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I refer to your email of 12 September 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *All communications between MFAT and other government departments and/or agencies - both in New Zealand and internationally - about the Berserk expedition to Antarctica, which resulted in the loss of three crew lives when the yacht sank.*
2. *Any reports, notes, briefings or other communications following a meeting between MFAT officials and the surviving crew members on their return to New Zealand.*

Please note that your requests have been numbered for ease of reference.

On 10 October 2023, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 30 working days. This was because responding to your request necessitated the search for and review of a large quantity of historic information, and due to consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1) of the OIA refers).

We have interpreted the first part of your request to be for all communications that originated from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) or were sent directly to the Ministry by another New Zealand government agency or a foreign government agency about the Berserk expedition to Antarctica in 2011.

We have made every possible effort to locate the documents in scope of your request, including assessing previous OIAs on this topic dating back to 2011, and conducting a hard copy file review.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate the original, unredacted versions of these documents. We are therefore unable to confirm whether some of the information requires ongoing protection under the OIA. Despite reasonable efforts to locate the original, unredacted version of these documents, the information cannot be found. We are refusing the originals under section 18(e) of the OIA.

The material able to be located is attached and where identifiable, these redactions were made under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;

- 6(c): to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

In addition, we believe it necessary to apply further redactions to some information under the following sections of the OIA:

- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy; and
- 9(2)(k): improper gain or improper advantage.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, we have identified no public interest in releasing the information that would override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

APU / NOR

CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: GASTON, David (APU)
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 5:13 p.m.
To: ENV/APU filing
Subject: FW: "Berserk" SAROP

[UNCLASSIFIED]

APU/NOR

From: SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 4:14 p.m.
To: GASTON, David (APU); LESLIE, Nicola (LGL)
Subject: FW: "Berserk" SAROP

[UNCLASSIFIED]

FYI

From: Lou Sanson [mailto:L.Sanson@antarcticnz.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 4:10 p.m.
To: Nigel Clifford; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); Cath Taylor
Subject: "Berserk" SAROP

Hi

Iain Miller and myself spoke to Mr Andhoy this afternoon. The 18 year old Sam Anders that accompanied him on the ATV and Norwegian Consul from Canberra Hovard Austad sat in.

1) Essentially he believes he undertook the expedition "with the blessing" of the Norwegian Prime Minister to celebrate Norwegian ability and Norwegian extreme endeavour ("Wild Vikings") around the Amundsen 100 Year Anniversary. He claims he spoke to the Norwegian PM with his dream (he uses the term 'living the dream') following his successful North West Passage mission and subsequently wrote to the Norwegian PM for support.

2) He has been planning the expedition for 18 months and said his plans had had extensive coverage in Norwegian media including his planned ATV trip to South Pole. He has had no contact with Norway Polar Institute or Norway Foreign Affairs to the best of my knowledge. (He was surprised NZ hadn't heard of the expedition given extensive media coverage.) The expedition left from Gnome, Alaska in April 2009 and travelled through Russia/Japan/Philippines/NZ before heading to Cape Adare. He left Dunedin on 24 Jan 2011, arriving at McMurdo Ice channel on 11 Feb.

3) He claimed to have fuel delivered and stored at South Pole by a Russian Victor Serov and in event of his plan failing he intended to keep driving across the continent to Troll Station. The only reason he turned around at 88 degrees south (approx 200km from South pole) was to return to Ross Island to assist with the SAROP. He believed for 5 days that his men could have survived on the beaches near Cape Bird. He now believes they are lost at sea.

4) The Honda ATV's were very reliable and they travelled non stop sleeping on each others backs to keep the engines always running and living on pasta and onions.

5) He believes his yacht crew made a fatal error when warned of an approaching storm by the "HMNZS Wellington" and moved out of the shelter of Winter Quarters Bay for some completely unknown reason. He can't believe they did this. He had planned to do the ATV trip to South Pole in about 14 days returning to "Berserk" and then sailing to Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia. (He also indicated a plan to winter the yacht at McMurdo or the lee of Beaufort Island)

6) He has left some fuel on the Ross Ice shelf and his ATV's and equipment, (incl 280 litres of fuel) on a US

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snow berm near Scott Base. He stated these as his personal property and not owned by any sponsor and he may return to travel through the McMurdo Dry Valleys on a new expedition to cross from McMurdo to Troll Station sometime in future.

7) He claimed he got the GPS co-ordinates of the US South Pole Traverse route from some website and generally followed the route, although flags were somewhat infrequent. He found the route very easy going and fast enabling him to proceed at up to 20-30 kms an hour but did encounter minus 45 degree temps on the Polar Plateau.

7) He thanked NZ and US for the resources involved in the SAROP.

8) I advised him of a further NZ Govt mtg with MFAT and MSA tomorrow in Wellington concerning the expedition planning in terms of Antarctic Treaty obligations and NZ Govt costs of SAR.

Just an observation, a number of times his story shifted and I would question his reliability, even the fact that he got so close to the South Pole. That said he clearly had considerable extreme environment skill sets.

Cheers
Lou

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: GASTON, David (APU)
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2011 10:13 a.m.
To: ENV/APU filing
Subject: FW: [SEEMAIL] RE: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

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-----Original Message-----

From: QUINN SHAUN, LT CDR [mailto:SHAUN.QUINN@NZDF.mil.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 August 2011 8:48 a.m.
To: John Seward
Cc: Nigel Clifford; GASTON, David (APU); LESLIE, Nicola (LGL); MCDONALD, Caroline (ENV); Lou Sanson; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); RENDALL VICTORIA, LT CDR; HUNN LISA, CDR
Subject: [SEEMAIL] RE: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

*** [SEEMAIL] This message may contain classified information *** Hi John

I have discussed this issue with the Maritime Component Commander.

To date the RNZN has not received any questions from Leonard Banks's mother. Through you we are happy to respond to any questions she may have, and to have the CO HMNZS WELLINGTON or the XO (who met the BERSERK crew) to provide a personal account of that meeting. We will also provide any relevant photographs we have, if she so wishes.

Please pass this info on to Mr Andhoy. I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Best regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Seward [mailto:John.Seward@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 26 August 2011 8:19 a.m.
To: QUINN SHAUN, LT CDR
Cc: Nigel Clifford; GASTON, David (APU); LESLIE, Nicola (LGL); MCDONALD, Caroline (ENV); Lou Sanson; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
Subject: RE: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

Hi Shaun,

Apologies for the delay in getting this to you after providing the heads up on Tuesday regarding the request from Jarle Andhoy, owner of the Norwegian yacht, BERSERK, which was lost in the Ross Sea earlier this year, to speak with HMNZS WELLINGTON.

9(2)(g)(i) - free and frank

I referred Jarle's email to MFAT to seek their guidance. At their suggestion, their response is forwarded to you for information. In essence, they have no issue with Navy communicating direct with Mr Andhoy (see paras numbered 2 in his original email and subsequent correspondence).

I would be grateful if you would let me know the course of action you propose and I could then inform Mr Andhoy, or leave it to you to do so if you prefer.

Kind regards

John

John Seward | Operations Manager RCCNZ
Maritime New Zealand | Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)

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-----Original Message-----

From: SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
[mailto:Carolyn.Schwalger@mfat.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 25 August 2011 15:38
To: John Seward
Cc: Nigel Clifford; GASTON, David (APU); LESLIE, Nicola (LGL); MCDONALD, Caroline (ENV); 'Lou Sanson'
Subject: RE: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi John

Thanks for the update. Apologies for not getting back in touch sooner.
I'm down to my last 2 days before going on parental leave so trying to juggle lots of things.

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However, he remains very concerned about Mr Andhoy's actions and the possibility of a future unauthorised voyage to the Ross Sea - as declared by Mr Andhoy to the Norwegian authorities. (c)

This if not, of course, directly related to the issues Mr Andhoy has raised with you but I thought I should let you know about this political context as it does inform how we should be guided as officials in terms of our dealings with Mr Andhoy, ie helpful but circumspect.

On the specific issues you raise, Nicola Leslie from our LGL team may come back to you with specific advice on 1. Your approach sounds sensible, but I am not across the legalities and she may be able to assist.

On 2, we have no problem with Navy being in direct contact with Mr Andhoy, but we would be grateful if you could forward this email to your contact at NZDF so they are also across the Government's general approach in dealing with Mr Andhoy.

On 3, yes, we had agreed to funnel Ant NZ/Scott Base contact with Mr Andhoy all through Lou Sanson. I have copied Lou here as well as he and we are working on a separate matter related to Mr Andhoy as well.

David will be back on Monday and can provide further advice if necessary.

Regards, Carolyn

-----Original Message-----

From: John Seward [mailto:John.Seward@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2011 5:05 p.m.
To: GASTON, David (APU); SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
Cc: Nigel Clifford
Subject: FW: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

Good afternoon David and Carolyn,

As discussed, here is the email from Jarle Adhoy. I am about to acknowledge receipt of his email with a holding reply - which will be copied to you -(PLO) but meanwhile have undertaken some background work which is:

1. Regarding Leonard James Banks, presumed lost with the BERSERK. I have sought advice from Insp Gerry Prins at Police National Headquarters on what might be done about a death certificate. Gerry is one of the Police Liaison Officers (PLO) who works with RCCNZ during SAR incidents.

RCCNZ did not contact the PLO during the BERSERK search because of the incident location. Police therefore did not inform a NZ coroner, and Gerry indicated that they may not have done so anyway because the incident occurred outside NZ territorial waters and those presumed lost were not New Zealanders. He suggested I contact the British High Commission (Tony McLeod, a former senior NZ Police officer now in the consular branch). Tony was overseas so I spoke with Peter Collins. He thought their office could assist by relaying the situation to their London office, for them to facilitate a resolution. Peter suggested I forward the relevant information to him, copied to Kelly Bevin and Tony McLeod. This is yet to be done.

2. Jarle's request to talk direct to HMNZS WELLINGTON: I have discussed this with our Navy contact at HQ Joint Forces New Zealand who is comfortable with this request being referred to him for consideration.

3. Jarle's request for the Scott Base phone number: This number is available in the Christchurch telephone directory, however, I have spoken direct to Lou Sanson who is happy to handle the response to Jarle while Lou is at Scott Base for the next few days.

I'd be grateful for your guidance on the next steps, particularly in regard to Mr Banks.

Kind regards

John

John Seward | Operations Manager RCCNZ
Maritime New Zealand | Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)

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-----Original Message-----

From: [s9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

Sent: Saturday, 20 August 2011 4:39

To: John Seward

Subject: Re: Fwd: SAR LOG - Berserk

Aye Aye John,

Thanks again for your information. Im sorry to bother you more but some inquireys have come up from the families end.

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Do you or any other authority in NZ handle those matters allthough the missing men are foreigners??

Her difficulties are mentioned in the email below:

Hi Jarle, things here in England work very different than they do in Norway and I have been advised that the yacht being owned by you and disappeared in Antarctic it is you who have to contact the authorities, I think it is New Zealand and s9(2)(a)

police here but they say the owner of the boat has to first report the boys missing from the last port of call which is New Zealand and then all paperwork pertaining to the report must then be sent to the British Consulate, I just do not know who to contact anymore so need your help. s9(2)(a)

Thank you so much Jarle I understand what you say about authorities but there is so

2. Can you give me the direct contact information to HMNZS Wellington as I have heard nothing from that end??

3. Do you have the phone number to Scott Base?

4. Is there elsewhere anything new about circumstances around the loss of the Berserk and why they left anchorage?? The last communication between Berserk and the scientific bases and Wellington is something that I very much wish first hand information about as there is many questions regarding the unlogic seamanship from anchorage to meeting the forecasted storm.

kindest
jarle

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV)
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2011 11:31 a.m.
To: CHIN, Diane (ENV)
Subject: FW: Berserk Vessel Incident Update: Thu 3 March (Final)
Attachments: 20110301 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in Ross Sea 12.doc

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Please file to APU/NOR.

From: SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2011 11:05 a.m.
To: ANDERSEN, James (EUR); MACDONALD, Anna (EUR); HARVEY, Martin (EUR); CRAIG, Sarah (EUR);WARREN2, Cecilia (Inet); 'Tony Lynch'; WELLS, Amanda (CMD); WILLIAMS, Catrina (CMD); 'STEWART SEAN, CDR'; OLIVER, Mary (PRD); 'Lou Sanson'; 'Marlene Castle'; 'Ben Sims'; SHANKS, Bronwyn (HAG); WALKER, James (HAG); 'Steve.van.der.Splinter@maritimenz.govt.nz'; CRICHTON, Adham (CMD); 'Nigel Clifford'; 'John Seward'; 'Ross Henderson'; 'Sophie Hazelhurst'; 'HUNT STEVE, WGCDR'; 'Iain Miller'; 'Troy Beaumont (Scott Base)'
Cc: GASTON, David (APU); VAN BOHEMEN, Gerard (DS MLG); MCDONALD, Caroline (ENV); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV)
Subject: Berserk Vessel Incident Update: Thu 3 March (Final)

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

We hope this will be the last email on the *Berserk* incident. Key points to note are:

1. RCCNZ/MNZ suspended the SAR operation for the *Berserk* at 1630 on Tuesday (the effort can be reactivated if new information comes to light). See attached press release.

3. Agencies have been receiving some correspondence from the public expressing dissatisfaction with the actions of the *Berserk* (and in some cases dissatisfaction with suggestions the *Berserk* did anything wrong). We have prepared a template response for agencies to draw on and follow up is being directed to the Norwegian Honorary Consul in Wellington (with his agreement). Media enquiries which don't directly relate to NZ's SAR response are also being directed to the Honorary Consul.

4. ATS and CCAMLR notifications on the incident completed.

Over and out (we hope).

Carolyn

From: SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV)
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 4:03 p.m.
To: ANDERSEN, James (EUR); MACDONALD, Anna (EUR); HARVEY, Martin (EUR); CRAIG, Sarah (EUR);WARREN2, Cecilia (Inet); 'Tony Lynch'; WELLS, Amanda (CMD); WILLIAMS, Catrina (CMD); 'STEWART

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Cc: GASTON, David (APU); VAN BOHEMEN, Gerard (DS MLG); MCDONALD, Caroline (ENV); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV)

Subject: Berserk Vessel Incident Update: Tue 1 March

[SEEMAIL] [IN CONFIDENCE]

Hi all

An update on the *Berserk* incident follows.

1. MFAT/RCCNZ meeting: RCCNZ (Clifford, Seward) and MFAT (Schwalger, Leslie) met with with Mr Andhoy (owner and skipper of the vessel), the Norwegian Counsellor from Canberra and the Wellington-based Norwegian Honorary Consul this morning. Key points follow:

- We took the opportunity to express our condolences on the apparent loss of the *Berserk* and its three crew, explain the NZ SAR response and note that the NZ Government was leaving open the option of SAR cost recovery (comment: this is uncommon and will be considered carefully). RCCNZ also explained the process for making a decision to suspend the SAR operation. Mr Andhoy and the Norwegian Counsellor expressed sincere appreciation for New Zealand's SAR efforts. Mr Andhoy said he thought the SAR operation should be called off.
- We registered our concerns about the apparent ill-preparedness of the expedition and our assessment that the members of the expedition had failed to fulfill its environmental permitting obligations. Mr Andhoy strongly disputed the expedition was fool hardy and went through various explanations of what the crew had done in terms of preparations. He asserted that the expedition was well known about in Norway and had the Norwegian PM's blessing. Andhoy commented that he had travelled to Antarctica previously and had not needed permits on those occasions. In fact his expeditions had been celebrated by a number of countries.
- We were firm in our response that he had ignored advice from New Zealand officials that he was required to submit an Initial Environmental Evaluation and that this was an offence under New Zealand law. We explained that he may have also committed other offences as well and that we would be considering whether to take the matter further. Mr Andhoy was cavalier in his response, refusing to accept responsibility (for example claiming that he was not responsible as he had passed over the skipper ship of the vessel once he had landed in Antarctica, that they considered Antarctica as no-mans land etc).

2. Media: Radio NZ has sought information on the meeting this morning and we have provided the attached response. Other agencies (eg RCCNZ and Antarctica NZ may wish to draw on these points, as appropriate).

[REDACTED] we refrained from making public comment on: (i) the preparedness of the voyage, and (ii) that we are considering whether to take action for EIA non-compliance.

NZ Herald media article from this morning is attached. A snippet of the intense Norwegian media interest in this incident is also attached (thanks to The Hague).

3. SAR operation: Director of MNZ is likely to make a decision today whether to suspend the SAR operation. RCCNZ is preparing an updated media release on the SAR side of the house. RCCNZ hosted Andhoy at its HQ this morning following our meeting so he could go through first-hand the SAR response.

4. Andhoy and Massie are scheduled to leave New Zealand the day after tomorrow.

Let us take this opportunity to thank all those who have been involved in responding to this incident (primarily

Antarctica NZ, RCCNZ/MNZ and Navy).

Records, Carolyn

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: MCM-Weather Forecaster [mcm.Weather.Forecaster@usap.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2011 3:56 p.m.
To: RCCNZ; s9(2)(k)
Cc: Henriksen, William; MCM-SOPP Site Manager Mailbox; MCM-SOPP Met Manager Mailbox; CHS, Weather; winterleader@scott.aq
Subject: Aviation forecast for the area between Wohlshlag Bay and Beaufort Island, Antarctica

In response to tasking from the McMurdo Emergency Operations Center and the Scott Base Winter Leader, the following aviation forecast is provided:

12 hour aviation forecast commencing 23/0000Z Feb 2011 for the area between Wohlshlag Bay to Beaufort Island:

Ceiling (hundreds ft):

23/00Z: 100 in Wohlshlag Bay, decreasing to 060 from Cape Bird to Beaufort Island.

23/03Z: 100 in southern Wohlshlag Bay, decreasing to 030 in northern Wohlshlag Bay to Beaufort Island.

23/06Z: 090 in Wohlshlag Bay, decreasing to 030 from Cape Bird to Beaufort Island.

23/09Z: 120 in Wohlshlag Bay, decreasing to 090 near Beaufort Island.

23/12Z: 090, except 110 near Cape Bird.

Surface visibility (NM): Unrestricted.

Surface Wind (True direction/knots):

Wohlshlag Bay (West of long 166-15E): 170/45

Wohlshlag Bay (East of long 166-15E): 200/8

Cape Bird to Beaufort Island: 360-040/5-10, becoming 320-360/5-10 at 23/09Z.

Winds aloft (MSL) (True direction/knots):

Wohlshlag Bay (West of long 166-15E):

1,000 ft: 150/60

3,000 ft: 150/40, becoming 330/15 at 23/03Z.

5,000 ft: 340/07

Wohlshlag Bay (East of long 166-15E):

1,000 ft: 330/10

3,000 ft: 330/10

5,000 ft: 330/05

Cape Bird to Beaufort Island:

1,000 ft: 310/13, decreasing to 330/05 at 23/03Z.

3,000 ft: 330/13, decreasing to 360/05 at 23/06Z.

5,000 ft: 180/10

Turbulence: Moderate to severe 005/040 in Wohlshlag Bay (West of long 166-15E), NIL elsewhere.

Freezing level: Surface

Icing: Light occasional moderate rime in cloud 090-160.

Lowest expected altimeter setting: 29.00 inches, decreasing to 28.90 inches at 23/06Z.

Respectfully,

Rolf Hennig
 McMurdo Weather Forecaster

CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: GASTON, David (APU)

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2011 3:53 p.m.

