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NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER'S COURT

STATE CORONER: J ABERNETHY

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2000

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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

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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

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PART HEARD

<GREGORY WEBSTER HALLS(9.40AM)
 RESWORN, EXAMINATION CONTINUED

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HILL: Q. Just for the record, would you say what your name
 is again please?

A. Gregory Webster Halls.

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Q. And your address sir?

A. 21 Lynwood Street Blakehurst.

Q. And you're an oceanographer?

A. That's correct.

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Q. Yesterday we were discussing the documentation and the
 assertion by Mr Thompson that there was no documentation
 when he took over in I think 1995, do you recall that?

A. Yes.

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Q. We had discussed the radio relay vessel's documentation?

A. Uh hmm.

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Q. What other documentation was there, as far as you were
 concerned?

A. After the review in January of the previous year's
 events, there were certain recommendations that came out of
 that to the sailing committee for rectification or
 modification amendments in the following year's event. That
 would have all been logged in the sailing committee minutes,
 along with various reports that were documented. From year
 to year the notice of race and sailing instructions would
 normally take the previous year's, change the dates, times
 and the race frequency skeds, whatever they might be that
 needed changing, insert amendments or recommendations that
 were applicable from the previous event or changes in the

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