid sailor and spent a great deal of time sailing. He spent a lot of time sailing during the summer and played a lot of football during the winter.

5. Phillip did not have any medical problems that I am aware of. He was fit and healthy. Phillip was a qualified Locksmith.

6. Some two or three months prior to the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race, Phillip was organised to go on the Business Post Naiad. But at one stage Phillip was told by Bruce he couldn't go in the race as there was another crew member joining the boat..

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There was a problem with numbers in the boat. But after some other problems relating to the crew changed and Phil was told he could go. He was very excited about that.

7. About 6pm on the 18th of December, 1998 Phillip and the Crew of the Business Post Naiad left from Beauty Point to travel to Sydney. We followed them out in a Motor Boat. That was the last time that I saw Phillip.

8. Every night between the 18th and 26th of December, 1998 Phillip rang us at Home. I last spoke to him by phone at 9.00am on Saturday the 26th of December, 1998.

9. I can't recall exactly what day it was but it was either Monday the 28/12/98 or the Tuesday. which would be the 29/12/98 Steven WALKER, who was a crew member of the Business Post came to Roslyn GUY's house. They live next door to us.

10. I spoke to Steven and he told me what had occurred during the storm.

11. I would like to request to the NSW Coroner that there be an Inquest held into the death of my husband. I feel it is necessary to ensure that the same sort of thing doesn't happen again.

12. Phillip was a family man who was very dedicated to his family. This was the first christmas he has ever spent away from the family. He was very caring and he would do anything for anyone. He was totally dedicated to me and the children. He was thrilled to go in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race, he was doing something that he really enjoyed.

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13. Phillip had been sailing with people on and off for the last five years. He was very friendly with Bruce GUY. Bruce GUY actually owned the boat. Business Post Naiad.

14. I have been watching the news during the race and I saw some of the conditions which were experienced by the Yachtsman.

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