To: GASTON, David (APU)

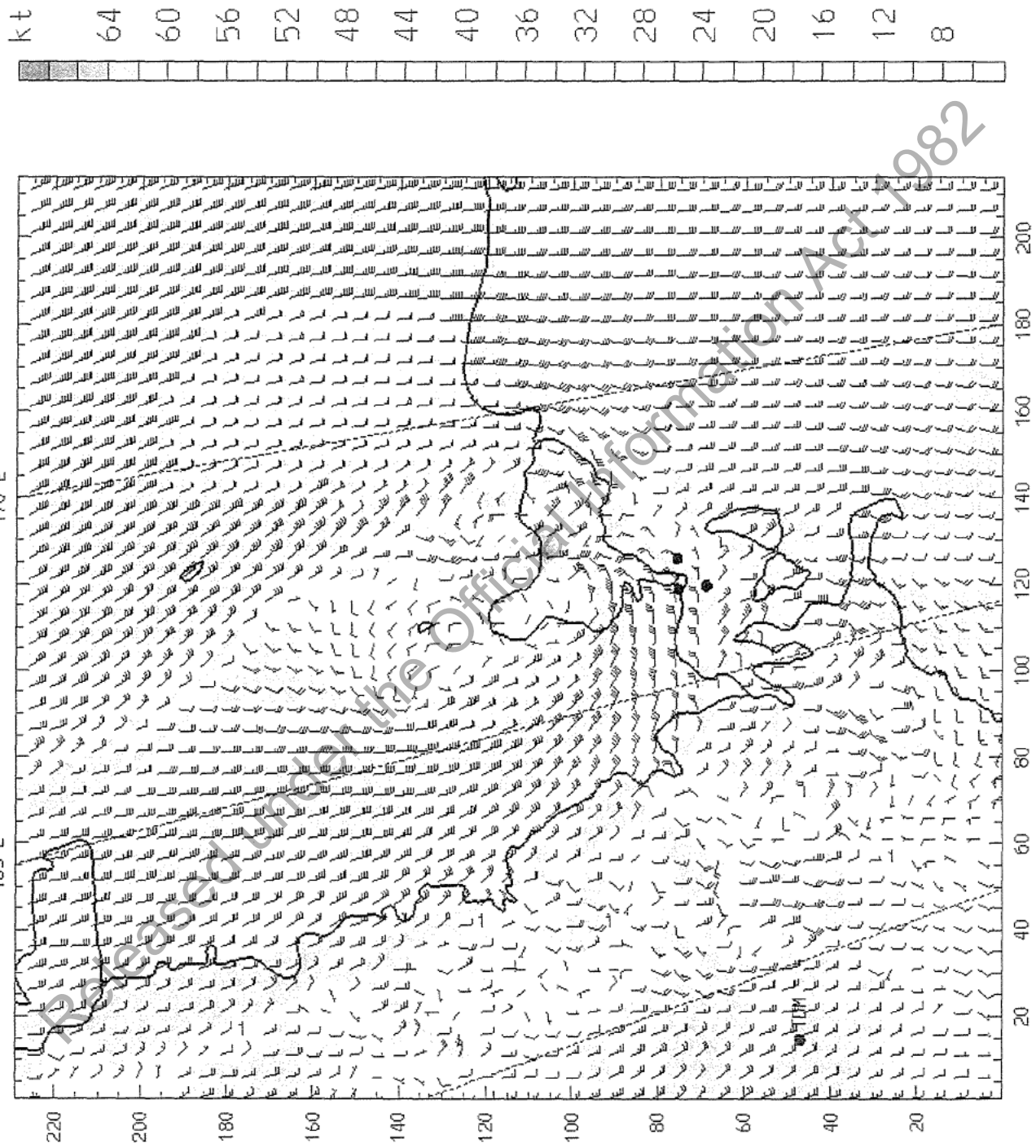
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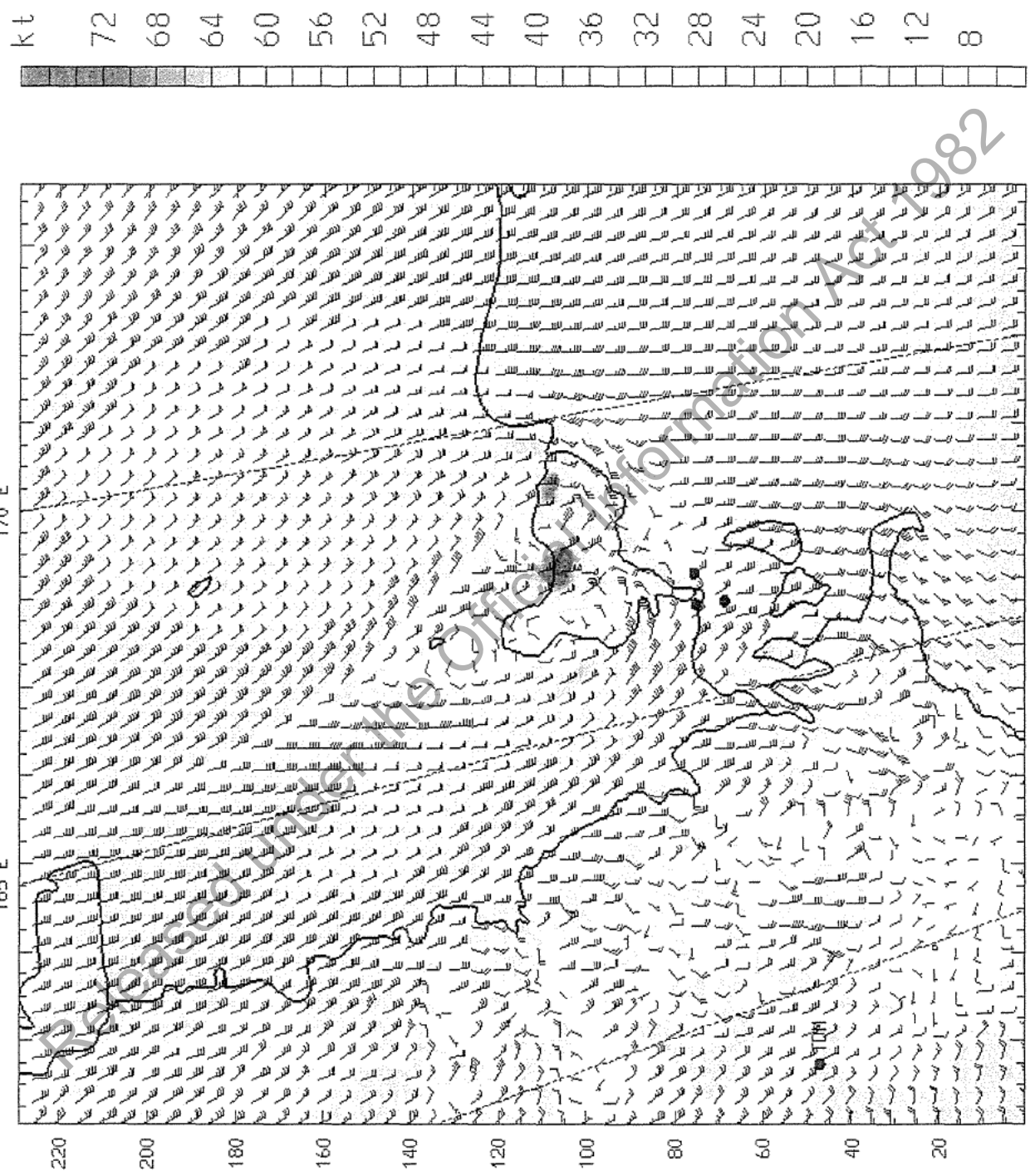
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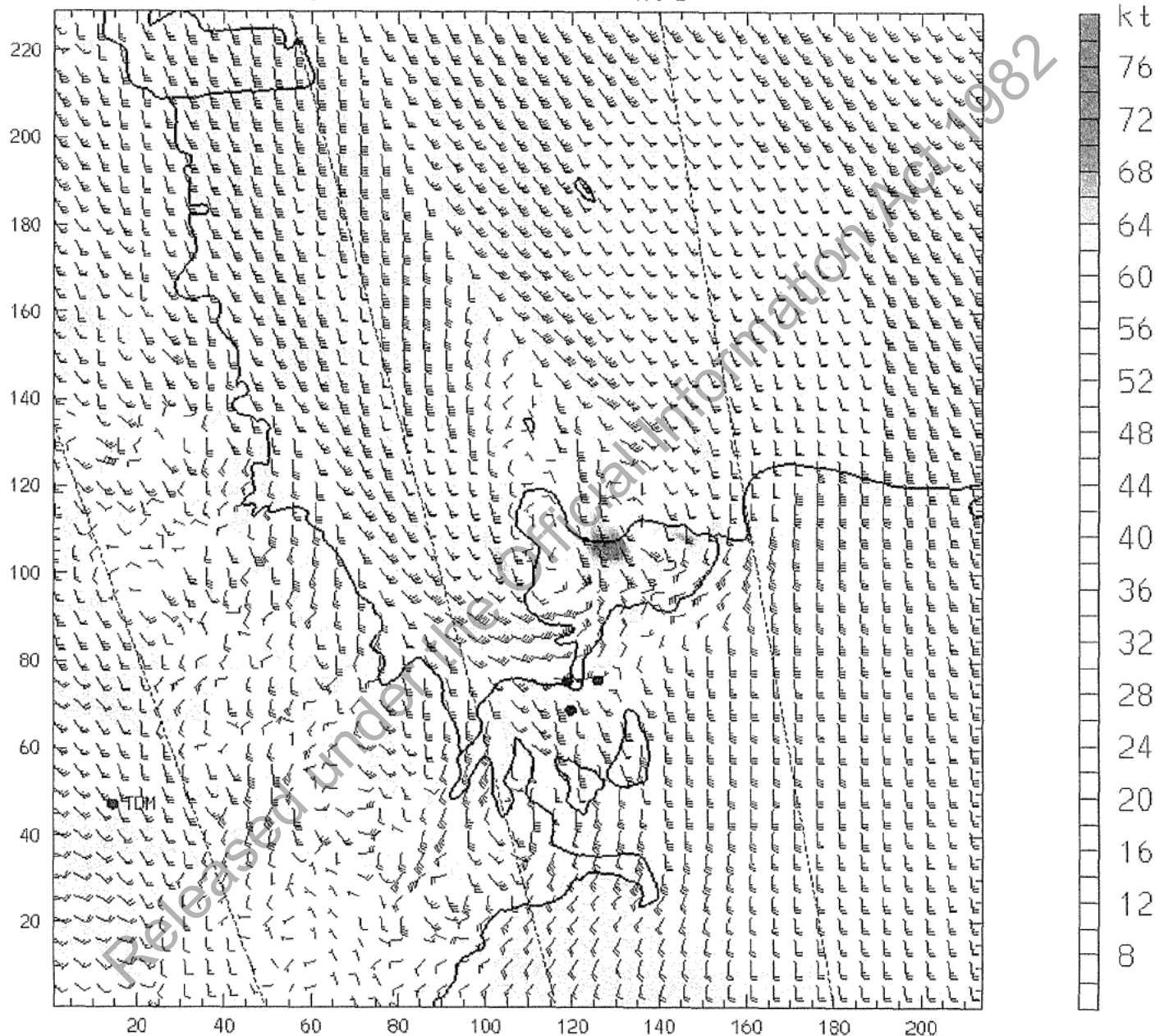
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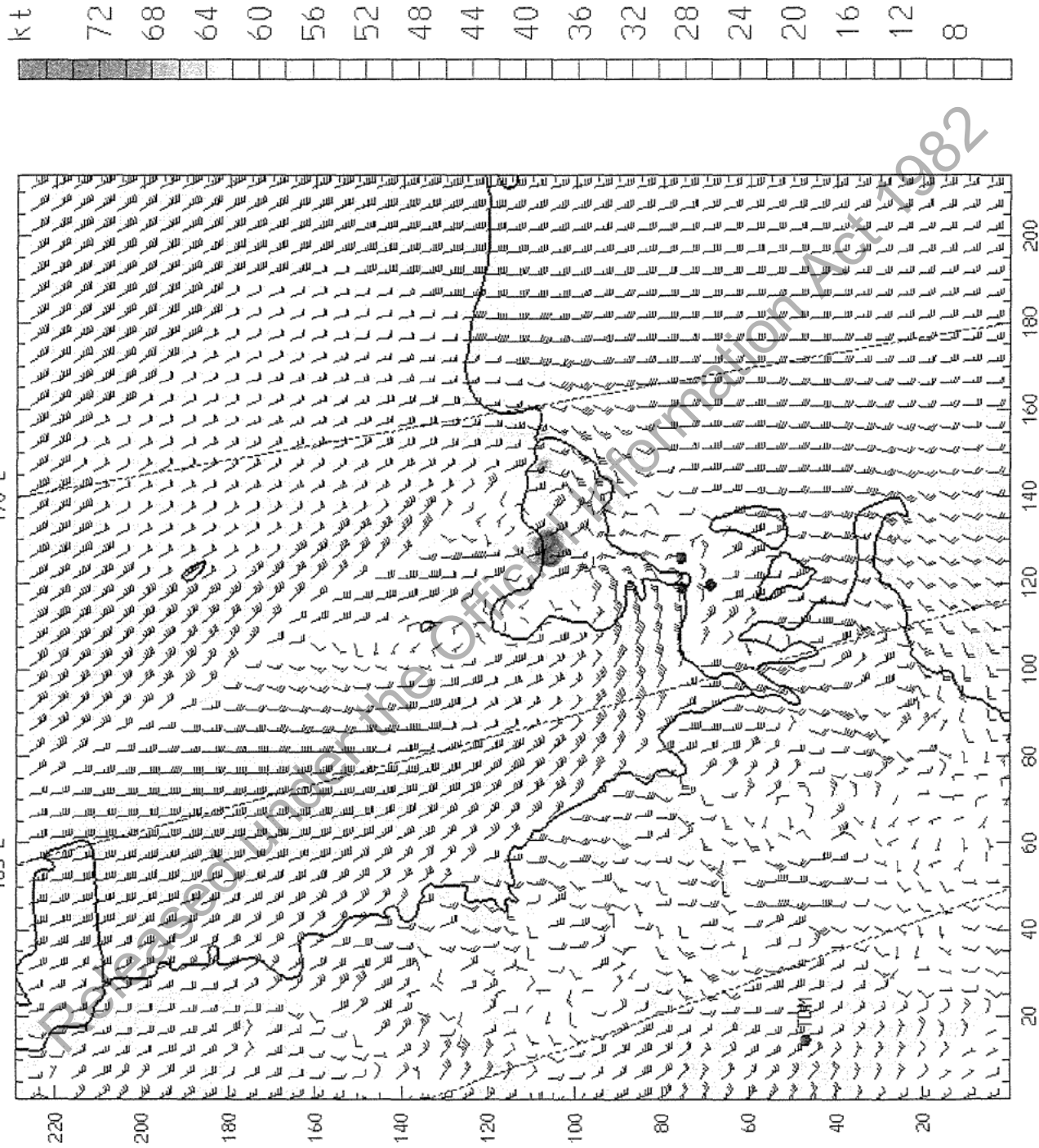


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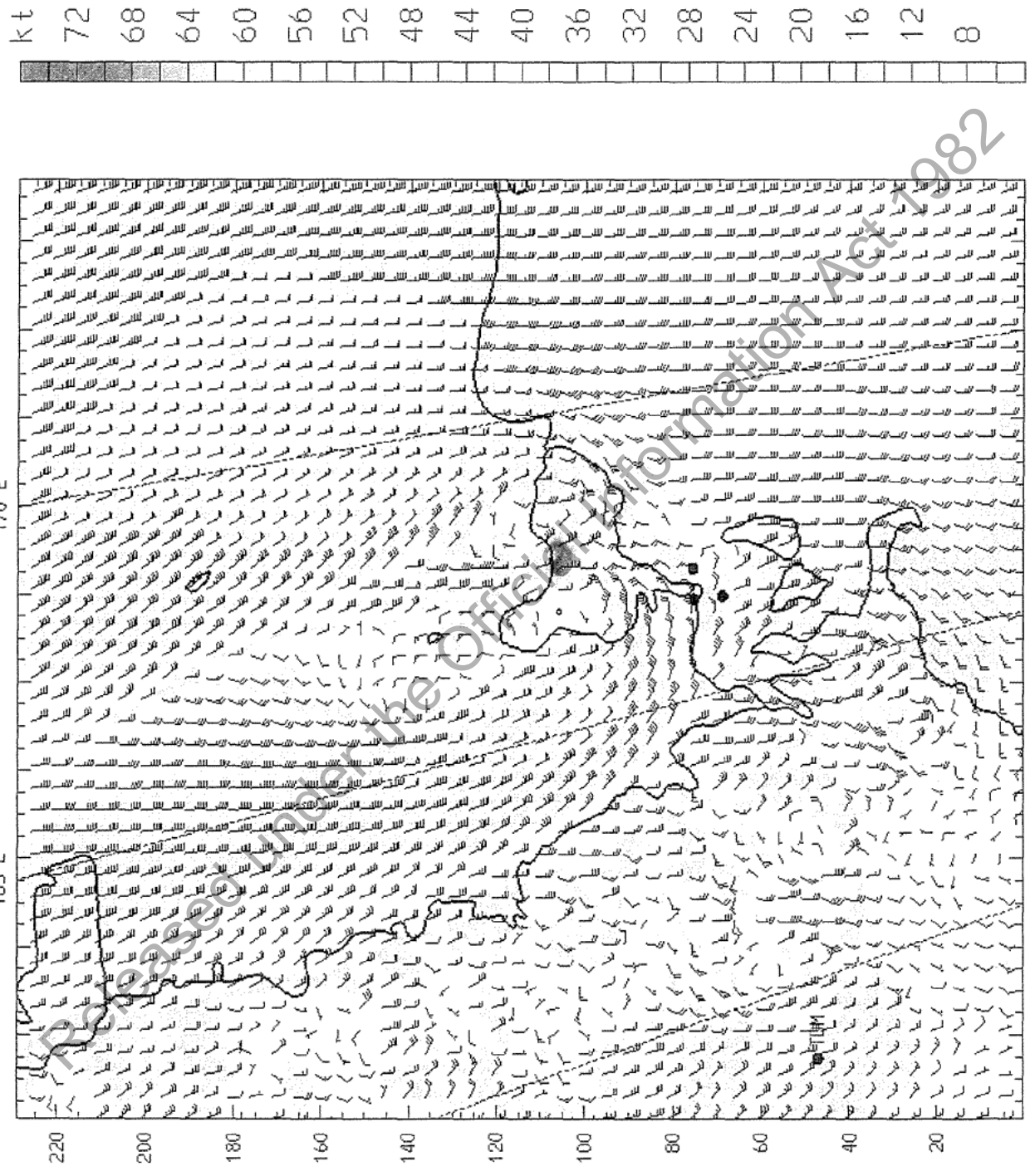
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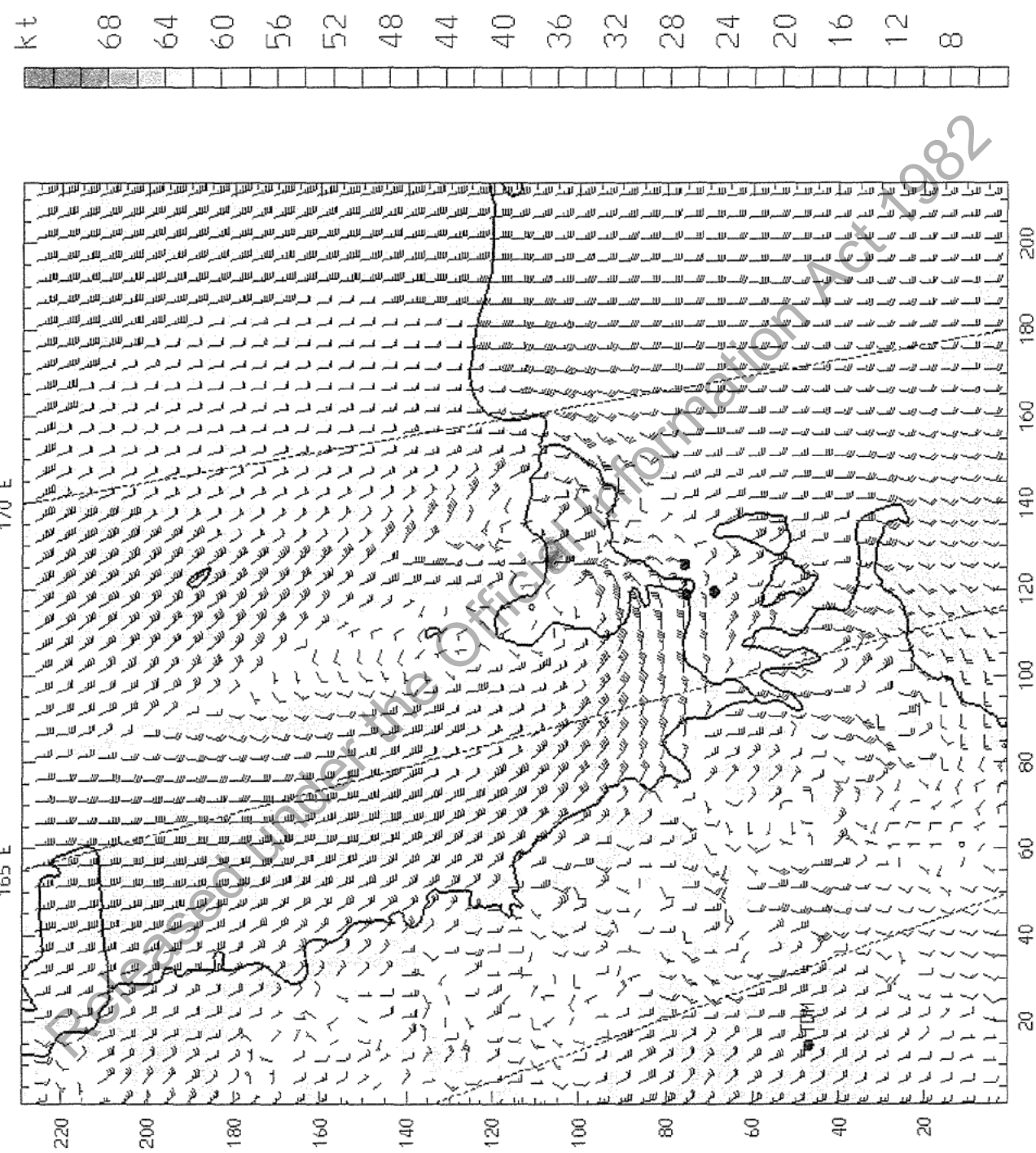


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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: MCM-Weather Forecaster [mcm.Weather.Forecaster@usap.gov]

Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2011 9:25 a.m.

To: RCCNZ

Cc: Clogston, Chester

Subject: NZPG RUNWAY TAF 2321/2421 DRAFT

NZPG TAF 2321/2421 (2410/2510NZDT) 06014KT 4800 BR SCT010 BKN030 BKN080 QNH2885INS
GRID23014KT

BECMG 2410/2412 (2423/2501) VRB06KT 1600 BR FEW008 BKN012 OVC030 620124 QNH2885INS

BECMG 2413/2415 (2502/2504) VRB04KT 0800 BR SCT008 BKN010 620104 QNH2887INS

BECMG 2415/2417 (2504/2506) VRB04KT 0400 -SN FG BKN006 OVC010 620064 QNH2887INS

LAST NO AMDS AFT 232100

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**CHIN, Diane (ENV)**

From: GASTON, David (APU)
Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2011 3:56 p.m.
To: GASTON, David (APU)
Subject: FW: SV BERSERK: Information from HMNZS WELLINGTON
Attachments: BERSERCK.jpg

[UNCLASSIFIED]

From: BAKEWELL LAYAMON, LT ^{s9(2)(a)}
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2011 9:57
To: RCCNZ
Cc: GRIFFITHS SIMON, LTCDR
Subject: Unclassified: SV Berserck SAR Operation

At 0850 Monday 21 February 2010, WELLINGTON's Seaboat went alongside the Sailing Vessel BERSERCK in Back Door bay (South of Cape Royds). I passed the latest weather forecast to them stating that 60 knot winds were forecast to develop overnight. They advised me that in the event of extreme weather they would seek shelter in Horse Shoe Bay – The bay north of Cape Royds. I have attached an updated photo of the yacht taken Monday Morning.

