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Attn: Mr Philip Thompson
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
New Beach Road
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Sydney - Hobart + Southern Cross Yacht Race Weather Services

Dear Philip,

Following our recent discussions, the following services are proposed in support of the 54th Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race, including pre race briefings as discussed for the Southern Cross Yacht Race Series, most notably the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. The briefing for the latter event is to be held at 9AM on 24 December 1998.

The quote for the forecasting services is as follows:

Forecasts provided from Sydney (All times Eastern Summer Time)

(Contact: Senior forecaster 9296 1639)
Pre-race briefing: 0900 Thursday 24 December
(Cruising Yacht Club)

Dec 26	2 forecasts (0500, 1000, 1300)	Sydney - Jervis Bay
Dec 27	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Jervis Bay - Gabo Is
Dec 28	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Jervis Bay - Gabo Is

Forecasts provided from Hobart

(Contact: Senior Meteorologist 03 6221 2000 - mention Sydney to Hobart Race)

Dec 27	1 forecast (1300)	Bass Strait
Dec 28	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 29	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 30	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.
Dec 31	2 forecasts (0200, 1300)	Bass St + E. Coast Tasmania.

As is usual, the Sydney Office will provide forecasts to 38 South and the Hobart Office will provide the forecasts from 38 South to Hobart.

The cost breakdown is as follows:

Pre race briefing and General weather support	= \$286.00
16 forecasts @ \$36.00 each	= \$576.00
Transmission costs @ \$6.60	= \$105.60
Total	\$967.60

This price is based upon sending the forecasts directly to the Young Endeavour. In addition to this the forecasts will be faxed to the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and

the Tasmanian issued forecasts also to the Cruising Yacht Club in Hobart.
Note that payment for the above services should be directed to the NSW Regional Office, not to our Head Office.

As a promotional exercise, it is intended that open access to a suite of products, including current coastal weather observations and numerical weather prediction output, will be provided through our web page (<http://www.bom.gov.au>) to cover the period of the Southern Cross Series from 15 December through until 1 January 1999. We also intend to set up our usual briefing facility at Rushcutters Bay on the morning of 26 December 1998.

An e-mail address has been set up for those 20 or so yachts with this facility to enable them to email into the Bureau's forecasting offices in Sydney and Hobart their current weather observations. The e-mail address is:

whrsyd@bom.gov.au

The observations can be provided in plain language, but should include:

- Time (Eastern Summer Time)
- Latitude and Longitude
- Average wind speed, direction and maximum gust
- Seas
- Swell
- Other remarks (weather conditions and other comments)

Please confirm the suitability of the above arrangements, with suggestions for alterations to the services being most welcome. We will proceed with the establishment of the appropriate arrangements at our Sydney and Hobart offices.

We trust all will progress smoothly for these important yachting events. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9296 1528 for any further information on the above.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Buckley
Supervising Meteorologist, NSW RFC
25 November 1998