

# Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

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## 1998 Sydney Hobart Review

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### Terms of Reference

#### BACKGROUND

- History of the Race
- The 1998 Race
- Racing Rules, CYCA Regulations and Eligibility
- Responsibilities of Organisers and Owners/Skippers
- Briefings of Skippers, Navigators and Third Parties

#### WEATHER

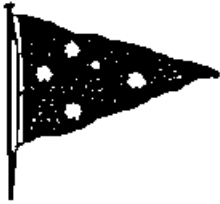
- Forecasts and communication to competitors
- Forecasts versus Actual Wind and Sea Conditions
- The Geography of the Storm
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#### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- CYCA Race Management – Internal (CYCA Sydney, Race Centre Hobart, Radio Relay Vessel, Fleet)
- CYCA Race Management – External (AMSA, Police, RVCP etc)
- Media – Publication of Intercepted Information
- Overall Co-ordination and Dissemination of Information

#### ABILITY OF YACHTS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT TO WITHSTAND THE CONDITIONS

- Boat Construction, Including Masts and Rigging
- Stability
- Serviceability of Engines and Electrical Systems
- Safety Equipment, Including Life Rafts, Life Jackets, Safety Harnesses, Pyrotechnics, Radio Equipment, EPIRBS.



### ABILITY OF SKIPPERS AND CREWS TO WITHSTAND THE CONDITIONS

- Level of Experience of Skippers and Crews
- Navigation
- Watchkeeping, Routines and General Organisation
- Tactics Employed During the Storm
- Retirements- Who and Why
- Abandonments- Who and Why
- Fatalities – Chronology of Events Leading up to Deaths

### SEARCH AND RESCUE

- How Competitors viewed SAR
- Training and Knowledge of Crews of SAR Systems and Techniques
- Sailors Interface With SAR

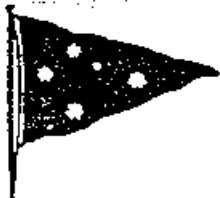
### PROCESS

- 1) Chairman to Complete “Terms of Reference”
- 2) Appointment of Committee Members
- 3) Information Gathering:-
  - Questionnaire to all Yachts
  - Selected Interviews based on results from Questionnaire
- 4) Formation of Specialist Sub- Committees as required
- 5) Analysis/Interpretation of Data
- 6) Report- Findings and Recommendations

### SOURCES

The Committee will call upon any individual or organisation involved in the event it believes can add materially to the review. In particular the Committee anticipates relying heavily on information gathered from competitors, race management officials and those involved in SAR. In addition it will call on experts as necessary for input or special evaluation of particular aspects, for example yacht design and construction.

Any individual or group wishing to make a submission to the Committee, notwithstanding the established process for information gathering, may do so only in writing.



### LOCATION

A dedicated, secure office has been established at the Cruising Yacht Club with access available only through the Chairman.

### Contact Details for the Committee

All correspondence to be addressed to:

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