Overnight Tuesday 22 February 2011 WELLINGTON encountered heavy weather in the Southern Ross Sea – Sea State 7 with wind speeds gusting above 100 knots.

In approx position: 76 58'S 168 28'E, WELLINGTON lost 4 X ZMEC 50 Man Self Righting Life rafts; ID No's:

XDCOFC38A111

XDCOFC39A111

XDCOFC46A111

XDCOFC43A111

Weather conditions prevented WELLINGTON locating and/or recovering the life rafts.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Layamon

<<BERSERCK.jpg>>

Layamon Bakewell

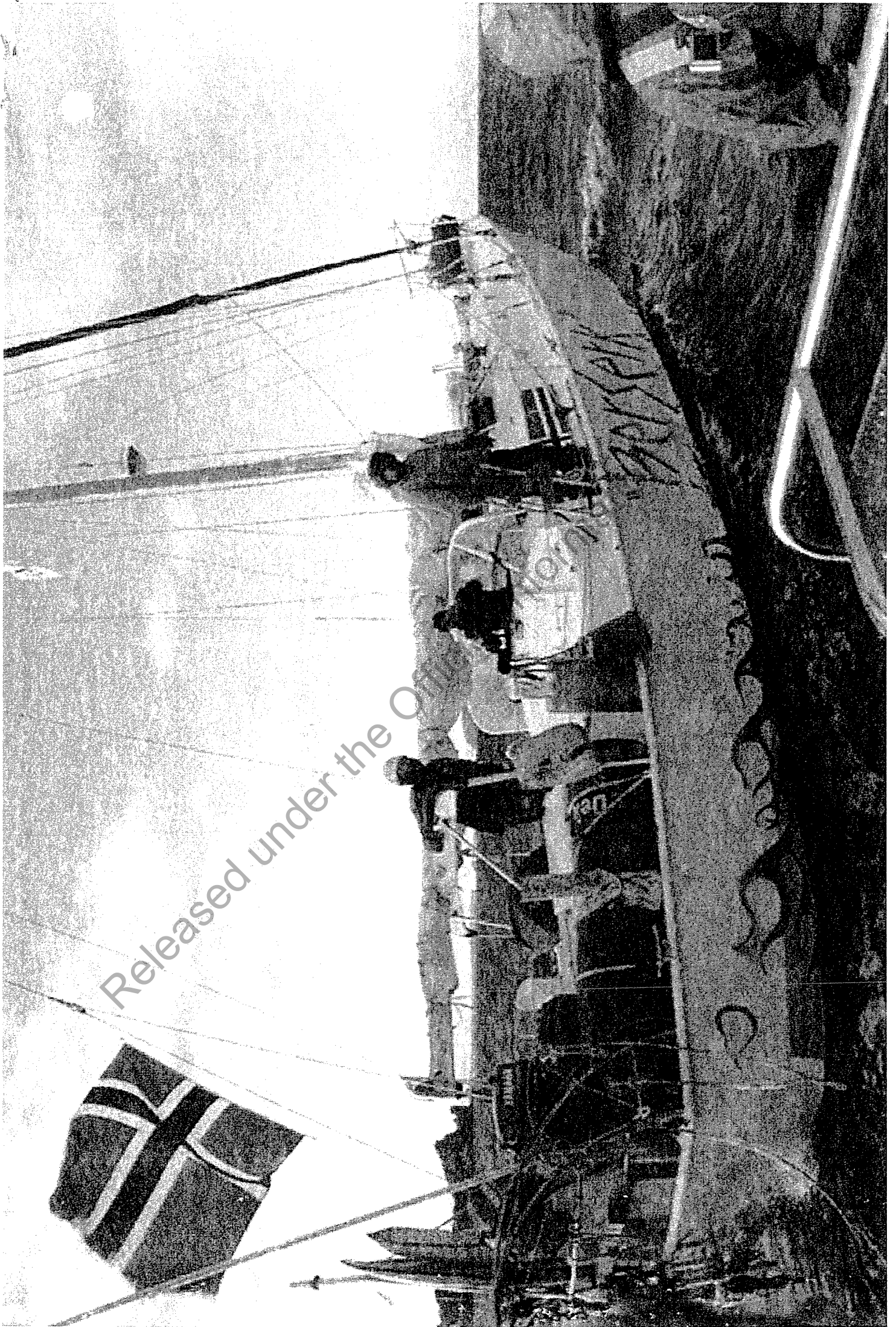
Lieutenant, Royal New Zealand Navy
Executive Officer, HMNZS WELLINGTON
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"Mana Tuu, Mana Roa"

"Supreme as Ever"

10/05/2011

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Category II Incident: RCC0130/11

Date/Time: 22/02/2011 06:12 utc Incident Number: RCC0130/11 Police Event #:
Status: Closed Declared Phase: Distress Resolution: Not Resolved
Casualty ID: BERSERK Hex ID: A028164C64334D1
Description:
EPIRB
Location (Lat/Long): 77 24.00S 166 05.00E Location (place): Antarctic

Contacts for RCC0130/11

Name	Role	Details
Charles BANKS	Father of Leonard (South African based)	Tel: ^{s9(2)(a)}
Daniel Massie	Brother of Samuel	
Dunedin Customs		
HMNZS		
WELLINGTON		
JRCC Norway		
JRCC Norway (Merete)		Tel: 0047 75559000 / 0047 75559340 / Email: operations@jrcc-bodo.no Email: merete.jepesen@jrcc-bodo.no
Karalyn Schwarger	MFAT Antarctic Policy Unit	
Marit Skanes	Partner of BERSERK crew member Robert Skanes	
McMurdo Base		
McMurdo MAC Ops	Base Comms	
Megan Hunt	British High Comm Brisbane	
MFAT	David Gaston	
MRCC Chile		Email: mrccchile@directemar.cl
Nick Churchouse	Media Liaison	
Phil Ambler	CH Antarctic Programme	
RCC Norfolk		Email: tantwatch@uscg.mil
RCC Rome		Email: cccp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it
Scot Base		
SPIRIT of ENDERBY		
STEVE IRWIN		
Sue FEASEY	British high com	

Tim Northland Seasafety
Tom Lopez Iridium Call Intercept
Officer

Yt BERSERK
Yt BERSERK's shore
party

Other: 881651450698

Other: 00881 622457466 / 00881 631649903

Events for RCC0130/11

Date-Time / Operator / Event Details

22/02/11 04:53 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received Initial Alert A psn 77 26S 166 13E 66 09S 126 19W Norwegian EPIRB

22/02/11 05:08 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received Conflict Alert Msg 15318

22/02/11 05:09 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received Initial Alert Msg 15319

22/02/11 05:30 utc - Neville Blakemore

Resolved Alert Received

22/02/11 06:01 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received a message from MRCC Chile informing us about the activation of an EPIRB at psn 77 25S 166 10E asking us to confirm info as soon as possible. We checked the alerts and realised that we had filed these under the Norwegian EPIRB that was active on the coast of Australia earlier today.

22/02/11 06:05 utc - Neville Blakemore

Phase: DISTRESS

SMC: Neville Blakemore

22/02/11 06:24 utc - Ramon Davis

To MOC - in person - please bx MAYDAY relay to 200 nm of posn to yacht and any vessels in area

22/02/11 06:29 utc - Ramon Davis

Email received from Chile as below:

TO MRCC CHILE

COPY TO JRCC NEW ZEALAND

FROM NMCC

REF 406 BEACON 257528290

HEX A028164C64334d1

Vessel: S/V BERSERK



C/S: LE3776

NERWEGIAN SAILING VESSEL
27 FOOT
HVITE HULL
"BERSERK" AT SHIP SIDE

chek "BERSERK at GOOGLE

PLS SEND NMCC INFO ON THIS CASE

REGARDS
NMCC

22/02/11 06:30 utc - Ramon Davis
<http://www.bersek-expeditions.com/> - describes vessel and voyages undertaken.

22/02/11 06:32 utc - Neville Blakemore
Called NZ/US United Command on the 02 number, no answer

22/02/11 06:33 utc - Neville Blakemore
Called NZ/US Unified Command via the United States contact number, spoke with KATIE at the Fire House, explained the situation and that this was a CAT II SAR that we were coordinating and asked for their assistance. She will pass the info on to Management.

22/02/11 06:45 utc - Tracy Brickles
Fm McMurdo

Resources, there are no a/c in the area or helo, especially as CH a/and is closed due to the earth quake. there are no gnd crews or v/l's that can assist as they are closing down for the winter.

The Spirit of Enderby is due at McMurdo on Thursday so they might be able to assist.

The posn is in open water.

They have heard from Scot base, the NZ navy HMNZS Wellington was in the area yesterday and they will get Scot Base to call us with a latest posn.

LKP of Wellington was Beaufort Island (quite close 18NM)

Wx, lot of blowing snow, wind gusts and poor vis.

McMurdo will e-mail us some wx.

22/02/11 06:57 utc - Neville Blakemore

Adam Schneider from the USCG at Alameda called to advise that they have received a DSC alert, advised him that if it is for 77S then that is us, asking for assistance for a 27ft yacht next to the Ice Shelf.

22/02/11 07:03 utc - Neville Blakemore

Called JFHQ NZ and advised, asked where HMNZS Wellington was and could they assist. The watch keeper would check.

22/02/11 07:05 utc - Geoff Lunt

SMC Geoff Lunt

Distress Phase

22/02/11 07:07 utc - Geoff Lunt

Response fm m/v KHROMOV / UBNR (SPIRIT of ENDERBY) Psn 72 43S 171 38E Co 180 Sp5.

Proceeding to McMurdo strait ETA 24/2/2011 1700NZDT Wx SW 40kn.

22/02/11 07:08 utc - Geoff Lunt

Resolved Alert rcvd - Msg No 15323 DTG 220528utc

Psn 77 24S 166 04E (28NM Nth of Scott Base)

ASLUT Cape Town

22/02/11 07:09 utc - Geoff Lunt

From JFHQ advising that they are trying to contact the w/s WELLINGTON which is off Beaufort Island.

22/02/11 07:09 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset updated: HMNZS WELLINGTON: Task0201. No changes made..

22/02/11 07:12 utc - Tracy Brickles

Asked MOC to contact the Spirit of Enderby

22/02/11 07:13 utc - Geoff Lunt

Dave Wilson called in to suggest SPIRIT of ENDERBY is in the area - advised we are trying to call her.

22/02/11 07:13 utc - Tracy Brickles

Phoned Norway RCC, they have tried all the distress numbers but got no answer.

V/I Berserk c/s LE3776

Inmarsat no's 600858748/49/50/51 or 764683073/74

They will keep trying all no's and get more info about the v/i

22/02/11 07:16 utc - Geoff Lunt

Paged Duty RCC manager.

22/02/11 07:16 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm RCC Rome asking if we had rcvd their fax - Yes we had.

22/02/11 07:19 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm McMurdo advising that they have an Iridium number for the w/s WELLINGTON [REDACTED]

Also McMurdo are checking out a report that Scott base may or may not have rcvd a Distress call fm the BERSERK, any further info on this and we will let RCC know.

22/02/11 07:20 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm Scot Base

They have made brief contact with the Wellington but were cut off.

The Wellington think they have rx'd a mayday from the v/l but I advised that MOC have accidentally bx as though they were the v/l which is calling problems.

They got the posn as Nth of Ross Island

Iridium phone [REDACTED]

Scot Base will keep trying

22/02/11 07:28 utc - Geoff Lunt

IT called to release email fm Rome

22/02/11 07:32 utc - Geoff Lunt

Paged Duty RCC Manager again as to busy to pass sitrep when he called in.

22/02/11 07:35 utc - Geoff Lunt

Rcvd Wx pictures fm McMurdo

22/02/11 07:38 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to RCC Duty manager

22/02/11 07:39 utc - Geoff Lunt

Checked with MOC that they had BERSERK's MMSI - Yes

22/02/11 07:41 utc - Tracy Brickles

Malcolm called to say he has released the e-mails we need, I asked him to try and get onto the Facebook pages of the v/l via their web site as I can't look at them because I'm blocked. He will call back

22/02/11 07:43 utc - Geoff Lunt

RCC Manager has advised MNZ Manager

22/02/11 07:44 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm JFHQ they can't get hold of the Wellington but they have sent a signal and will keep trying

22/02/11 07:47 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm w/s WELLINGTON - comms very poor and connection lost

22/02/11 07:50 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm Scott Base (Troy) advising that the BERSERK dropped off 2 persons 8 days ago, intentions were

to trek to the pole using a quad bike. Yt was to remain in the area until the 2 came out sometime in March.

Troy also supplied email address for SPIRIT OF ENDERBY

22/02/11 07:55 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm MOC they had the Wellington on the radio but lost comms

22/02/11 07:55 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm JRCC Norway,

they are still trying to get hold of the distress contacts and the police are going round to the house.

Norway was very confused about alert coming thru from Rome and on DSC that MOC are bx'ing, because they think it is coming from the v/l.

They are sending all the alerts they have got so we can compare them.

Have compared their alerts, the only difference is that their alert says posn info suspect and that they get posn to dec figures slightly different to NZ posns but still in the same area.

The v/l MMSI no they got is 257 528 290

22/02/11 07:59 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm Malcolm Reid (IT) advising that he has had a look at vessels blog fm the website - reports last blog was on the 10th Feb.

Tracy had earlier asked Malcolm for access to blog site

22/02/11 07:59 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAT-C msg fm Wellington in psn 76 59.7S 168 31.4E Co 180 Sp3 - V. heavy seas - beacon psn 230T 42. Unable to provide assistance at this time due to local Wx.

22/02/11 07:59 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset updated: HMNZS WELLINGTON: Task0201. Status changed to Departed.

22/02/11 07:59 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: HMNZS WELLINGTON (Task0201): status changed from Called to Departed.

22/02/11 08:09 utc - Geoff Lunt

Called AUMCC to ask if beacon is still Tx - Peter replied that Aus & NZ LUTs will not get any hits, but will check and see who will get any passes.

22/02/11 08:17 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to media (Nick)

22/02/11 08:33 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm McMurdo

wx 3000' cld base 1km vis in driving snow.

The v/l dropped off 2 POB to go to the pole and there are 3 POB on the v/l. McMurdo have no way of

contacting the POB on the ice,

22/02/11 08:38 utc - Tracy Brickles
CADW radio called but cut off.

22/02/11 08:45 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAT-C fm WELLINGTON advising they are hove too in very heavy seas unable to provide assistance at this stage.

Requested MOC to reply that when Wx allows, to proceed as fast to beacon's psn.

22/02/11 09:10 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm JFHQ (Vicky) to say she had taken over duty fm WO Payne

22/02/11 09:18 utc - Geoff Lunt

AFTN fm AUMCC ref if beacon is still Tx - Request has been made to USMCC & ASMCC (Cape Town).

USMCC advise no passes since 220528utc. (see attached)

22/02/11 09:27 utc - Tracy Brickles

Clarified with MOC that the DSC alert rx'd by MRCC Rome was the DSC alert sent by MOC and that the posn difference is questionable but the DSC appears to be a relay of a relay.

22/02/11 09:50 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm RCC Norway asking for clarification ref DSC Alert rcvd at RCC Rome - where did the info originate.

Replied that it seems that a vessel had picked up the DSC relay fm Maritime NZ and relayed to RCC Rome.

Norway advise that mother & father have been contacted. They gave an iridium number which Norway have tried, no success.

It seems their son is quite famous and that there will be Norwegian media interest.

Advised Norway that a Sitrep will be sent, included will be MNZ Media Dpt.

22/02/11 10:16 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm AUMCC did we get their AFTN info. Yes thanks we will await any further alerts

22/02/11 10:51 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAR Sitrep No 1 sent to RCC Rome, RCC Norfolk, RCC Norway, MRCC Chile, RCC Aus

22/02/11 10:53 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm Scott base (Troy) Wx should abate tomorrow.

We have had communication fm the w/s WELLINGTON via Navcom Star Auckland and w/s OTAGO -
Advised that RCC are communicating with WELLINGTON via SATC.

Troy would pass on the yachts Iridium number to WELLINGTON via Navcom Star

22/02/11 11:04 utc - Geoff Lunt

Further info fm Norway to advise that the ship was reporting in every week via iridium phone to a Norwegian Radio stn. (see attached)

22/02/11 11:43 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm Scot Base, they have just had the latest wx fro McMurdo the low is in posn 75.32S 169.17W tracking sth.

Have passed this info onto the Wellington via MOC and SAT C

22/02/11 12:52 utc - Tracy Brickles

Ger Mortensen phoned from JRCC Norway to ask if we have an update. No nothing.

Norway are trying to contact the families at present

22/02/11 13:31 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm MOC, the HMNZS WN has asked if the beacon is still going off, said we haven't had another pass. Also passed on the Sat phone no of the Berserk

22/02/11 13:39 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset updated: HMNZS WELLINGTON: Task0201. Status changed to On Scene.

22/02/11 13:39 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: HMNZS WELLINGTON (Task0201): status changed from Departed to On Scene.

22/02/11 13:56 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm HMNZS WN (via sat C) they are on the move doing 9kn cse 225, they have tried to call Berserk, no luck. See attachment

Notes on scene and conducting a datum search

22/02/11 14:18 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm JRCC Norway, they are still having problems getting full crew list, will look at web site to try and find out last port of call. As most of written info is in Norwegian

Media no in SITREP was wrong so gave it again.

22/02/11 14:31 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm JFHQ have we got the Sat C msg, yes we have, note HMNZS Wellington has started datum search. Wx fm ellington force 8

22/02/11 14:34 utc - Tracy Brickles

MLO phoned for an update

22/02/11 15:06 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm MOC - SAT C fm WELLINGTON asking any further beacon info - Neg, last Resolved psn 220528utc.

22/02/11 15:12 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAR sitrep No2 sent

22/02/11 15:25 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm MOC - SAT-C fm WELLINGTON - Have conducted search in to Datum, no sign of yacht.
Conducted second search out fm Datum. Wx deteriorating: SSW75kn, sea SSW 3/4m, vis poor.

Asked MOC to check with WELLINGTON that they have checked beacon psn of 77 24S 166 05E, as previous msg stating on scene at 77 12.9S 166 10.1E.

22/02/11 15:52 utc - Geoff Lunt

Rcvd a call fm Daniel Massie (brother) of Samuel Massie onboard the BERSERK enquiring if anything has been found. Sitrep given to Daniel.

Daniel also gave name of skipper has - Jorlu Andno.

Contact detail - [REDACTED]

22/02/11 16:16 utc - Geoff Lunt

Fm MOC - SAT-C fm WELLINGTON advising that at 1540utc, entered McMurdo to that location. All wind & current info indicates a N-NNW set. Now searching NE of Datum

22/02/11 16:17 utc - Geoff Lunt

Received a Sat phone call fm WELLINGTON - As per msg, they are searching NW of Beacon psn - Wx hampering search.

Wx Cx - SSW 60-80kn, high seas, vis between 0.5 & NM, heavy sea spray making visual search difficult.

Wellington spoke to the yacht 2 days ago, they were aware of Wx coming in and were going to shelter in Horse Shoe Bay - Asked if that has been checked - replied that Wx prevents checking that Bay, if they were in there, they should be safe, so will continue with present search.

Thanked them for their assistance.

22/02/11 16:40 utc - Geoff Lunt

Checked Antarctic Pilot book for details on Horseshoe Bay (Para 9.68) - 77 32S 166 11E - 1.25NM NE of Cape Royds which has provided shelter in an emergency.

22/02/11 16:49 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm Daniel advising that he will send an email with names of POB BERSERK and a map of route they were going to follow. This info was passed to him by his father after he had spoken to son onboard the yacht back in December 2010.

There are 2 Honda quads onboard, specially built and developed by Honda for the extreme conditions.

Daniel thinks there were initially 7 POB, one being dropped off in NZ leaving 6 to go south. (more)

Names: Tom Gisle

Helge
Edmund (South African)
Robert
Samuel Massie
Jarle Andhoy

22/02/11 17:18 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep received fm Norway with additional info on names, Iridium numbers.

There are 5 names on this list, which contradicts Daniel Massie who thinks there are 6 in total.

This has been passed on to MOC to forward details on to WELLINGTON

22/02/11 17:23 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm Simon Griffiths (captain) of WELLINGTON - Psn 77 05S 165 38E presently 20NM Nth of datum psn and 30NM Nth of Horseshoe Bay.

Winds are 60kn +.

Unable to reverse course as this would endanger my vessel - I have fuel concerns and we also sustained damage to the vessel last night.

I intend to continue searching downwind and also talk to JFHQ.

Fm RCC - If winds abate and depending on your vessels safety, would you be able to reverse course and head for Horseshoe Bay - Replied he would consider that option.

