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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

MONDAY 31 JULY 2000

5/98 - EVENT OF THE 1998 SYDNEY TO HOBART YACHT RACE

INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF JAMES MICHAEL LAWLER
 MICHAEL BANNISTER
 BRUCE RAYMOND GUY
 PHILLIP RAYMOND CHARLES SKEGGS
 JOHN WILLIAM DEAN
 GLYN RODERICK CHARLES

Mr A Hill assisting the Coroner
 Mr R Stanley QC with Mr Santamaria for the Bureau of
 Meteorology
 Mr R Weber for the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

PART HEARD

CORONER: Before we start, I've been asked by the yacht club to have a look at the preliminary notice of race for the year 2000. Mr Hill and I have had a look at it. Would you give that to Mr Sommer, please. Thank you, Mr Sommer.

<JOHN LINCOLN HONEYSETT(10.37AM)
 SWORN AND EXAMINED

HILL: Q. Sir, would you give the Court your full name please?

A. John Lincoln Honeysett.

Q. Your address sir?

A. 314 Nelson Road Mount Nelson.

Q. Tasmania I take it?

A. Yes, I'm from Hobart, yes.

Q. Your occupation?

A. I'm retired.

Q. You made a statement in this matter and I think it's a - let's see, a five page statement with an annexure. Do you have a copy of that?

A. Yes I do.

Q. What I propose to do is simply go through that statement and ask you questions on it, is that alright?

A. Yes.

Q. You say there your sailing background is that you started as a young fellow in dinghies then graduated to keelboats and you competed in 1956, '58, 60, '68, '70 Sydney to Hobart yacht races?