22/02/11 18:20 utc - Tracy Brickles

Spoken to customs AA they don't have the paper work which might still be in DN but they do have the names

Leonard James Banks UK

Jarle Andhoy, Roberts Skaanes, Samuel Massie, Ton Gisle Bellika, Norway

The yacht left DN on 23 Jan.

Customs boarded the v/l before dept so they might have a better grasp of the v/l's equipment.

22/02/11 18:37 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAR Sitrep No 3 sent

22/02/11 19:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SMC: Conrad Reynecke

22/02/11 19:09 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To NMCC for a plot of any vessels in area. Watchkeeper advised NMCC in meeting. Will pass on request.

22/02/11 19:10 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Geoff Lunt updated Daniel Massie (brother of crewman Samuel Massie).

22/02/11 19:17 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Ross Smith (Duty Maritime Component JFHQ). Has been speaking to Capt of HMNZS WELLINGTON. The conditions are atrocious, and spent most of the night searching with no joy. They are north of McMurdo and hdg further north. They did a good search last night until conditions worsened. There is now concern for safety and request to be released. Permission granted and thank them for their efforts. //R

22/02/11 19:17 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: HMNZS WELLINGTON (Task0201): status changed from On Scene to Released.

22/02/11 19:17 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset updated: HMNZS WELLINGTON: Task0201. Status changed to Released.

22/02/11 19:19 utc - Dave Wilson

From Richard at NMCC responding to Conrad's call. Briefed Richard on situation and request for SURPIC. Knows of WELLINGTON and SPIRIT OF ENDERBY. STEVE IRWIN heading south. Asked for position of STEVE IRWIN? Not available at an unclassified level. Advised Richard RCCNZ needs a SURPIC radius 200M around 77 24S 166 05E, all vessels in the vicinity. NMCC to advise RCCNZ if they are aware of vessel details that are classified and RCCNZ will discuss this at a higher level.

22/02/11 19:24 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Scott Base (Troy - Winter Leader [REDACTED]). Has the HMNZS WELLINGTON on radio if we have any messages to pass. Informed Troy they have just been released. Troy advised wind SE 60 kn. Troy very concerned for the 2 people that were dropped on the ice. He feels they are under-prepared as they have been experiencing a storm for the last few days with temp at minus 35°C

22/02/11 19:30 utc - Conrad Reynecke

DW checked IAATO. There are no cruise ships in the area.

22/02/11 19:52 utc - Conrad Reynecke

DW found SPIRIT OF ENDERBY's position on GMN (Global Marine Networks website). At 1911 utc pos 74 23.4S 171 47.1E (200NM NE of beacon position) cse 196T spd 8kn

22/02/11 19:57 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To AUMCC for any info re. next beacon detection time? Adrian advised there is no information available for that area.

22/02/11 20:01 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To Dunedin Customs for Outward Report. Left message.

22/02/11 20:03 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Requested MOC find CUSTOMS outward report.

22/02/11 20:04 utc - Keith Allen

call from NMCC to advise no vessels within 200 NM the closest is spirit of enderby, the Wellington has advised that wx is 6 to 8 meter waves 60 plus knots wind the only other vessel anywhere near is the sea shepherd boats.

22/02/11 20:10 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Glen (DN Customs). Have an officer enroute to Customs office to check outward report and will send

to RCCNZ

22/02/11 20:14 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called yt BERSERK's iridium number. No connection.

22/02/11 20:17 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called shore party's iridium number. No connection.

22/02/11 20:19 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Unable to access www.beserk-expeditions.com Saw earlier in the log Tracy contacted Malcolm Reid Tait to unblock website. This was not done. Spoke to Malcolm. He had a look at the website last night and found nothing of interest for us. Requested he make the website available. // R. May take some time, will call back.

22/02/11 20:21 utc - Keith Allen

customs have located the outward report and sending via email,

22/02/11 20:27 utc - Keith Allen

outward report arrives

22/02/11 20:38 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Michael (Chief - RCC Alameda) called re. HF DSC Alert for yt BERSERK. Informed him SAR operations underway.

22/02/11 20:43 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To STEVE IRWIN [REDACTED] In position 77 57S 174 30W cse 332T spd 12kn en route Hobart, Tasmania but can assist if required. // R. STEVE IRWIN TASKED. Contact no's [REDACTED] RCCNZ will call them every 6 hours for position update.

22/02/11 20:43 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Asset recorded: STEVE IRWIN (Recreation/Private, Task0194).

22/02/11 20:48 utc - Keith Allen

Ross Henderson calls for update.

22/02/11 21:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Asset: STEVE IRWIN (Task0194); status changed from Tasked to Departed.

22/02/11 21:05 utc - Keith Allen

message left for MFAT duty officer re situation

22/02/11 21:05 utc - Keith Allen

advise MFAT whales officer re the use of Steve IRWIN

22/02/11 21:05 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Draft Media Release from Ross Henderson. Called him to rectify a couple of errors. Also informed him the STEVE IRWIN has been tasked.

22/02/11 21:22 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called SPIRIT OF ENDERBY [REDACTED], SITREP given. Will be able to assist. Current pos 74 33S 171 28E cse 202T spd 4 kn, slow due to very heavy weather, expect to increase spd later this afternoon as wx forecast to ease. Will send an email to RCCNZ and we can reply with sitreps.

22/02/11 21:22 utc - Dave Wilson

Asset recorded: SPIRIT OF ENDERBY (Merchant/SOLAS Ship, Task0195).

22/02/11 21:40 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To McMurdo Station Comms Centre. Operator transferred call to NSF Station Manager (Bill Henrikson). Bill advised there were no support ships available. All the pilots are gone. There is a flight scheduled to transport staff tomorrow. He suggested I call Kerry Chuck (USAP - [REDACTED]) and enquire if there are flights scheduled and if they could divert for a fly over. Thanked Bill for his assistance.

22/02/11 21:58 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called Kerry Chuck (USAP [REDACTED]). Flight operations delayed for a few days due to the earthquake.

22/02/11 22:57 utc - Keith Allen

MOP) who had contact with c crew when in Dunedin rang to check we had the sat phone number.

22/02/11 23:03 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Requested MOC's copy of distress broadcast.

22/02/11 23:05 utc - Conrad Reynecke

JRCC Honolulu offered the sympathy re. earthquake and also offered marine SAR assistance if required.

22/02/11 23:44 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SAR SITREP 4 prepared and sent.

22/02/11 23:45 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm RCC Australia (Daniel).

22/02/11 23:53 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To McMurdo. Please advise daylight hours, check runway and fuel support. Kerry will check with NSF (Bill Henrikson) and get him to call RCCNZ.

22/02/11 23:57 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm HMNZS WELLINGTON. Just checking what's happening. Current position 76 11S 166 51E WX baro 985.1hPa. Phone cut off.

23/02/11 00:16 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To HMNZS WELLINGTON for current weather. Sea State 4, VIS 100 yards in snow, wind SE 30kn. Outside temp - 7 °C and sea temp - 1.2°C

23/02/11 00:18 utc - Keith Allen

calls made to both sat phones for the yacht and shore team message left on shore team, phone

23/02/11 00:29 utc - Keith Allen

call from Mcmurdo daylight hrs are sunset 0028 NZ time sunrise 0403 RUNWAY they have not been

able to check due to storm it may take days to dig out.

23/02/11 00:34 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm JRCC Bodoes (Mr Oyvind AADDE - [REDACTED]) They have been receiving calls NOK wanting to know what's happening. SITREP given. The beacon is a float free, manually and water activated.

23/02/11 00:48 utc - Keith Allen

call from DACCSO he will sort out relevant matters to check if tasking possible

23/02/11 00:55 utc - Keith Allen

call from the Helo Pilot on the Steve IRWIN he has an MD 500 on the boat with long range tanks wanted info on last know position etc

he also wants to find out if they could refuel the helo at McMurdo with Jet A1 that would increase the endurance search time they presently have 3 hrs flight time

23/02/11 01:11 utc - Keith Allen

email sent to Antarctic to pose question on refuel for the helo

23/02/11 01:45 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm JFHQ (Kyle Newman). Have been speaking to Scott Base. Weather is not good at moment so will not be able to go today. Will reassess tomorrow if still required.

23/02/11 02:10 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To STEVE IRWIN for latest position and to advise fuel available at McMurdo. STEVE IRWIN position at 0210 utc 77 43S 179 07W cse 292T spd 12kn. Spoke with the pilot (Chris). He wanted to know if McMurdo had a battery starter pack (external battery). They have their own cables (either require "2 x 12v" or "1 x 24v" battery). Email Chris's personal email [REDACTED] He advised will leave STEVE IRWIN about 10 to 11 hours (approx. 0100 NZDT) and flight time of about 1hr 20mins to the base for refuel.

23/02/11 02:58 utc - Keith Allen

Aviation wx forecast arrives. Forwarded to STEVE IRWIN pilot (Chris).

23/02/11 03:14 utc - Keith Allen

helo pilot rings wants to get Mil spec of conforming number for the fuel he cannot find a reference to it in any books for his helo.

23/02/11 03:59 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Email fm McMurdo advising 24V battery pack is available and details of the type of fuel. Details forwarded to PIC (Chris) on STEVE IRWIN.

23/02/11 04:14 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To SPIRIT OF ENDERBY for updated position. Position at 230415 utc 74 54S 171 11E cse 204T spd 4kn, poor vis in snow, 30kn winds, sea 7 to 8m southerly swells.

23/02/11 04:21 utc - Keith Allen

attempts to call both sat phones for the berserk one voice message and subscriber unable to be reached.

23/02/11 04:36 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Email fm David Gaston (MFAT). He had an enquiry from British High Commission regarding nationalities of the crew. Informed him there are 4 Norwegians and 1 British crewman. The names were at the bottom of SAR SITREP 4.

23/02/11 05:42 utc - Keith Allen

call from helo pilot wind is dropping but the cloud cover is getting thicker which may slow response best take off time at least 7 hrs from now.

remind Chris that NO risks if in doubt of conditions he must stay on the boat.

outline search area of around last know position, coastline to McMurdo and include Horseshoe bay RCCNZ to try and establish RV point for the uplifting of the ground party ??

send email with search details to helo

Establish what comms with McMurdo and how heli pad marked.

23/02/11 05:46 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To McMurdo Base enquiring how helipad is marked and which aviation radio freqs to use. Operator will find out and call us back.

23/02/11 05:59 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To Scott Base for latest WX to include in SAR SITREP. Troy advised air temp is - 11.5°C and wind is NNW 17kn

23/02/11 06:16 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm McMurdo Base. George advised helo pad is near a green building on SW corner of the base. There are 4 pads in an open area with fuel hoses visible. Aviation freqs HF 9032kHz and VHF 118.2 and 118.5kHz

23/02/11 06:31 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SAR SITREP 5 prepared and sent.

23/02/11 06:34 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Email sent to helo pilot Chris on STEVE IRWIN advising where helo pad is located and Base freq's

23/02/11 07:16 utc - Ramon Davis

SMC: RAMON

23/02/11 07:22 utc - Ramon Davis

email received from RCC NORFOLK regarding DSC alert - asking us to confirm coordination. Replied in the affirmative and told them to check the DSC message and they would see it originated from a coast station in New Zealand

23/02/11 08:25 utc - Chris Wilson

Email received from MRCC Riga, advising that they have been forwarded the DSC distress alert with Latvian MMSI. They cannot find any record of a vessel with that MMSI. MOC (Graham) advised that the MMSI was identified as belonging to the yacht last night. Duty Officer at Riga phoned, told him that the MMSI may be incorrect but the distress message related to a yacht with Norwegian crew. Replied to email to effect that MMSI had first two numbers transposed so not Latvian vessel. Told MOC - Graham will amend broadcast.

23/02/11 08:34 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Norway from brother of Samuel Massie for update - informed him of no contact with either shore party or yacht and hopes to have helo search in morning if conditions allow - he is going to ring back so I suggested he wait for 8/9 hours so we can see if the helo has taken off

23/02/11 08:55 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from NORA from the NRK (Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation) updated her - she is going to call back in about 4 hours for an update - and ring back in about 8 hours for a recorded interview.

23/02/11 09:04 utc - Ramon Davis

Rang MNZ media - updated them as to previous call - they are happy - suggested that unless anything earth shattering occurs that we will not ring overnight and he will call us on waking in the morning for an update.

23/02/11 09:33 utc - Chris Wilson

Email from JRCC North Norway asking if we have update on weather situation - replied that SITREP update current.

23/02/11 09:54 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Jon Magnus who works for Norway's largest newspaper VERDENS GANG - he is flying down to NZ to cover the story. He will be in Wellington in a couple of days and will contact us on arrival.

23/02/11 09:57 utc - Chris Wilson

John Seward phoned in, asked that future SITREPs be copied to him, Nigel and Rodney as all either MNZ or RCCNZ duty managers.

23/02/11 10:10 utc - Ramon Davis

Call to both Iridium numbers (yacht and ATV) message left with shore party - yacht says "subscriber cannot be reached"

23/02/11 10:27 utc - Ramon Davis

To Steve Irwin - they have had an increase in wind speed and think (their anemometer is broken) it is now 40 kn. Posn 77 08S 173 48e Spd 11/12 kn cse 288T - ETA in search area is 8 hours - RCCNZ will ring back in 7 hours for an update. Paul has spoken to the skipper before and thinks he has a very good survival instinct.

23/02/11 10:45 utc - Ramon Davis

to Spirit of Enderby - they are in posn 75 11S 171 16e - they are sailing in very heavy seas up to 10m and are presently making only 4/5 kn but hope to increase speed as they close with the coast. the wind there is now down to 25 kn. RCCNZ will ring back in 7 hours for an update.

23/02/11 10:53 utc - Chris Wilson

Phone call from JRCC North Norway for update. Told him of slow passage of both vessels due to seas conditions and that helo not likely to be airborne for at least 8 hours. To send updated SITREP closer to that time unless more information to hand earlier. Noted that skipper of BERSERK is former Coastguard crewman and Navy diver - website shows he was instructor for Norwegian Rescue Company. High media interest because yacht and skipper are very famous in Norway.

23/02/11 10:55 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Vibeke from the AFTENPOSTEN Norway's national newspaper. Gave her an update as far as we know things at present. She will ring back in 7/8 hours

23/02/11 11:38 utc - Chris Wilson

To Iridium Customer Support (tel + [REDACTED]) Could provide following information:

Shore party phone - last attempt to call out was 212258utc Feb and they were ringing the yacht Iridium number. Registered in Ross Sea.

Previous was SMS MO (mobile originated text) to same yacht number earlier the same day.

Yacht phone - last outgoing call was 211336utc Feb, registered in Antarctica, Wilkes Land, Australian External Territory. That call was to number [REDACTED] not known who that is.

23/02/11 12:04 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from journalist Inge at VG for update. Commented that there is huge interest in Norway as there's a young boy on the trip and they have had a TV series showing them going to the North Pole.

23/02/11 12:41 utc - Chris Wilson

Email received from Chris on STEVE IRWIN:

Our current position as of 12:36 UTC is:

77 00 S

172 11 E

We are making 11.5 knots in heavy seas. Wind speed is currently 40-50 knots. Visibility 100 meters.

All flight operations suspended until weather improves. The forecast shows diminishing winds over the next 5 hours.

I will send another update at 0300 UTC. Please advise McMurdo Base of our delay.

23/02/11 12:56 utc - Chris Wilson

To Mac Ops (Katie McNAUGHT) - gave her details and forwarded email re delay of flight.

23/02/11 13:18 utc - Chris Wilson

Email received from JRCC North Norway re non contact from yacht skipper to Norwegian radio station at regular sched:

"we have learned that the Captain, Jarle Andhoy, has an arrangement with a Norwegian radio station: Every Wednesday he calls them at some point between 08:00 - 13:00 Norwegian time in order to record an interview.

This interview is then transmitted on Thursdays.

We have just spoken to the radio channel. and they haven't heard anything from skipper Jarle today, which they find unusual.

We hope that this lack of communication is due to technical problems, low battery voltage or something like that, but until any new information turns up, we will have to add it to our worry list.

The two guys on ATV are supposed to be on their way back to the coast, but we have no indication on how far away from the coast they are."

23/02/11 15:59 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from brother of Samuel Massie - updated him as to current status. His main concern is for state of shore party

23/02/11 16:05 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Nora of the NRK - no further update to provide until after 1700utc calls to vessels - she will call back in 90 mins for an interview. Requested supply of a picture for bx emailed to [REDACTED]

23/02/11 16:14 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Nick of MNZ media - updated him as to little change overnight - wx deteriorated. He will call back after the 1900utc call to vessels

23/02/11 16:56 utc - Ramon Davis

Call to STEVE IRWIN - posn 76 51S 168 32e. Wind dropping quickly has halved in last 45 mins now approx 25kn vis good and hopeful of getting the helo in the air in approx 2 hours. Discussed intentions for search- helo intends take off when 24 miles from LKP - RCCNZ will call back at approx 0730nzdt

23/02/11 17:05 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from JRCC North Norway. Media there have talked to the STEVE IRWIN and learned they should be able to get the helicopter up in two hours. Ramon on phone to ship getting same information and of much improved wx now. JRCC North Norway have sent a request to the US for information on the satellite phones and have not yet heard back. Told him what I had learned from Iridium about last calls noted on 21 Feb at 1336utc from yacht and 2258utc from shore party to yacht.

23/02/11 17:27 utc - Chris Wilson

To SPIRIT OF ENDERBY bridge - will wake up Rodney RUSS, to ring back 5 or 7 minutes.

23/02/11 17:36 utc - Chris Wilson

To Rodney RUSS. SPIRIT OF ENDERBY now in position 75 35 S 170 51 E, cse 215. Conditions have improved a little, have picked up speed and are now doing 7 to 7.5kn, now facing 5-6 metre swells. Now have 25kn wind but low cloud, snow and ice. Not very pleasant conditions. When swells were 10 metres plus they had to head into the sea but have been able to alter course in the night. Are expecting lighter air and sea conditions ahead and hope to be in area later afternoon. Ring any time for updates. Told Rodney about conditions reported by STEVE IRWIN.

23/02/11 17:41 utc - Ramon Davis

Conducted interview with NORA from Norwegian Broadcasting Corp

23/02/11 18:04 utc - Ramon Davis

Updated Nick from MNZ Media

23/02/11 18:08 utc - Ramon Davis

Email received from Norway JRCC with position of shore party satphone when last call made -posn 79.16380s 171.00100e

23/02/11 18:34 utc - Ramon Davis

Call to STEVE IRWIN - they were about to call us. They have just sighted a liferaft in position 76 59S 167 25e - the vessel is just coming alongside it now and will call back once an ID is made

23/02/11 18:45 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SMC: Conrad Reynecke



23/02/11 19:04 utc - Keith Allen

call from Steve Irwin they are having problems with the crane being iced up so will take more time to get info from raft, the helo will take off shortly and fly to the beacon position then back on track to raft will include horseshoe bay.

Remind the Steve Irwin that we want media not be advised of the raft find or other developments until we have time to advise relatives etc. they will forward media to RCCNZ

23/02/11 19:25 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called Tom Lopez (Iridium Call Intercept Officer). No reply. Left message. Want to find out if the other Iridium phone signals from shore party. This is to determine whether they are heading to or from the South Pole.

23/02/11 19:26 utc - Keith Allen

advise McMurdo that helo may not now refuel at the base and advise re raft find via email.

23/02/11 19:46 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Email sent to Tom Lopez requesting previous position data to ascertain the direction this shore party was travelling as we're not sure if they were heading to or from the South Pole. The numbers to track is 881631649903 (shore party) and 881651450698 (onboard yacht BERSERK)

23/02/11 19:50 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Email sent to JRCC Bodoie advising them of request to Iridium Call Intercept Officer. Also enquired if they had shore party intentions.

23/02/11 19:59 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Called JRCC Bodoie and discussed latest update. The SARO advised that a few days ago the shore party was en route back to vessel. He will check that info again and will let us know. Also the last comms from the vessel was at 211336utc Feb to tel no. 4747 1777. The JRCC SARO will call this no and check if there is any additional info. He will let us know.

23/02/11 20:05 utc - Keith Allen

Nigel CLIFFORD calls British High Commissioner want update POC is Sue Feasey [REDACTED]

23/02/11 20:14 utc - Keith Allen

update the WELLINGTON on progress.

23/02/11 20:15 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To McMurdo Base for latest wx forecast. Conditions much improved, will email details shortly.

23/02/11 20:20 utc - Keith Allen

call from Steve IRWIN the life raft is capsized still alongside and not yet able to get it on board the helo has flown south to the beacon position nothing located it is in clear water with clear water to the north, the helo will now head east and search coastline.

23/02/11 20:28 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm HMNZS Wellington. They lost 4 liferafts while searching. Zodiac 50 man self-righting. ID numbers: XDFOFC38A111, XDFOFC39A111, XDFOFC46A111, XDFOFC43A111.

23/02/11 20:35 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Tom Lopez. He received and understood the email re. tracking Iridium phone and will email the results to us. // Thanked.

23/02/11 20:38 utc - Keith Allen
attempt to call shore party sat phone. message service

23/02/11 20:41 utc - Conrad Reynecke
Fm McMurdo. WX Forecast received and attached.

23/02/11 20:52 utc - Keith Allen
call to Steve Irwin update re information about lost rafts they have not yet got it on board but can see that it has two CO2 bottles attached

23/02/11 20:55 utc - Keith Allen
call from Steve Irwin they confirm it is a Zodiac life raft, request they puncture it before releasing it.

23/02/11 21:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke
Email to JRCC Bodoë advising the liferaft found belongs to HMNZS WELLINGTON.

23/02/11 21:52 utc - Conrad Reynecke
John Seward called for an update. Given.

23/02/11 21:55 utc - Conrad Reynecke
Called STEVE IRWIN for an update. On the way to McMurdo Sound and approx. 15NM away. Helo is back onboard ship, has searched and found nothing. Their intention is for the helo to refuel at McMurdo and then go out searching again. The helo will go back up the shoreline and track inland looking for the shore party. The STEVE IRWIN has searched the shoreline and bays from the north heading south and nothing was found.

23/02/11 22:19 utc - Conrad Reynecke
To Tom Lopez. No reply, left message.

23/02/11 22:20 utc - Conrad Reynecke
To JRCC Bodoë for any news. They have not been able to find out where the RV position is but continuing to check. Will also try to find some information regarding their intentions.

23/02/11 22:35 utc - Conrad Reynecke
To Spirit of Enderby. Position 76 00S 170 15E spd 7 to 8 kn, Sea 4 to 5m, Wind and swell is easing. Requested they head to 77 00S 166 00E and search creeping line ahead from East to West while heading South. Continually call on CH16 as BERSERK was meant to monitor CH16 24/7

23/02/11 22:43 utc - Conrad Reynecke
Fm Daniel Massie (brother of crewman) requesting an update. Given.

23/02/11 23:02 utc - Conrad Reynecke
Fm STEVE IRWIN (Malcolm). The helicopter will fly shortly, refuel at McMurdo Base, then head south to north creeping west across McMurdo Sound. STEVE IRWIN in posn 77 10S 166 26E will search creeping line ahead east to west heading north. They will both be calling BERSERK on CH16.

23/02/11 23:24 utc - Conrad Reynecke
To SPIRIT OF ENDERBY. Requested they head to 76 30S 168 00E, start creeping line ahead east to

west heading south.

23/02/11 23:47 utc - Keith Allen

email sent to Scott base and unified command re on shore persons last known position.

23/02/11 23:58 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm JARLE ANDHOY (00881 622457466). Satellite comms poor. They are okay and about 100NM inland from McMurdo. Will take 2 to 3 days before they get there. Jarle advised the boat is most likely at Shackleton's Hut, Backdoor Bay. The second option is Horseshoe Bay. If iced in they will make for Beaufort Island or Franklin Island.

24/02/11 00:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Asset recorded: STEVE IRWIN Helo (Helicopter (C), Task0196).

24/02/11 00:04 utc - Keith Allen

advised Steve Irwin to check Shackleton hut

24/02/11 00:08 utc - Keith Allen

update Norway the land persons had phoned home first and then phoned RCCNZ

24/02/11 00:21 utc - Keith Allen

Steve IRWIN advises helo was overtop Shackletons hut they will research the area of coast around the hut and horseshoe bay.

24/02/11 00:25 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To Spirit of Enderby. Requested they check Franklin Island while en route to search area. Currently 23NM, east of Franklin Island. They cannot go west at the moment as there is a lot of icing and not safe to do so. It is impossible for any vessel to have anchored there the last few days because of the weather.

24/02/11 00:34 utc - Keith Allen

call from JARLE he has thought about things if the beacon was picked up where it was they would not have headed any further north they will be in the bay near Shackletons hut or horseshoe bay. he also advised it was unlikely they would be listening on VHF radio

24/02/11 00:37 utc - Keith Allen

call Daniel MASSIE leave message.

24/02/11 00:40 utc - Keith Allen

call from Daniel Massie is very pleased.

24/02/11 01:02 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SAR SITREP 6 prepared and sent. (see attached)

24/02/11 01:43 utc - Keith Allen

call to Steve Irwin nothing located helo still searching will refuel at McMurdo and THEN RV AT CAPE Roberts IN ABOUT 2.5 HRS

24/02/11 01:48 utc - Keith Allen

JARLE CALLS WANTED UPDATE CANNOT BELIEVE WE HAVE NOT FOUND THE BOAT.

24/02/11 02:41 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Spirit of Enderby. They are in position 76 23S 168 48E about to commence search. Conditions are much better. Will be searching until late tonight towards Beaufort Island

24/02/11 02:46 utc - Keith Allen

attempt call to yacht unable to be reached.

24/02/11 03:08 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Jarle Andhoy called for an update. SITREP given.

24/02/11 03:21 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Jarle Andhoy. There are two barrels that will float because it cannot be tied down. // R, please call back in 3 hours for an update.

24/02/11 03:38 utc - Conrad Reynecke

To STEVE IRWIN for an update. Position 76 58S 163 15E. Just completed first east to west leg. Vis very good. The helo has completed an aerial search of McMurdo Sound and the checked the bays of interest including Shackleton's Hut, nothing found.

24/02/11 03:52 utc - Conrad Reynecke

RCCNZ will reassess SAR when the STEVE IRWIN (heading north) and SPIRIT OF ENDERBY (heading south) has completed the searching the area.

24/02/11 05:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Nick (MNZ Media) called for an update. Given.

24/02/11 05:27 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Megan Hunt [REDACTED] from British High Commissioner in Brisbane requested being included in SAR SITREPS. // R.

24/02/11 05:30 utc - [REDACTED]

24/02/11 06:12 utc - Keith Allen

call to McMurdo to check if helo was still at the base left about 10 minutes ago returning to Steve Irwin attempts to call Steve Irwin unsuccessful.

24/02/11 06:19 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Jarle Andhoy. SITREP given.

24/02/11 06:49 utc - Chris Wilson

Megan HUNT of British Consulate Brisbane, rang re this - she is looking after this incident as NZ based staff are busy with Christchurch quake. Asked if anyone from our organisation had tried to contact Leonard BANKS' family. Told her that we understood JRCC North Norway had been in touch with Norwegian families but no mention of Leonard's. She will ensure that Leonard's family are advised and supported and will keep in touch re progress of search.

24/02/11 06:58 utc - Neville Blakemore

Watch Hand-over

Phase: DISTRESS

SMC: Neville Blakemore

24/02/11 07:41 utc - Neville Blakemore

General Manager Safety Services called for an update. Briefed

24/02/11 08:07 utc - Chris Wilson

Email sent to Iridium requesting latitude and longitude of last call from yacht's phone.

24/02/11 08:10 utc - Chris Wilson

MNZ Media (Nick requested photo of yacht from warship - sent and attached.

24/02/11 08:13 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from Jarle. Call broke off twice but he rang back and continued conversation. The last day he talked to yacht they had left Horseshoe Bay and the boat was shipshape. If they haven't been found in the areas Jarle indicated he believes they will be further offshore. Jarle has spoken to beacon manufacturer in Norway and it should operate for 48 hours; if it was on for such a short time he believes the beacon is either switched off or destroyed. Not sure why we are going to so much trouble - told him of obligations when distress situation indicated by distress beacon activation, and that we cannot assume all well until contact made.

Jarle said VHF channel 16 and also Iridium on ship when they are anchored off may not receive signals in that area.

The Captain on board now, Tom BELLKA, likes to go very far offshore if weather is bad - he is experienced and has been in ice before. Weather he understands on the day from JRCC Norway and RCCNZ said ice conditions very good, and the 5-7 metre waves and 80kn winds are a walk in the park.

Shore party has made scheds with yacht every 24 hours and the plan is if they cannot make contact then they call next 1200 and 0600hrs NZDT, so have been trying that. Lack of contact may be because of broken phone. Knows from experience that if there are problems with katabatic winds skipper will go far offshore. If not in area of Beaufort and Franklin Island they would only have set sail offshore and it's not worth spending a lot of time and research for them - thinks if they are not in McMurdo Sound it's not logical they are just floating around. Seamanship wise there's no way they would have abandoned the yacht.

Yacht should turn its Iridium phone on at 1200 and 0600 NZDT. Jarle will call back in 12 hours. Has great thankfulness for all involved and keen no-one jeopardises their safety in a search for the yacht.

24/02/11 09:04 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from Rodney RUSS on PROFESOR KROMHOV. He has heard the STEVE IRWIN calling on channel 16 and has tried calling him on 16 but the STEVE IRWIN cannot hear them. Thinks that the STEVE IRWIN thinks it's getting a response from the yacht. KROMHOV working south to Beaufort Island and STEVE IRWIN coming north.

Present position 76 36 S 166 44 E - seen nothing. Doing grid pattern, started at Franklin Island and should finish at 0800 hrs tomorrow.

24/02/11 09:12 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received a call from JARLE, he started to advise me on the details that he had passed to Christine about 20 mins earlier. I stopped him, and then he asked if the Helo had actually put down and

checked inside Shackleton's Hut. I said it had flown overhead. He was concerned the people may have been in the hut. I explained that the helo would have seen the yacht or life rafts on shore and that if the crew had made it to the hut you would expect them to come out of the hut if they heard a helicopter overhead. I suggested that he conserve battery and call back in 12 hrs.

24/02/11 09:14 utc - Chris Wilson

Tried phoning STEVE IRWIN but subscriber could not be reached.

24/02/11 09:17 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from JRCC North Norway for any update. He has also had call from Jarle with suggestions re yacht having gone offshore but understands the need to search as much as we can. He asked about air support - told him that helo searched area well, and no resources for extended fixed wing search.

24/02/11 10:42 utc - Chris Wilson

Email from Iridium found giving position of last call for yacht - 77.3662S 166.5395E. This puts it NM ENE of beacon position and timed about 14 hours before EPIRB alert. Screen shot of both positions taken and attached.

24/02/11 11:11 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received a call from a Norwegian Newspaper, advised them that this was the Operations Room and that we were extremely busy and I would transfer him to our Media person. Transferred the call.

24/02/11 12:26 utc - Chris Wilson

Email sent to Nick Churchouse with photo and correct spelling of PROFESSOR KHROMOV.

24/02/11 12:28 utc - Chris Wilson

Phone call from Eric, journalist for a Norwegian newspaper - wanted to confirm name of Professor ship searching for yacht. Name of ship and company provided but satellite phone number for ship refused on basis that they are busy searching at present and that has to be their focus.

24/02/11 12:41 utc - Chris Wilson

Two calls from Jarle, disconnected before he could say anything.

24/02/11 12:57 utc - Neville Blakemore

Received a call from JARLE, he wanted to know if we had any news. Neg not since you last rang. He then asked if we would expect to see 2 tonnes of diesel fuel if the yacht had sunk. I replied that we would expect a slick if the tank was ruptured but if it was not then it could sink with a vessel. He asked where the vessels were searching and I said outside the sound. He then mentioned that when he last heard from them they said they were heading out to carry out Ice Reconnaissance. I asked when he last heard from them and he said a couple of hours before the beacon activation. I asked him to repeat that and he did. I then stated that we understood that he had last spoken with them a lot longer than that and he said no it was a txt message. They sent a txt message stating that they were leaving WAHLSCHLAG BAY to carry out ice recon. After some further banter I suggested that he conserve his battery and call us back in approx 6 hrs

24/02/11 15:29 utc - Neville Blakemore

Mal from the STEVE IRWIN called he has been calling the PROF KROMHOF on 16 but has had no reply do we know his psn. I will call him and find out and then call back. They are just about to launch their helo again, the pilot is rested, there is plenty of light. I confirmed that the helo had checked Shackleton's hut and he said that it actually put down and they checked out the place there was a padlock on the door.

24/02/11 15:48 utc - Neville Blakemore

Called the PROF KROMHOF and got their current position, 76 49S 16727E They have been doing a grid/pattern and have a few miles to run and they will be north of Beaufort Island. I advised that the STEVE IRWIN had been trying to call them on 16 but could not hear them and they were just about to launch their helo again. They asked us what we would like them to do after the finish this, they have about 8NM to run, as they have about 50 passengers on board and they need to get them down to do some visits at Scott and McMurdo. I said that they should look at heading south for their passengers and he said that they would head south into McMurdo Sound and would just about go directly over where the beacon had been set off. I advised him that the ground party had informed us that the yacht was going to leave Wahlschlag Bay and head out to do some ice recon and they may have hit something. Rodney said that there are a lot of small burgers around, he has had a look at the yacht and believes that with the strong winds and seas they have had that a small burger (growler) could have hit them. He said that the weather was rather nice now and they would continue to keep an eye out. They have been going back and forth between South of Franklin Island and Beaufort Island and have covered a large swath.

24/02/11 15:59 utc - Neville Blakemore

Passed the PROF KROMHOF psn to the STEVE IRWIN and explained that they were just about to finish their current pattern and would then head south into McMurdo Sound. They asked what area the PROF KROMHOF had searched and I gave them his Sat phone number so that he could talk directly. They will continue and I said that we would call them around 8 local

24/02/11 16:12 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from JRCC North Norway with some information and some questions:

(1) EPIRB manufacturer has asked that we be informed that the beacon is manual and NOT float free as described in Norwegian media. Company gifted the beacon to the group for a different expedition to the North Pole and they were to have returned but continued straight down to the South and are now in an area where they do not have correct GMDSS equipment. 45 minute activation could mean that it has activated in bad weather and the crew have noticed it and turned it off, or that the yacht went down and the beacon was not released from its bracket.

(2) Also media speculation about resources, were there any changes to availability? JRCC understand that search assets good for location and late stage of season. Covered areas searched by helo and ships.

(3) Ensured Jarle had told RCCNZ also of loose barrels on deck of yacht - yes. None seen by searchers.

(4) Believes still 24-48 hours before rendezvous time with shore party so if yacht did head out to sea there is still a chance he will return then.

(5) They have dealt with relatives of 4 Norwegians involved but they have neglected the British man, so have now told the British Honorary Consul in Oslo. Told him about Megan Hunt of the British Consulate in Brisbane dealing with Leonard's next of kin. He will tell the Honorary Consul to talk to Megan HUNT and feels she will be better placed to do it. Offered help of JRCC North Norway to continue liaison with all families to free up our workload.

Commented that Jarle is not the most humble person.

24/02/11 16:30 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Asset updated: SPIRIT OF ENDERBY: Task0195. Status changed to Released.

24/02/11 16:30 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Asset: SPIRIT OF ENDERBY (Task0195): status changed from Departed to Released.

24/02/11 17:17 utc - Chris Wilson

Nick (Media) rang for update.

24/02/11 18:32 utc - Neville Blakemore

Janger from Cape Town called, a friend has called him as she believes her brother is on the vessel Berserk and he wanted to confirm. Leonard Banks. I confirmed this and he said he would call the father and advise, I said that the Norwegian Rescue Authorities were dealing with the Norwegians and that they had asked the British Consulate to deal with the British NOK. He thanked me

24/02/11 18:40 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from Rodney RUSS. Have searched south to Beaufort Island and finished the search at about 0530 NZDT today and are now over the position of the beacon heading for Cape Royds and beyond. Will be northbound again in 4 days so will keep a look out but don't hold out much hope. Spoke to STEVE IRWIN this morning and they have about 4 hours to go for their search and have their helo up as well.

Conditions the most perfect ever apart from temperature, glorious day with just small patches of ice. Very happy with search made - tracks 4 miles apart with good vis and at least 3 observers on the bridge, and radar. Very good coverage - will send screen dump of area covered when back at base.

24/02/11 18:47 utc - Chris Wilson

Call from Charles BANKS, father of Leonard, based in South Africa [REDACTED] Experienced yachtsman himself and pleased with what we've been able to do so far. Obviously worried but very supportive. Wants to ring in for updates occasionally if we don't mind as rest of family calling him.

24/02/11 19:39 utc - Chris Wilson

Jarle called. No exact date for RV, were to communicate and work it out. If conditions got too rough they were free to do what they want, go back to New Zealand or on to Ushuaia as was the plan, but not without telling us.

They have a backup sat phone but it's never on, it consumes a lot of power. Don't know number but might be able to find it.

Heading for McMurdo now and will take 2 days approximately

EPIRB stored beside captain's bunk near back entrance - there are two entrances. Second phone is not Iridium it's a "nora suite"?

Haven't contacted anyone at McMurdo yet, will go there and talk to the manager about what options we have. Have two red kayaks stored at Scott Base.

24/02/11 20:38 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Irvin in Norway JRCC. Briefed him to date, emailed him log of last conversation with Jarle

24/02/11 21:01 utc - Mike Roberts

Mal from Steve Irwin- helo has found a 4-6 man l/r in 76 40S, 166 02E. Damaged, canopy completely torn clear. Helo is overhead and there are no signs of life. L/r posn is 45M N of the beacon position. The ship is 15 minutes away and making for the l/r- asked them to take a very careful look around and recover any flotsam nearby including l/r. Briefed JHS Duty Manager.

24/02/11 21:09 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Ross media and asked him to attend at RCCNZ

24/02/11 21:13 utc - Mike Roberts

Called JRCC Norway and briefed them.

24/02/11 21:40 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Steve Irwin for update. They are just launching a boat to recover the l/r now. Will call back in 15".

24/02/11 22:04 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Mike Roberts: Call from JRCC Norway. Briefed them and asked them to find out as much as possible about the l/r e.g. model no., serial no. etc. Also asked them to refer any media enquiries here.

24/02/11 22:23 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Steve Irwin- they have l/r on board. The knife and first aid kit are missing. The canopy is mostly detached/ ripped off, there are no signs that it was ever occupied. Helo and Zodiac are still searching. L/r is confirmed as Avon manufacture, serial number K680696. Passed this info to JRCC North Norway for verification.

24/02/11 22:35 utc - Mike Roberts

Called RCC Norway and asked them to try to connect the l/r by serial no. to Berserk. Call taken from Mal Holland (Sailing Master on Steve Irwin) who said that painter has not been cut, but paid out to full extent as per self-release and makers heat sealed end is intact.

25/02/11 00:51 utc - Mike Roberts

Call made to Jarle. He is now in 79 06S, 170 46E, making reasonable progress but can't go too fast in white outs because of crevasses. He holds to his ETA of two days but may be a little faster. He has only spoken with RCCNZ. I told him that a liferaft has been found and it appears to be from his boat. He said that this did not sound too good. I asked him to make best speed and call again in four hours. He also told me that the liferaft had been serviced in Opuia by Northland Marine Services.

25/02/11 01:20 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Northland Sea Safety (Tim) [REDACTED] Was able to confirm that this is Berserk's liferaft. The actual number is K68C696. K68 is the model code. C is the month of manufacture. 6 is the year of manufacture (1996). 96 is the serial number of this model.

25/02/11 02:22 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Jarle. Told him we have now confirmed this is Berserk's liferaft, and that it has apparently self released. He is getting the picture. He said he might go ahead and leave his 19 yo companion in a tent whilst he continues alone to McMurdo. I was quite firm and told him that they must stay together, and if fatigue is a real issue they should make camp for a few hours. He will call again a bit later.

25/02/11 02:51 utc - Mike Roberts

Email received from JRCC N Norway saying they will contact NoK in 6 hours approx.

25/02/11 04:16 utc - Mike Roberts

Request from Nigel- can we call Lou Sanson to update him on Jarle's ETA tomorrow p.m.? [REDACTED]

25/02/11 05:27 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from RNZ to say there have been two big aftershocks in CHCH so they are not running our story tonight.

25/02/11 05:53 utc - Mike Roberts

Email received from Metservice ref sea temperatures. Thought to be around -2C

25/02/11 06:31 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Charlie Banks, father of Leonard. has heard nothing all day. I told him that I thought that Wayne had been the point of contact for the whole family, but he hasn't spoken to anyone. I fully briefed him and undertook to speak to him tomorrow morning. His numbers are [REDACTED] and mobile [REDACTED] Emailed response to RCCNZ Norway

25/02/11 07:00 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SMC: Conrad Reynecke

25/02/11 07:03 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Call from Ross (Stockholm, Sweden) for news. He is a personal friend of Leonard Banks. Update given and directed to MNZ Website for latest media releases and also advised Leonard's father Charlie has had a thorough briefing.

25/02/11 07:19 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Wayne Banks (brother of Leonard based in UK) called for any news. SITREP given and directed to MNZ website.

25/02/11 09:27 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm STEVE IRWIN. They have located contents of the liferaft (water and ration packets and 1 paddle) about 36NM south of liferaft position. They have completed a third very thorough search of the same area. The helo still up and looking. SAT COMMS THEN LOST.

25/02/11 09:30 utc - Conrad Reynecke

The found rations and paddle could have come from the lost naval liferafts. We don't know where HMNZS WELLINGTON lost her 4 liferafts.

25/02/11 09:34 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Unable to connect to STEVE IRWIN's satphone.

25/02/11 09:39 utc - Keith Allen

call from Nick Churchouse Media person he is turning the MNZ media phone off due to the constant calls from Norway he will be available on [REDACTED] required.

25/02/11 09:49 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Still unable to connect to any of STEVE IRWIN's satphones

25/02/11 10:18 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Still no connection to STEVE IRWIN's satphones.

25/02/11 10:57 utc - Conrad Reynecke

No connection to STEVE IRWIN satphones.

25/02/11 11:09 utc - Conrad Reynecke

SAT comms re-established with STEVE IRWIN. They are in position 77 15S 165 58E (6NM west of the top of Ross Island). They are en route to Franklin Island ETA 0800 nzdt. The helo will search all around Franklin Island. If nothing found, with our permission, they want to be released and will head

for Tasmania. // R, thanked them for their assistance thus far and requested they call once search operations concluded to discuss. // R.

25/02/11 11:19 utc - Conrad Reynecke

JRCC Norway called for an update. Given. The SARO wanted to know if we considered air support and if both vessels were still searching. Also wanted to know if we have been considering suspending the search. Informed him our P3K Orion is in Kiribati on SAR duty and that there has been a helo that has searched a vast area. The PROFESSOR KROMOV has been given permission to be released and has taken it's passengers to McMurdo Base. Any discussions regarding suspending the search will take place late morning between duty SARO's and management but only once the helo has completed it's search of Franklin Island. JRCC Norway expressed a desire to somehow be part of that suspension discussion or be the first to know if and when we suspend the search.

25/02/11 12:52 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Norwegian journalist advised the STEVE IRWIN informed them RCCNZ has stopped the search. Advised negative. STEVE IRWIN's helo will search Franklin Island about 1900 UTC. RCCNZ will then look at all factors before any sort of decision is made. // R, thanks, understood

25/02/11 15:10 utc - Keith Allen

call from MRCC NORWAY they have a company in the same building that believes that they can supply high resolution photos of the search area or parts of the area, they will investigate what can be obtained both current and previous discussion around the area north of Franklin island in case the yacht is outside current search area. They were also surprised that it will take more than a weeks for the Steve Irwin to make port

25/02/11 15:24 utc - Keith Allen

Mal HOLLAND from the Steve Irwin called to discuss what line to be taken with media has RCCNZ called off the search advised him no as the Steve IRWIN was still searching in the morning around Franklin island. advised him we understand someone from the ship has already told the media the search has been called off, mal advised that has come about due to a person with better language skills being used as spokes person, it appears that there is criticism of the lack of search effort on the Norwegian media, mal confirms it will be at least 8 days before they make port and he will ensure that any further media comment reinforces how far this is from land and resources.

The search of Franklin island will only take about an hour once they are in the area, Request he get the helo pilot to supply RCCNZ a list of hrs flown also pass to mal the thanks of RCCNZ for all of the efforts put in by the crew of the Steve Irwin.

25/02/11 15:57 utc - Keith Allen

email of thanks sent to the pilot and crew also request for breakdown of flying hrs

25/02/11 16:58 utc - Keith Allen

email received from Norway regarding satellite images and the price appears to be over 4 million dollars, the family have started making moves about this and have advised the media that the service is available, the question would have to be would the images actually be of sufficient clarity and cover a big enough area. In the past the advice from providers is that the images are a very narrow area.

25/02/11 17:15 utc - Keith Allen

nick Churchouse calls for an update. Advise him re the sat images and stress to him that any press releases need to cover how remote this area is being well over 3000 KM from New Zealand. 8 days plus sailing from the nearest port.

25/02/11 17:15 utc - Keith Allen

page duty manager to update re sat images etc.

25/02/11 17:25 utc - Keith Allen

update JHS

25/02/11 19:34 utc - Mike Roberts

Call taken from Tore at RCCNZ Norway. Gave him full briefing. Discussed issues around satellite imagery and possibilities for body recovery. I took pains to underline the extreme remoteness of the region, the lack of assets (and how fortunate we had been with the Steve Irwin) and the difficulties of operating there. He said he was getting lots of "advice" from the local media and family- I asked him to refer them to us as the local experts. He was grateful for this.

25/02/11 19:58 utc - Mike Roberts

Called from JHS and briefed him. He is coming to Ops Room for briefing along with Nick media. Possibly Nigel too.

25/02/11 21:08 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Wayne Banks in the UK (Leonard's brother). Briefed him to date. Told him I just spoke with Mal on Steve Irwin and that she is currently just E of Franklin Island. The helo was a/b 45 minutes ago and is doing a shoreline search of the island.

25/02/11 21:48 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from JHS at home saying he will be here at 1130M. He has briefed Nigel and MNZ DM.

25/02/11 22:05 utc - Mike Roberts

Mal from Steve Irwin- helo has searched the whole island and returned to the ship. Nothing found. He would now like to hangar the machine (take the blades off) as he is satisfied the helo has done all it can. I agreed. They now intend to steam slowly north, but will conduct a shoreline search as they come. Agreed. This should take about 1.5 days. I asked them to give us 6-hourly SITREPS for this phase. Also asked them to make hourly calls on VHF as well. Nick and Sophie media were in the room and heard the call so no need to brief them separately.

25/02/11 22:15 utc - Mike Roberts

Called RCC Norway and briefed.

25/02/11 22:39 utc - Mike Roberts

Called and spoke with Jarle. Wx good, making good progress. Now 50km or half a day from McMurdo. In pretty good spirits but has accepted yacht has been lost (it sounds like). Told him about what has been recovered. Also explained Steve Irwin's intentions. Helo searched for 18 hours total. Also reassured him that we are in constant contact with RCC Norway and relatives who have asked for information. Asked him to keep 6 hour scheds if possible- there is an issue for him with phone batteries getting too cold but he will do what he can.

25/02/11 22:46 utc - Mike Roberts

Placed a call to Steve Irwin on behalf of Nick media who wanted detail for his press release. Also established that they are still putting photos together to send to us.

25/02/11 23:51 utc - Mike Roberts

Nick media has gone to collect a Norwegian media contingent from Wellington to bring here for

interviews.

26/02/11 03:05 utc - Mike Roberts

Three hour presentation and interviews given to 3 x Norwegian press reporters by Officers Banaghan and Roberts and Ops Mgr Seward

26/02/11 03:19 utc - John Seward

Called CEO Antarctica NZ to inform him of visit to RCCNZ this afternoon by Norwegian journalists and their interest in interviewing the two Norwegian adventurers when they arrive in Christchurch. ETA Christchurch of flight from McMurdo is Mon 28 Feb, 1100 NZDT. Journalists to contact Matt Vance at Antarctica NZ [REDACTED] to arrange access to the adventurers (alternate POC is Diedre Larsen). This info passed to Sophie Hazelhurst for on forwarding to Norwegian journalists.

26/02/11 03:43 utc - Kevin Banaghan

Call from Jarle - Sit no change. He will make McMurdo tonight. Will call then

26/02/11 04:27 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Graeme Kendall picked up by Sophie and passed to me. Graeme has been providing Wx info for Berserk and knew the crew from when they were in Akl. [REDACTED] He is a sailor of enormous experience (first yachtsman to make the North West Passage voyage) and has significant knowledge of this yacht. He said she sailed in overloaded condition and was not well equipped. He would be a very important person to interview for any enquiry or debrief.

26/02/11 05:07 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Jarle for an update- left voicemail

26/02/11 05:48 utc - Mike Roberts

Called Lou Sanson and updated. Also passed on request from Norwegian press for a contact number to facilitate a meeting between them and Jarle when he arrives in NZ. Lou asked me to pass his cellphone number to the press people, which I did. Lou though a/c may be in CHCH tomorrow noon or Monday noon.

26/02/11 06:15 utc - John Seward

Called Marit Skanes in Norway - 00 47 452 65104 - relative of crew member Robert Skanes, who had earlier spoken with MNZ Media (Sophie Hazelhurst) and raised the question of use of satellite imagery. Sophie referred call to RCCNZ for response. I called Marit to brief her on progress with the SAROP and respond to question of use of satellite imagery. 45 minute call. Delicate situation because of need to be realistic with synopsis while balancing her expectations regarding search effort and use of resources, including satellite technology. Marit was with family, but in a separate room for this call because of the distress on other family members present. Marit mistakenly believed search had been terminated. She was informed that the search was continuing, with the SPIRIT OF ENDERBY/PROFESSOR KROMOV yet to undertake another search as it leaves the Ross Sea in a couple of days time. She believed we had turned down initiative by RCC Bodoie to have Norwegian satellite imagery company provide imagery to assist RCCNZ in our search effort. She understood that imagery at the time of the EPIRB activation and the following day or so would not be of use because of the cloud cover associated with the largest storm of the season, but could not understand why RCCNZ would not utilise imagery that could be made available now. She asked how the search area was determined and SARMAP was described. Her distress was evident during the conversation, and understandable, however, the facts we have available were explained, together with the most likely and least likely scenarios. It was further explained that the searching vessels were confident that BERSERK, had it been afloat in the area searched, which was larger than the area calculated by

SARMAP, would have been sighted. I undertook, however, to further consider the satellite imagery question and call her again. Time in Norway at the end of the call (0654 UTC) was 0710 am and she comfortable with receiving a call at any time during the (Norwegian) day.

26/02/11 06:39 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from Charlie. Gave him a full briefing. Told him that in our view there is only one survivable scenario, in that they may still be above water in a damaged hull. No other scenario is survivable. Charlie accepts this and was grateful for the briefing.

26/02/11 07:15 utc - John Seward

Briefed GMSS on call to Marit Skanes. Our collective view is that, in this instance, satellite imagery would not add value. I explained that RCC Bodoë was trying to be helpful in providing to the satellite imagery company the coordinates for the search area and that this information had reached Marit, causing her to mistakenly believe the option had been offered to RCCNZ and the offer had been declined. This area has been searched by two vessels and a helicopter and there is a high degree of confidence that BERSERK would have been sighted had it been afloat. Satellite imagery was a consideration, but not pursued because it was felt, with the known facts, it would not add value, earlier in the SAROP or now. Ops Mgr to inform Marit accordingly.

26/02/11 10:10 utc - Keith Allen

Call from JARLE. They close to McMurdo - will call on arrival. Wanted to know if Cape Bird had been checked by the helo. Checked area searched - it appears yes and that coastline also checked by Steve Irwin.

26/02/11 10:44 utc - John Seward

Called Marit Skanes - did not connect.

26/02/11 10:47 utc - John Seward

Called Marit Skanes - left message to call Ops Mgr.

26/02/11 10:53 utc - John Seward

Marit Skanes returned Ops Mgr's call. Marit is partner of BERSERK crew member Robert Skanes and they have 5 yo daughter.

Explained that Sea Shepherd's vsl STEVE IRWIN continues to search western region of Ross Sea as it sails towards Hobart. Will take about a week to reach Hobart. STEVE IRWIN is continuously calling BERSERK on VHF CH 16 as well as searching visually and with radar. STEVE IRWIN has been a very effective search asset. <<More>>

RCCNZ considered satellite technology and concluded it would not add value to our search effort at the time of the incident, or now. We will not be pursuing this option because of the confidence of the masters of search vessels and STEVE IRWIN's helicopter pilot that the area searched has a high Coverage Factor.

RCCNZ has not stopped searching. STEVE IRWIN is searching now and SPIRIT OF ENDERBY/PROFESSOR KROMOV will search as it transits the area in a couple of days time.

Marit was more composed during this conversation although it was clearly difficult for her. She appreciated the call and information passed to her. She informed me that support was forthcoming

and closed the conversation by noting that support had just arrived.

26/02/11 12:09 utc - Keith Allen

call from Steve IRWIN in position 73 53 s 169 14 E near Coleman island. making 14.5 knots very dark, helo may be used in the morning for short search.

26/02/11 15:09 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Call fm Norwegian journalist requesting update. Given.

26/02/11 15:42 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm RCC Norway. Request an update for the relatives. Given. Also wanted to know if Jarle Andhoy has made McMurdo Base // Negative. Enquired if we are sending an updated press release (Norway Media wants update for evening news). Advised not until daylight hours (NZ time). RCC Norway happy and will call back in about 4 hours.

26/02/11 16:29 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm McMurdo Base. The NSF Manager and others in attendance on speaker phone. The two Norwegians have arrived and have a few questions. Fm Jarle: After checking the weather patterns at the time wanted to know if western side of Cape Bird has been searched along with other areas of interest. Advised that it has been searched thoroughly along with other bays and places of interest all along the shoreline. NSF Manager advised the two will be housed at Scott Base and should be there in an hour. Jarle only wants the relatives to know they have arrived. Informed him that Norway media is aware he will arrive this morning. NSF Manager thanked me and closed communications.

26/02/11 16:53 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Informed JRCC Norway of Jarle's arrival. They requested Jarle call them once at Scott Base. Message passed to McMurdo // Acknowledged.

26/02/11 17:24 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Troy at Scott Base. The two Norwegians have arrived. Troy will let them call JRCC Norway and will let us know if anything interesting develops.

26/02/11 17:49 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm JRCC Norway. They have spoken with Jarle and at his request wanted us not to broadcast that they are at Scott Base until they have spoken with all their relatives. This may take a few hours. // R, will inform MNZ Media to hold off for a few hours.

26/02/11 18:10 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Nick Churchouse called for an update. Given. He will hold off advising they arrived at the base.

26/02/11 18:17 utc - Conrad Reynecke

Fm Jarle (Scott Base). Requested a copy of our incident log. Advised this may not be possible unless management agrees and there could be legal issues. He had a few questions regarding the search which I answered as best I could. He may take the last flight out which is in 24hrs time but wants to be sure he has done all he can before he leaves. He also wanted the number of the STEVE IRWIN's helo pilot. I advised I will pass on this request when they call in after they search Coulman Island.

26/02/11 19:19 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm Al Martin and Bill Hendrickson at McMurdo.

The 2 Norwegians are at McMurdo and they want to be on the flight tomorrow morning

Flight will arrive around 1100-1130am at CH flight no ACH058-11

Phil Ambler is the contact in CH who will get them thru customs/ immigration and then he wants to hand the pair to Norway Consulate.

They don't want any media fuss and they are now quite subdued.

The Enderby is doing a tour in the area to day

26/02/11 19:34 utc - Geoff Lunt

SMC - Geoff Lunt

26/02/11 19:40 utc - Geoff Lunt

Called Tim at Northland Sea Safety asking him if he could look at the photo's to try and confirm if the water packets and paddle came from the yachts L/R or the WELLINGTON's.

Tim advised that the water packets are generic on all L/R's but the paddles are usually different. If the packets have got dates etc on the front we may be able to find something out - won't be able to do anything though until tomorrow.

26/02/11 19:54 utc - Geoff Lunt

Email sent to Tim at Northland Sea Safety with photo's of water packets found.

26/02/11 19:59 utc - Tracy Brickles

Left a msg with David at MFAT

26/02/11 20:08 utc - Tracy Brickles

Left msg with MFAT answer machine

26/02/11 20:14 utc - Geoff Lunt

Paged Duty RCC Manager

26/02/11 20:21 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm JRCC Norway asking about Jarle & Samuel - sitrep given with regards flight to CH tomorrow.

26/02/11 20:38 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to JHS (Duty Manager)

26/02/11 20:44 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to Nick - (MNZ Media) - Nick asked if info regarding the arrival at McMurdo of the 2 Norwegians can be released or do we still have to wait for NOK to be advised.

26/02/11 20:47 utc - Geoff Lunt

Called JRCC Norway to check - they confirm that Jarle has been talking to family already, so should not be a problem to release the info.

26/02/11 20:57 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to Nick.

26/02/11 22:36 utc - Geoff Lunt

Contacted STEVE IRWIN (Paul) asked for psn and Wx Cx - Advised psn 71 50S 173 41E (50NM East of Cape McCormick) - Wx SE 20kn, choppy sea, good vis, Sea Temp -6c

26/02/11 22:41 utc - Tracy Brickles

Phoned MFAT again. Pollana answered again, she has arranged a James Anderson (European desk) to call us after 1pm to discuss the situation.

26/02/11 22:43 utc - Tracy Brickles

Asset updated: STEVE IRWIN Helo: Task0196. Status changed to Departed.

26/02/11 22:43 utc - Tracy Brickles

Asset: STEVE IRWIN Helo (Task0196): status changed from On Scene to Departed.

27/02/11 00:52 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAR sitrep No 7 sent

27/02/11 01:03 utc - Tracy Brickles

David Gaston called (MFAT) updated him with the details of the 2 returning Norwegians and Phil Amblers no and he is happy to take it from here.

27/02/11 01:23 utc - Tracy Brickles

Karylyn Schwarger from the Antarctic Policy Unit at MFAT phoned to say she is taking over from David. She has spoken to the Norwegian Embassy in Australia and they are sending a consul down to CH tomorrow.

27/02/11 07:43 utc - Mike Roberts

Received very broken call from Mal on Steve Irwin, could only just make out who it was. Asked him to send an email with discussion points R/will try to now.

27/02/11 08:21 utc - Mike Roberts

Asset: STEVE IRWIN (Task0194): status changed from On Scene to Released.

27/02/11 08:23 utc - Mike Roberts

Email received and responded to from Steve Irwin, asking to be released off task. I released them (also by email) with grateful thanks. They had tried calling on satphone but reception was extremely broken- I did manage to get through to Mal to email us, and that worked.

27/02/11 08:25 utc - Mike Roberts

Call taken from Charlie- explained that I had just released Steve Irwin as she was very far north of any possible area where Berserk may be. Also told him that Spirit of Enderby will be passing through in a couple of days, so the incident is still considered open. He will call daily from now, and said he will contact other family members to update them.

27/02/11 10:00 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset recorded: SPIRIT of ENDERBY (Merchant/SOLAS Ship, Task0202).

27/02/11 10:00 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: SPIRIT of ENDERBY (Task0202): status changed from Tasked to On Scene.

27/02/11 10:00 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: STEVE IRWIN (Task0194): status changed from Released to On Scene.

27/02/11 16:49 utc - Mike Roberts

Call from TV2 in Norway for an update. I wasn't able to add to what they already knew- they intend to run a piece on the Steve Irwin in tonight's news.

27/02/11 19:44 utc - Geoff Lunt

SMC Geoff Lunt

27/02/11 19:50 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm JRCC Norway for any update - sitrep given. They ask if they can have heads up when RCCNZ are looking at suspending the search.

27/02/11 20:02 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm Greg Prescott fm Tauranga advising he was a friend of Leonard Banks [REDACTED] in South Africa and asked for any info. Started to give him a sitrep, when all phones in ops room cut out and connection was lost.

27/02/11 20:42 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm David Gaston (MFAT) [REDACTED] asking who might be in charge of any investigation - advised that the incident is in international waters and that it may be left to Norway to investigate and not MNZ.

Gave David MNZ Accidents Tel No to chat with Steve Van der Splinter and confirm procedure

27/02/11 21:27 utc - Neville Blakemore

Asset updated: STEVE IRWIN Helo. Task0196. Status changed to Released, Hours changed to 21.

27/02/11 21:42 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm Tim at Sea Safety. his thoughts are that the debris is not from the Avon L/R because

1. The Avon L/R would normally have wooden paddles, these weren't wooden. The man who serviced the L/R said he didn't notice the paddles when he serviced the L/R
2. The Avon L/R is an 8 person raft and would only have 8 sachets of water. There were more packets in the photo than 8 in the pic.
3. The batch no's of the water sachets are not the same as the Avon ones would have been it was L3R13 exp 0314 (the ones in the picture)

Thanked him for his assistance

27/02/11 21:47 utc - Geoff Lunt

Called SPIRIT of ENDERBY (Robbie) He reports that they departed McMurdo Sound last night at 271000utc making for Terra Nova Bay, ETA this evening.

My present psn is 75 52S 165 40E - Wx is calm, o/cast and re-freezing.

Nothing untoward has been seen o/night. If you draw a line between our psn and Cape Royds - That is the vessels track o/night.

SPIRIT of ENDERBY is the last ship out of McMurdo as ice is re-freezing very quickly. (MORE)

Robbie went on to report that a factor that may have caused trouble for the yacht would be ice - During the period of searching last week, the crew had to deal with tons of ice forming on the superstructure. If ice formed on the yachts super structure, the weight would have made the vessel very unstable. Gale to Storm force winds and high seas would have made the situation worse.

Robbie advised he would send through a report of his search on return to NZ on 11th March.

RCCNZ officially released SoE fm the search, although they will keep a visual whilst en route to Terra Nova Bay. Next destination after will be Campbell Island.

27/02/11 21:47 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: SPIRIT of ENDERBY (Task0202): status changed from Released to Released.

27/02/11 21:47 utc - Geoff Lunt

Asset: STEVE IRWIN (Task0194): status changed from On Scene to Released.

27/02/11 22:01 utc - Geoff Lunt

Paged duty RCC manager JHS

27/02/11 22:02 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to JHS - He will advise Duty MNZ manager and NC.

Intentions are to check with SPIRIT of ENDERBY this evening on their arrival at Terra Nova Bay to make sure nothing sighted, then look at suspending the search pending further info.

Geoff will start drafting a suspension form in readiness.

27/02/11 22:23 utc - Tracy Brickles

Mrs Marlene Castle phoned fm the prime ministers office to ask a few questions regarding the incident. Who was going to pay for the fuel that the helo used from McMurdo, I said we might get a bill also from the v/ls if their insurance companies don't pay.

No we don't charge for search and rescue.

Will there be an investigation, I told her to ask Steve van der Splinter MNZ. She wanted to know the damage to the HMNZS Wellington, I read the press report to her as it has more in it than we knew.

28/02/11 01:45 utc - Geoff Lunt

Sitrep to Media

28/02/11 02:41 utc - Geoff Lunt

Email fm Norwegian media via MNZ Media

28/02/11 03:11 utc - Geoff Lunt

Discussed with Duty RCC Manager whether a final SAR Sitrep should go out - John advised not to send a final, or mention that we have released the SPIRIT of ENDERBY. The incident will be reviewed on Tuesday to make sure all has been done before looking at suspending the incident, pending further info.

Decided that a short sitrep will be issued with relevant info.

28/02/11 03:51 utc - Geoff Lunt

SAR Sitrep No 8 sent

28/02/11 04:36 utc - Geoff Lunt

Update to MNZ media (Nick)

28/02/11 10:18 utc - Mike Roberts

Call taken from Charlie. He will ring again tomorrow afternoon.

28/02/11 10:22 utc - Kevin Banaghan

Call from Jarle. He is currently in Wellington and mentioned that he would like to come out tomorrow to meet the staff.

28/02/11 19:30 utc - Ramon Davis

Call from Charlie Banks - follow up to last night's call

28/02/11 20:59 utc - Neville Blakemore

Called Professor Khromov, got the Steve Irwin as I dialed the wrong number. Called the correct number, asked to speak to Rodney and was told to call back in 5mins

28/02/11 21:19 utc - Neville Blakemore

Called the Professor Khromov (spirit of Enderbey) for their latest psn, they are 7411S 17038E generally they are leaving the Ross Sea area, they have left TERRA NOVA and are heading past COULMAN ISLAND before heading east of North past CAPE ADARE enroute to NZ. Asked them to ensure that they maintained a good watch for the yacht on the transit north. They have a comprehensive watch, radar and passengers observing.

28/02/11 22:00 utc - Neville Blakemore

Jarle Andhoy visited the OPs Room, was given a briefing and then chatted about various options, what he thought etc. A call was made to the Steve Irwin so that he could talk to the Helo Pilot and satisfy himself that the pilot was 110 percent sure of his search along the coast and on land. Thanked the Chris on the Steve Irwin who said that he had searched the possible landing sites about 10 times, also did a low pass along the seaward side of the shore to see if they could see anything below the surface.

28/02/11 23:02 utc - Neville Blakemore

Provided SAROP details to Ross at MNZ Media

01/03/11 00:48 utc - Neville Blakemore

MLO confirmed the distance from Scott Base to the beacon psn as 18nm. Confirmed

01/03/11 03:20 utc - Neville Blakemore

Suspension report processed, recommend suspension of the SAROP. John Seward sent through to

Nigel Clifford to brief the Director.

01/03/11 03:30 utc - Neville Blakemore

Suspension of CAT II SAROP approved by Director of Maritime New Zealand

01/03/11 03:30 utc - Geoff Lunt

Disregard

01/03/11 03:57 utc - Ramon Davis

Call to JRCC Bodo - explained that the suspension documents had been filed. Bodo will inform the next of kin but will not do this for a couple of hours as it is 5am there now. Would like media releases delayed until 2030 nzdt to allow them to be contacted before the info is made public

01/03/11 05:12 utc - Neville Blakemore

Email sent to British Consulate in Brisbane advising that the SAROP has been suspended and asking them to advise the NOK (Mr Banks) and arrange support for him.

01/03/11 06:58 utc - Tracy Brickles

Sara phoned to ask if it was alright to send the media release at 0730utc, I said yes.

01/03/11 07:12 utc - Tracy Brickles

From JRCC Norway can we hold off the media release until 2200nzdt as some of the relatives haven't been advised yet, eys can do.

Advised Sara MLO of this and she asked if we would give an interview during the night, I said I would get Geoff to do it as he is more up to date with the incident.

01/03/11 07:17 utc - Geoff Lunt

Discussed with JHS ref the Suspension form for attachment - JHS advised that the Director signed of the suspension at 010330utc.

Suspension form will be attached later.

01/03/11 08:21 utc - Geoff Lunt

Call fm Mr Banks - advised him of RCCNZ/MNZ decision to suspend the search. He would like to check in with RCCNZ over the next few days, just in case of any new developments - replied not a problem.

Mr Banks will inform close members of family that he has been keeping in touch with.

01/03/11 08:53 utc - Tracy Brickles

Fm Sara MLO, she is releasing the media release at 0900utc, she will be turning the media phone off at 1030utc but will be available on the personal phone [REDACTED] until 1930utc

She is going to phone back with the Norway radio station so we don't give the ops room number out, for the radio interview Geof is going to do.

01/03/11 08:54 utc - Geoff Lunt

MNZ Media releases rcvd. (see attached)

01/03/11 09:31 utc - Geoff Lunt

Interview given to the Norwegian National News Agency - subject matter centred around the

suspension.

01/03/11 10:47 utc - Geoff Lunt
SAR Sitrep No9 and Final sent.

04/03/11 00:44 utc - Dave Wilson

John Seward took a call at 0027UTC from Jarle Andhoy in Auckland (004790361113), wishing to speak with the captain of HMNZS WELLINGTON in relation to the conversation that took place between WELLINGTON and BERSERK. RCCNZ will contact HQJFNZ to pass the request.

04/03/11 00:49 utc - Dave Wilson

To HQJFNZ Watch Keeper, transferred to J3 Maritime Shaun Quinn. Briefed Shaun and provided contact number for Jarle. Shaun will pass the request through the chain

04/03/11 05:33 utc - John Seward

Ops Mgr received call from Jarle Andhoy to effect that he had not heard from Captain of HMNZS WELLINGTON. Informed him that his request to speak to WELLINGTON had been passed to HQJFNZ and it was over to NZDF to decide if/when to respond. His interest lies in what was said in communications WELLINGTON had with BERSERK prior to the SAROP commencing.

06/03/11 20:39 utc - Greg Johnston

Email received from Lt Cdr RNZN Shaun Quin addressed to Dave Wilson regarding release of conversations between HMNZS WELLINGTON prior to incident and request from Skipper of BERSERK Jarle Andhoy for them. Forwarded to DW, JS, and NB to action - email saved as attachment.

14/03/11 12:17 utc - Keith Allen

call from Charlie banks wanting to discuss why no floatsum from the yacht had been found and why the beacon had not transmitted for longer, [REDACTED]

Attachments for RCC0130/11

Comment	Filename(s)
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	
N/A	
Message from MRCC Chile	406 Mhz ACTIVATION .msg
Msg to and from JRCC Bodoe	SV 406 Mhz ACTIVATION .msg; SV RCC013011 SAR SITREP 5.msg; FW Emergency tracking iridium phone Antarctica.msg; ATTCNULZ.msg; HMNZS WELLINGTON Lifaft.msg; Additional information regarding the two from SY Berserk on land.msg; SV BERSERK.msg; FW Crew SY Berserk.msg
Acknowledgment from JRCC Bodoe	SV 406 Mhz ACTIVATION .msg
JFNZ to Wellington	49905150.pdf
McMurdo Wx Pictures	03317202.png; 35696764.png; 39300789.png; 60574665.png; 38796334.png; 27274104.png;



SPIRIT of ENDERBY messages
DSC Alerts
N/A
N/A
e-mail with all infor fm JRCC Norway
SAR SITREPS
USMCC & ASMCC Request for Tx
SATC Msgs - Wellington
Info fm Daniel Massie
N/A
RADAR Imagery
MOC Logs
Emails to and from McMurdo Base and Steve
Irwin helo pilot re. refuelling at base.
Emails fm MFAT
JFHQ messages
N/A
Aviation WX forecast fm McMurdo Weather
Forecaster
MRCC Riga email traffic
Email showing Iridium phone of shore party LKP
Iridium Call Intercept Officer - Tom Lopez

NZPG RUNWAY TAF 2321 2421 DRAFT.msg
80314551.pdf; From Spirit of Enderby in The
Ross Sea.msg
DSC Alert - Rome.pdf; RCC Norfolk - DSC
Alert.msg; RCC Norfolk - DSC Alert 1.msg; RCC
Chile - DSC Alert.msg
SAR situation MMSI 257 528290 Berserk
LE3776.msg; SV SAR situation MMSI 257
528290 Berserk LE3776.msg; SAR
SITREP01.doc; SV .msg; Additional information
regarding the two from SY Berserk on land.msg
SAR Sitrep No1.msg; SAR Sitrep No2.msg; SAR
Sitrep No3.msg; SAR SITREP No4.msg;
RCC0130 11 SAR SITREP 5.msg; RCC0130 11
SAR SITREP 6.msg; SAR Sitrep No 7.msg; SAR
Sitrep No8.msg; SAR Sitrep No9 & Final.msg
59877738.pdf
88940027.pdf; 17012245.pdf; 20729576.pdf;
80776933.pdf
Fm Daniel Massie.msg
ASAR Image Large Scale 172248UTC.bmp;
ASAR Image 172248UTC.bmp
CQ bx.pdf
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OPERATION YACHT berserk.msg;
ATTNIB9.msg; ATTWRTBW.msg; McMurdo
Base.msg; Re McMurdo BaseSteve Irwin Position
and Progress Report.msg
FW Berserk Vessel Information.msg;
ATTY4502.msg; RE Berserk Crew
Nationalities.msg; RE RCC013011 - SAR
SITREP 4.msg
BERSERK Crew List.msg; Antarctic SAR SV
Berserk seemail .msg
Aviation forecast for the area between Wohlshlag
Bay and Beaufort Island Antarctica.msg
RE HF DSC ALERT MMSI 275528290.msg
VS Emergency tracking iridium phone
Antarctica.htm; VS Emergency tracking iridium
phone Antarctica.msg
FW Emergency tracking iridium phone
Antarctica.msg

HMNZS WELLINGTON x details of 4 liferaft lost
and photo of BERSERK

Scott Base/Antarctic NZ emails

Antarctic Search Areas on Google Earth
International Media Emails

MNZ Press Releases

Screen shot of yacht's last Iridium call position
and EPIRB position

Email with yacht's last Iridium call position

COSPAS SARSAT Alerts

Req for Continued Transmission of Hex ID
N/A

Notification from MRCC Chile

Notification from MRCC Rome

DSC Message from MRCC Rome

MMSI 257528290 Query by Installation

DSC message from Taupo Maritime

SV Berserk - Related Info

Email to Norway JRCC

International Media

Old Norwegian sailor's estimation of yacht posn

Media Release

Media Release correction ref helo fuel

Media release

Unclassified - Loss of HMNZS Wellington liferafts
in Ross Sea.msg; Unclassified SV Berserk SAR
Operation.msg; ATT3ECYO.msg

berserk.msg; Re berserk.msg; Re confidential
information.msg

Search areas on Google Earth.doc

Re berserk.msg; Re .msg; Norwegian media -
28th Feb.msg

94830817.doc; 25492911.doc; 70147700.doc;
07153491.doc; RE Unclassified SV Berserk SAR
Operation.msg; RE Please review '20110223
RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in Ross Sea
3'.msg; 44030580.doc; ATTQTTZM.msg;
ATTGJFYL.msg; Professor Khromov.msg; Press
Release 280700nzd.doc; Media Release
250700nzd.doc; 20110301 RCCNZ release -
Search for missing yacht formally suspended.doc;
20110301 RCCNZ release - timeline for Berserk
SAROP.doc

38482508.pdf

RE Emergency tracking iridium phone
Antarctica.msg

IA Msg No 15317.pdf; IA Msg No 15318.pdf; IA
Msg No 15319.pdf; Resolved - Msg No
15320.pdf; Msg No 15323.pdf; Msg No
15324.pdf; Msg No 15325.pdf; Msg No
15327.pdf; Msg No 15328.pdf; Msg No
15329.pdf; Norwegian COSPAS Msg.pdf
13892549.pdf

03946911.pdf

75663892.pdf

71424340.pdf

76966944.pdf

41004331.pdf

Outward Report Form.pdf; ITU - BERSERK
info.pdf; Berserk Website info.pdf; Example of
Avon LR.pdf

RCCNZ Log extract 241939UTC Feb.msg

Lou Sanson.msg

VS resueing berserk .msg

20110225 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in
Ross Sea 7.doc

Re RCC0130 11 SAR SITREP 6.msg

20110225 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in



Liferaft confirmation ex-Norway
Email ref second satphone
Metservice sea temperature email.
RCCNZ Norway request for family liason
RCCNZ email of thanks
email re sat images

Related Photo's of Yt BERSERK
Media release

Steve Irwin photos

Press Release

Photo of Steve Irwin

Emails ref satellite imagery from Norway

Photo's of water packets and paddle

Email to and fro to release Steve Irwin

Latest Media Release

RCC Manager Related Info

Media Release from Norwegian Media, translated
by Sophie

Email from Lou Sanson 281610 utc Further info
re Berserk Info

Email to/from Media Liaison re Tuesday afternoon
Media release.

Photos of RCCNZ State boards at end of incident

MOC Log

Storm Photo's from the OPV Wellington

link to video of search conducted by STEVE

Ross Sea 8.doc

SV ref BERSERK.msg

ref BERSERK.msg

RE SST over Ross Sea.msg

.msg

Fm Keith.msg; Fm Mike.msg; Reply.msg

[REDACTED] V Reagrding satellite images
over the area.msg

BERSERK Alongside.jpg; BERSERK at sea.pdf

20110226 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in
Ross Sea 10 doc.msg

Fwd PHOTOS FOR MARITIME NZ.msg; Helo &
LR.pdf

20110226 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in
Ross Sea 10.doc

110226_BARBARA VEIGA STEVE IRWIN
PORTRAIT IN FRANKLIN ISLAND_ROSS
SEA_ANTARCTICA_7511.jpg

[REDACTED] V Reagrding satellite images
over the area.msg; Reagrding satellite images
over the area.msg

110225_BARBARA VEIGA EMERGENCY
DRINKING WATER AND PADDLE FOUND AT
THE ROSS SEA_ANTARCTICA_7346.jpg;
110225_BARBARA VEIGA EMERGENCY
DRINKING WATER AND PADDLE FOUND AT
THE ROSS SEA_ANTARCTICA_7359.jpg

RE STEVE IRWIN PASSES POSSESSION
ISLANDS AND NIGHT FALLS.msg; Re
search.msg

20110228 RCCNZ release - Berserk missing in
Ross Sea 11.doc

FW Extracts for Incident Log for SV
BERSERK.msg; To Petter Mathieson.msg
Norwegian media.msg

FW Berserk SAROP.msg

RE help with berserk search details.msg

100_1283.JPG; 100_1284.JPG; 100_1285.JPG;
100_1286.JPG

image-3021022-0001.pdf

FW unclassified HMNZS Wellington - storm
pics.msg

Video of search conducted by STEVE IRWIN.msg



IRWIN

From Shaun Quin RNZN Lt Cdr - release of info
to BERSERK Skipper.

SEEMAIL FW Conversations between
Wellington and Berserk - FAO Dave Wilson.msg

Assets for RCC0130/11

Name	Call Sign	Type	Hours	Task#
STEVE IRWIN	PC9093	Recreation/Private		Task0194
SPIRIT OF ENDERBY		Merchant/SOLAS Ship		Task0195
STEVE IRWIN Helo		Helicopter (C)	21	Task0196
HMNZS WELLINGTON		Navy		Task0201
SPIRIT of ENDERBY		Merchant/SOLAS Ship		Task0202

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Sent: Saturday, 16 April 2011 11:44 a.m.
To: GASTON, David (APU)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SV BERSERK: SAR SITREPS
Attachments: Yacht BERSERK; Yacht BERSERK; Yt BERSERK; RCC0130/11 - SAR SITREP 4; RCC0130/11 SAR SITREP 5; RCC0130/11 SAR SITREP 6; Yacht BERSERK; Yacht BERSERK; Yacht BERSERK

Email 3 of 19

SITREPS 1 to 9.

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From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2011 11:41 p.m.
To: mrccchile@directemar.d; sten-rune.nikolaisen@jrcc-bodo.no; MRCC Roma; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; lantwatch@uscg.mil
Subject: Yacht BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 220900 UTC Feb 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: RCC Rome, RCC Australia, JRCC Bodo, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 1

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: **77 24S 166 04E (18nm Nth of Scott Base)**

(C) SITUATION: **Distress Beacon Alert rcvd at 220447utc.**

No communication made with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Believed to be 3 POB**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: **JRCC BODO to assist with**

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **RCCNZ**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **48ft Steel Hulled**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **SW winds 40kts, Very heavy seas, Cloud Base 3000ft**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Broadcast initiated, HMNZS WELLINGTON tasked.**

(K) SEARCH AREA: **N/A**

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON in psn 76 59.7S 168 31.4E (42nm from beacon position)**

No shore assistance available from McMurdo or Scott base.

(M) FUTURE PLANS: **Warship WELLINGTON is hove too until weather abates, then will proceed to beacon position.**

M/V PROFESSOR KHROMOV psn 72 43S 171 38E is heading for McMurdo strait, ETA 240400utc.

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **Information from RCC Rome regarding HF DSC alert can be confirmed to be from a vessel relaying the**

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DSC distress message issued by Maritime NZ and not a
DSC distress issued by the BERSERK.

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media on +64 4499 7138

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From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2011 4:12 a.m.
To: operations@jrcc-bodo.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodo.no; mrccchile@directemar.cl;
 lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; rccaus@amsa.gov.au
Subject: Yacht BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 221455 UTC Feb 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: RCC Rome, RCC Australia, JRCC Bodo, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 2

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: **77 24S 166 04E (18nm Nth of Scott Base)**

(C) SITUATION: **Distress Beacon Alert rcvd at 220447utc.**

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since Resolved position 220528utc.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Believed to be 3 POB**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: **JRCC BODO to assist with additional yacht details and crew.**

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **RCCNZ**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **48ft Steel Hulled**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **Winds SSW 35kts, Sea SSW 2m, Vis fair in Twilight conditions.**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Broadcast initiated, HMNZS WELLINGTON tasked.**

(K) SEARCH AREA: **N/A**

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON in psn 76 59.7S 168 31.4E (42nm from beacon position)**

No shore assistance available from McMurdo or Scott base.

(M) FUTURE PLANS: **Warship WELLINGTON is now onscene at 221340utc - Has attempted to call BERSERK on Ch16 and Iridium.**
Conducting Datum search.

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **M/V PROFESSOR KHROMOV psn 72 43S 171 38E is**

27/04/2011

heading for McMurdo strait, ETA 240400utc.

on +64 4499 7318

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 cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; lantwatch@uscg.mil; rccaus@amsa.gov.au
Subject: Yt BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 221830 UTC Feb 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: RCC Rome, RCC Australia, JRCC Bodo, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 3

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: **77 24S 166 04E (18nm Nth of Scott Base)**

(C) SITUATION: **Distress Beacon Alert rcvd at 220447utc.**

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since Resolved position 220528utc.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Believed to be 3 POB**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: **JRCC BODO to assist with additional yacht details and crew.**

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **RCCNZ**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **48ft Steel Hulled**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **Winds SSW 75kts, Sea SSW 3/4m, Vis Poor**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Broadcast initiated, HMNZS WELLINGTON tasked.**

(K) SEARCH AREA: **N/A**

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON in psn 77 05S 165 38E (20nm Nth of Beacon Position)**

No shore assistance available from McMurdo or Scott base.

(M) FUTURE PLANS: **Warship WELLINGTON is continuing with a downwind search, any reverse of course will endanger the vessel. The Wellington talked to the yacht 2 days ago, the yacht advised their intentions were to shelter in Horseshoe Bay. The Wellington cannot check this bay out until winds drop and they can turn around. Wellington has already sustained damage due to high winds.**

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(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: M/V PROFESSOR KHROMOV psn 72 43S 171 38E is heading for McMurdo strait, ETA 240400utc.

Information from a Yacht Outward Bound Report given to NZ Customs have the following names:

Jarle Andhoeey - Samuel Massie - Tom Bellika - Robert Skanes - Leonard James Banks

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2011 12:40 p.m.
To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrccchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; Media; Brian Stone NSF; George Blaisdell NSF; Iain Miller Antarctica NZ; Lou Sanson Antarctica NZ; MACOPS; McMurdo Station Manager; NSF Rep; Scott Base Program Support; Scott Base Senior Antarctica NZ Rep; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV)
Cc: Nigel Clifford; John Seward; Rodney Bracefield
Subject: RCC0130/11 - SAR SITREP 4

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME 222330 UTC FEB 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 4

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: **77 24S 166 04E (18nm North of Scott Base)**

(C) SITUATION: **Distress Beacon Alert rcvd at 220447utc.**

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since Resolved position 220528utc.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Believed to be 3 POB**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **47ft steel hulled yacht**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **Winds SSW 50kts, Sea SSW 3/4m, Vis poor**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Distress broadcasts initiated, NZ Naval offshore patrol vessel HMNZS WELLINGTON tasked to search area**

(K) SEARCH AREA: **N/A**

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON is no longer able to search due to serviceability and has been released to return to New Zealand**

(M) FUTURE PLANS: **Heritage Expedition vsI PROFESSOR KROMOV and Sea Shepherd**

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**vsl STEVE IRWIN has been tasked
and expected to be in the area within the next 24 hours**

**(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: HMNZS WELLINGTON has searched the area through the
night and was not able to locate anything**

**Information from a Yacht Outward Bound Report given to NZ
Customs have the following names:**

**Jarle Andhoy - Samuel Massie - Tom Bellika - Robert
Skaanes - Leonard James Banks**

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on +64 4 4997318**

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]

Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2011 7:32 p.m.

To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrcchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; Media; Brian Stone NSF; George Blaisdell NSF; Iain Miller Antarctica NZ; Lou Sanson Antarctica NZ; MACOPS; McMurdo Station Manager; NSF Rep; Scott Base Program Support; Scott Base Senior Antarctica NZ Rep; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV)

Subject: RCC0130/11 SAR SITREP 5

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME 230630 UTC FEB 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 5

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: 77 24S 166 04E (18nm North of Scott Base)

(C) SITUATION: **Distress Beacon Alert rcvd at 220447utc.**

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since Resolved position 220528utc.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Believed to be 3 POB. A party of 2 has been**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: **Unknown**

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **47ft steel hulled yacht**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **Winds NNW 17kts, Vis poor**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Distress broadcasts initiated, NZ Naval offshore patrol vessel HMNZS WELLINGTON tasked to search the area**

(K) SEARCH AREA: **N/A**

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON was no longer able to search due to serviceability and has been released to return to New Zealand**

(M) FUTURE PLANS: **Heritage Expedition vsl PROFESSOR KROMOV and Sea Shepherd vsl STEVE IRWIN has been tasked and expected**

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to be in the area within the next 12 to 18 hours. STEVE IRWIN's onboard helicopter has been tasked to search the shoreline near beacon position when within range.

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: HMNZS WELLINGTON has searched the area through the night and was not able to locate anything

Information from a Yacht Outward Bound Report given to NZ Customs have the following names:

Jarle Andhoy (Norway) - Samuel Massie (Norway) - Tom Bellika (Norway) - Robert Skaanes (Norway) - Leonard James Banks (UK)

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Media on +64 4 4997318

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 24 February 2011 2:02 p.m.
To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrccchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; Media; Brian Stone NSF; George Blaisdell NSF; Iain Miller Antarctica NZ; Lou Sanson Antarctica NZ; MACOPS; McMurdo Station Manager; NSF Rep; Scott Base Program Support; Scott Base Senior Antarctica NZ Rep; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV);^{s9(2)(a)}
Cc: Nigel Clifford; John Seward; Rodney Bracefield
Subject: RCC0130/11 SAR SITREP 6

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME 240100 UTC FEB 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO, British High Commission

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER): 6

(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY: **BERSERK c/s LE3776**

(B) POSITION: **77 24S 166 05E (18nm North of Scott Base).**

(C) SITUATION: **Initial Distress Beacon Alert received at 220447 utc Feb 11.**

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since resolved position 220528 utc Feb 11.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS: **Initially 5 POB. 3 people remained onboard yacht BESERK while a party of 2 was dropped off at Scott Base and heading to the South Pole on ATV's.**

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: **Unknown**

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC: **Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)**

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY: **47ft steel hulled yacht**

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE: **Winds WNW 15kts**

(J) INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN: **Distress broadcasts initiated. NZ Naval offshore patrol vessel HMNZS WELLINGTON already in the area tasked to search beacon position and surrounding area. STEVE IRWIN's onboard helicopter has been searching the shoreline from the top of Ross Island south to**

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McMurdo Base.

(K) SEARCH AREA: **McMurdo Sound** including and bays of interest along the east coast.

(L) CO-ORDINATING INSTRUCTION: **Heritage Expedition vsI PROFESSOR KROMOV and Sea Shepherd vsI STEVE IRWIN** has been tasked to search **McMurdo Sound**, east and west of latitude 76 30S to 77 10S. The **STEVE IRWIN** helicopter will search **McMurdo Sound** from 76 30S south, east and west towards the ice shelf.

(M) FUTURE PLANS:

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: **HMNZS WELLINGTON** has initially searched the area and was not able to locate anything. They were no longer able to search due to serviceability and has been released to return to New Zealand.

The party of 2 called via satellite phone and advised they were okay. They were 100nm inland from **McMurdo Base** about 2 days away.

They advised **BERSERK** may likely have gone to **Backdoor Bay** (**Shackleton's Hut**) and **Horeshoe Bay**. Both of these bays has already been checked but will be searched again.

Information from a Yacht Outward Bound Report given to NZ Customs have the following names:

Jarle Andhoy (Norway) - **Samuel Massie** (Norway) - **Tom Bellika** (Norway) - **Robert Skaanes** (Norway) - **Leonard James Banks** (UK)

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 27 February 2011 1:53 p.m.
To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrcchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; bstone@nsf.gov; gblaisde@nsf.gov; i.miller@antarcticanz.govt.nz; l.sanson@antarcticanz.govt.nz; macops@usap.gov; mcm.nsfstmgr@usap.gov; progsupport@scott.aq; sanzrep@scott.aq; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV); s9(2)(a)
Cc: Nigel Clifford; John Seward; Rodney Bracefield
Subject: Yacht BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 262230 UTC FEB 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO, British High Commission

INFO:

SAR SITREP (NUMBER):

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(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY:

BERSERK c/s LE3776

(B) POSITION:

(18nm North of Scott Base)

Beacon position at 220447utc - 77 24S 166 05E

(C) SITUATION:

utc Feb 11.

Initial Distress Beacon Alert received at 220447

No communication has been established with casualty to ascertain what the distress situation is.

There have been no further beacon alerts since resolved position 220528 utc Feb 11.

(D) NUMBER OF PERSONS:

Initially 5 POB. 3 people remained onboard yacht BERSERK while a party of 2 was dropped off at Scott Base and heading South Pole on ATV's.

(E) ASSISTANCE REQUIRED:

N/A

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC:

Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand

(G) DESCRIPTION OF CASUALTY:
superstructure.

47ft white steel hulled, red below water line. White

(H) WEATHER ON SCENE:
6c

SE 20kts, choppy sea, good vis, Sea Temp - minus

(K) SEARCH AREA:

HMNZS WELLINGTON carried out a search of the beacon position and to the NE of the position, nothing found.

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Due to extreme weather conditions and Captains concern for vessel & crew safety, HMNZS WELLINGTON had to call of the search and was released at 221917utc.

Two other vessels, STEVE IRWIN (with helicopter) and heritage vessel SPIRIT of ENDERBY (PROFESSOR KHROMOV) were tasked at 222043utc & 222122utc respectively. Both vessels were on scene at 231656utc & 232235utc respectively.

Search area included:-

Both vessels were instructed to search east & west of latitude 76 30S to 77 10S. The helicopter searched from 76 30S southwards including bays of interest along the east coast.

Life raft found at 231843utc, later confirmed to belong to the w/s WELLINGTON who had lost 4 L/R's during the bad weather.

Damaged life raft found at 242101utc by the STEVE IRWIN's helicopter, later confirmed to belong to the Yt BERSERK.

Nothing else has been found.

(M) FUTURE PLANS:

STEVE IRWIN is now returning to Hobart, Tasmania, she has been carrying out a search as she headed north and continuously calling the Yt BERSERK. Present position at 262230utc is 71 50S 173 41E (50nm East of Cape McCormick).

SPIRIT of ENDERBY will complete her present schedule with her passengers; she is due to depart McMurdo Sound on Monday 28th Feb and will carry out a search as she heads northwards.

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The shore party of 2 are safe at McMurdo base and are due to fly out to Christchurch tomorrow, Monday 28th Feb.

Any media enquiries, are to call Maritime New Zealand media on +64 4 4997318

CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 4:51 p.m.
To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrccchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; bstone@nsf.gov; gblaisde@nsf.gov; i.miller@antarcticanz.govt.nz; l.sanson@antarcticanz.govt.nz; macops@usap.gov; mcm.nsfstmgr@usap.gov; progsupport@scott.aq; sanzrep@scott.aq; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV); s9(2)(a)
Cc: Nigel Clifford; John Seward; Rodney Bracefield
Subject: Yacht BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 0330 UTC FEB 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO, British High Commission

INFO:

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(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY:
LE3776

BERSERK c/s

(F) CO-ORDINATING RCC:

Rescue Co-ordination Centre New Zealand

(M) FUTURE PLANS:

SPIRIT of ENDERBY departed McMurdo Sound at 271000utc bound for Terra Nova Bay (170nm North of McMurdo). The vessel has been searching along her track north, throughout the night, nothing untoward seen.

On her arrival at Terra Nova Bay, if nothing found, it is RCCNZ intentions to review and assess the search that has been carried out since Tuesday.

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The water packets and paddle that were found by the vessel STEVE IRWIN have been confirmed not to have come from the yachts life raft.

SPIRIT of ENDERBY also reports that she is the last ship out of McMurdo Sound as rapid re-freezing is taking place in that area.

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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: RCCNZ [RCCNZ1@maritimenz.govt.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 11:47 p.m.

To: operations@jrcc-bodoe.no; merete.jeppesen@jrcc-bodoe.no; rccaus@amsa.gov.au; mrccchile@directemar.cl; lantwatch@uscg.mil; cgcp3rep4@infrastrutturetrasporti.it; bstone@nsf.gov; gblaisde@nsf.gov; i.miller@antarcticanz.govt.nz; l.sanson@antarcticanz.govt.nz; macops@usap.gov; mcm.nsfstmgr@usap.gov; progsupport@scott.aq; sanzrep@scott.aq; SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU); NG, Jocelyn (APU/ENV); s9(2)(a)

Cc: Nigel Clifford; John Seward; Rodney Bracefield

Subject: Yacht BERSERK

TRANSMISSION: DISTRESS

DATE AND TIME (UTC) 010900utc UTC MAR 2011

FROM: RESCUE COORDINATION CENTRE NEW ZEALAND

TO: JRCC Bodo, RCC Australia, RCC Chile, RCC Norfolk, RCC Rome, NZ/US Unified Command, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), MNZ MLO, British High Commission

INFO:

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(A) IDENTITY OF CASUALTY:
LE3776

BERSERK c/s

(N) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Bay on

SPIRIT of ENDERBY departed Terra Nova

Campbell Island. The vessel has not sighted

Tuesday morning 1st March bound for

since departing McMurdo Sound.

anything connected to the yacht or crew

Zealand have carefully reviewed and

Rescue Co-ordination Centre New

to the search that has been carried out and

assessed all the information pertaining

search operations at 010330utc, pending

have made the decision to suspend the

receipt of additional information.

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CQ Broadcast Request

Number: 2011/009

EGC Ref # (ITD Number):

Request RCCNZ SARO
from:

Name: [REDACTED]

Job #:

Area: 77 25S 166 03E

Reason: 406 Mhz EPIRB

Date: 20110222

Frequency: HF, EGC, DSC

NZ Time: 1932 nzdt

UTC Time: 220630 UTC

Tx times: As Per SOPs

Auto Alarm: No

Prefix: Mayday Relay

Message:

A 406 MHz EPIRB Distress signal registered to the vessel Berserk/LE3776 has been detected in an approximate position of 77 25S 166 03E.

All Vessels within 200 miles of the position are requested to report their positions, course and speed, check their EPIRB'S and monitor for any distress traffic.

RCCNZ is responsible for the co-ordination of this incident.

Reports to Taupo Maritime Radio/ZLM or Maritime Operations New Zealand Inmarsat-C Number 451200067.

Ends

Permission granted by: [REDACTED]

Prepared: 1935 nzdt

Opr: RBC

Checked: TBC

Opr: TBC

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Cancellation:

Remarks:

Faxed:

Cancelled by:

Sig:



Maritime Operations Centre



Incident Form

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Date: 20110222 Time: 1925 nzdt Incident # 2011/212
Vessel: Berserk Callsign: LE3776 POB: 3
Search and Rescue Region: New Zealand Tape #: ASC
Initial Site/Freq: Telephone
Subsequent Resources Utilised: 8291/8297 - ZLM, 12290/12356 - ZLM,
16420/16531 - ZLM, DSC, EGC, Inmarsat,
6215/6224 - ZLM

Classification: Distress, EPIRB

Police Event#: N/A

Status: Closed

Details:

1925 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] came into MOC and requested Mayday Relay broadcasts for a 406 MHz EPIRB distress signal registered to the vessel Berserk/LE3776, in approximate position 77 25S 166 03E. No further details.

MOC searched ITU and Inmarsat and found MMSI 257528290, vessel also had voice: 600858749, 600858750, 764683073 and data: 600858748. MOC telephoned the numbers and all of them timed out or were not connected.

MNZ 009/11 prepared.

1930 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz, preceded with a DSC distress geographic area call.

1954 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 sent via EGC reference number: 531686.

1955 nzdt MNZ 009/11 resent via DSC using a Mayday geographic area call prefix.

1956 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz.

2003 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz.

2012 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC and requested we get hold of the vessel Spirit on Enderby who are heading to McMurdo base and request their position and update them on Berserk's situation.

MOC searched for the vessel Spirit of Enderby and found it is also known as Professor Khromov/UBNR

and has Inmarsat C:427320564, 427331352.

2015 nzdt When MOC went to send vessel a message via Inmarsat C found a message on the terminal from the vessel Professor Khromov/UBNR as follows;
Our position 72 43S 171 38E, course 180, speed 5 knots.

MOC took a copy through to RCCNZ.

2025 nzdt MOC sent an Inmarsat C message to the Professor Khromov and requested what their best ETA to Berserk's last position would be.

2040 nzdt RCCNZ telephoned MOC to advise that they had a MMSI number for Berserk which reads: 257528290 (RC)

2049 nzst Following message received from Professor Khromov/UBNR via Inmarsat C
"ETA McMurdo strait 24/02/2011 1700Nzt, weather SW 40 knots best regards master".

Copy taken through to RCCNZ.

2055 nzdt Wellington telephoned MOC and advised they were in position 76 59.6S 168 (telephone cut out and nothing further obtained).

2059 nzdt Following received via Inmarsat C from the HMNZS Wellington.
"currently in position 76 59.7S 168 31.4E course 180 making a good 3 knots into very heavy seas. last known position of vessel Berserk bearing 230T range 42NM. Unable to provide assistance at this time due to local weather conditions. Will continue to assess weather and will provide update if situation changes. Request more information if held".

Copy taken through to RCCNZ.

2108 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz.

2117 nzdt Unknown station telephoned the MOC regarding the distress but the signal was lost before any information could be obtained. (AM)

2126 nzdt MOC tried several times to call the Sat phone number for the Berserk, none of the numbers worked.

2130 nzdt HMNZS Wellington telephoned MOC via Sat phone but the connection was lost. MOC sent vessel a message via Inmarsat to advise their position was received and to find out what their intentions were.

2135 nzdt MOC sent a Inmarsat C message to HMNZS Wellington advising we had received their latest position report and passed it onto RCCNZ. MOC also requested to know the vessels intentions.

2144 nzdt HMNZS Wellington advised via Inmarsat C that "at this stage we are hove too in very high seas unable to provide assistance at this stage". Message onpassed to RCCNZ (Geoff) who would like MOC to send a message back to the vessel and request that when the weather abates if they could proceed at best speed to the Berserk.

2201 nzdt Message sent to HMNZS Wellington requesting that when the weather had abated that they proceed to the Berserk's last known position at their best speed. MOC will update vessel in the mean time if anything further comes to hand.

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0009 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 re sent via EGC reference number: 534530.

0043 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC and requested a message be sent to the HMNZS Wellington

advising them that the latest weather had come in from Scott Base "A low at 75 32S 169 17W is tracking south".

0047 nzdt Message sent to HMNZS Wellington via Inmarsat C.

0103 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz.

0230 nzdt HMNZS Wellington telephoned MOC and requested further information re the EPIRB, when the next satellite pass would be, and if it was still active? MOC advised vessel we would call RCCNZ and sent the vessel a message via Sat C.

0232 nzdt MOC telephoned RCCNZ [REDACTED] and passed on above entry. Tracy advised that they were still waiting on Australia to come back with information regarding the next satellite pass, at this stage they were unsure if the EPIRB was still active or if it had been turned off. Tracy would like MOC to pass on the phone number for the Berserk and request HMNZS Wellington attempt calling them 881 631 649 903.

0236 nzdt MOC send an Inmarsat C message to the HMNZS Wellington advising of satellite information and phone number for the vessel. Also requested vessels position, course and speed, and weather conditions.

0251 nzdt Following received from HMNZS Wellington via Inmarsat C

"0240 nzdt pcs 77 12.9S 166 10.1E, cse 225, spd 9 knots.

Have also attempted to call vessel with no success via iridium and Ch 16. On scene and conducting datum search. Wind SSW 35 knots, sea SSW 2 metres rising, visibility fair. In twilight conditions."

Copy taken through to RCCNZ.

0322 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC to see if we could see if there had been any Customs reports for the Berserk. MOC checked, nothing found.

0400 nzdt HMNZS Wellington sent Sat C message asking if we had received any updates on the EPIRB?

MOC telephoned RCCNZ (Geoff) who confirmed the last resolved position was at

220528UTC in position 77 24S 166 05E and no further satellite passes received since. RCCNZ were in contact with Norwegian authorities trying to find out who was on the vessel and their intentions. RCCNZ were told that 2 x people were dropped off at the Ice 8 days ago and have not been heard from since. MOC sent Sat C to HMNZS Wellington with update (RC)

0425 nzdt Inmarsat C message from HMNZS Wellington reads as follows;

0405nzdt Conducted Search and Rescue into Datum. No sign of Yacht Berserk. Conducted second search out from Datum. Weather deteriorating:

Wind - SSW 75kts

Sea - SSW 3/4M

Visibility - Poor

MOC telephoned RCCNZ [REDACTED] who requested copy of message. (RC)

0432 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC to request confirmation from HMNZS Wellington that they have searched the EPIRB position area. MOC sends Sat C message to HMNZS Wellington (RC)

0508 nzdt Sat C message from HMNZS Wellington, reads as follows.

0440 nzdt Entered McMurdo to that location. Confirmed. All wind and current information indicate N-NNW set. Now searching NE of datum.

MOC faxes Sat C message onto RCCNZ

0521 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz.

0526 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC to advise he had spoken with the Wellington and they had completed their search in the EPIRB area and were proceeding NNW into 60-85kts of wind to continue search there. Wellington said they spoke with the Yacht 2 days ago and they warned them of bad weather approaching and said they were heading to Horse Show Bay to seek shelter. Wellingtons intentions were to complete the search north of area and proceed slowly back to Horse Shoe Bay. RCCNZ requested a copy of the MNZ warning. MOC faxes copy to RCCNZ (RC)

0615 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned the MOC to advise an email from Norway would be forwarded to the MOC from RCCNZ. The email contained the names of the crew from the vessel and shore party. It also had Satphone numbers from the yacht and shore party. The RCCNZ requested the MOC pass this information onto HMNZS Wellington. (AM)

0712 nzdt Email received from RCCNZ requesting MOC pass to warship wellington Iridium numbers for Berserk.

Two persons on ATVs heading for the South Pole

- Jarle Andhoe (Skipper of the S/Y) Norwegian
- Samuel Messy Norwegian

They are supposed to carry with them an IRIDIUM phone, with number 881631649903

Believed to be on board the S/Y Berserk:

- Tom Bellika Norwegian
- Robert Skånes Norwegian
- No Name South African citizen

Iridium on board S/Y is; 8816 51450698

0740 nzdt message sent to HMNZS Wellington. (NB)

0743 nzdt Delivery successful message received. (NB)

0800 nzdt MNZ 009/11 sent via EGC, REF no.: 538383. (WP)

0906 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC and requested MOC attempt to contact customs and obtain an outward report for Berserk. RCCNZ had already attempted to contact customs Dunedin but had been unsuccessful. (NB)

0908 nzdt MOC telephoned Dunedin Customs, No response.

0910 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz. (WP)

0912 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC and advised that they had managed to contact Customs. (NB)

0923 nzdt SOS MNZ 009/11 broadcast on 8291, 12290 and 16420 kHz preceded by DSC Geographic Area Call. (WP)

1103 nzdt MNZ 009/11 broadcast with Oceanic Bulletin on 8297 16531 kHz. (NB)

1203 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] phoned MOC to request MNZ 009/11 wording be sent to RCCNZ. Done. (WP)

1603 nzdt Mayday Relay MNZ 009/11 sent via Taupo Maritime Radio with Oceanic Weather Bulletin on 6224/12356 kHz. (TG)

1649 nzdt Mayday Relay MNZ 009/11 sent via Taupo Maritime Radio with Oceanic Weather Bulletin on 8297/16531 kHz. (TG)

1722 nzdt MNZ 009/11 sent via EGC, REF No.: 541406. (WP)

2003 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 on 8291, 12290, 16420 kHz preceded by DSC Geographical call on 8/12/16 MHz. (GMT)

2020 nzdt MOC Broadcast MNZ 11/009 via EGC # 542974. (GMT)

2203 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 with Oceanic Weather broadcast 6224/12356 kHz. (GMT)

2303 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 with Oceanic Weather broadcast 8297/16531 kHz. (GMT)

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0003 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 on 8291, 12290, 16420 kHz preceded by DSC Geographical call on 8/12/16 MHz. (GMT)

0010 nzdt MOC Broadcast MNZ 11/009 via EGC # 545438. (GMT)

0403 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 on 8291, 12290, 16420 kHz preceded by DSC Geographical call on 8/12/16 MHz. (GMT)

0405 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 with Oceanic Weather broadcast 6224/12356 kHz. (JD)

0448 nzdt MOC Broadcast MNZ 11/009 via EGC # 547863. (GMT)

0453 nzdt Taupo Maritime Radio broadcast Distress relay MNZ 11/019 with Oceanic Weather broadcast 8297/16531 kHz. (JD)

0805 nzdt MOC broadcast MNZ 11/009 via EGC no.: 549169. (WP)

0840 nzdt RCCNZ [REDACTED] telephoned MOC and advised that vessel Steve Irwin had found a life raft but had not been able to make contact. (NB)

0850 nzdt MOC spoke to RCCNZ in person who advised the broadcasts could be stood down for the time being. (NB)

RCCNZ advised MOC that Sea Shepherd vessel Steve Irwin had sighted a liferaft. It was later confirmed to be a life raft lost overboard from the HMNZS Wellington who was searching yesterday. There was another vessel they were hoping to task who had a helicopter on board.

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1152 nzdt [REDACTED] RCCNZ in MOC in person advised Steve Irwin helicopter had located an empty liferaft. Still searching. (SL)

1343- 1350 nzdt John Seaward asked MOC if we had received anything from the vessel Berserk. MOC advised we had no previous communications with vessel. MOC did find a entry from 20101202 at 2233 nzdt where a vessel called Berserk tried to call two other vessels, but came up on Whangarei Maritime Radio. (MOC didn't speak to vessel.)

MOC searched though DSC system right back to the 22nd Feb 11. No messages found from Berserk MMSI.

MOC telephoned RCCNZ [REDACTED] to advise.

27th Feb 11

2212 nzdt MOC telephoned RCCNZ (Mike) for an update. RCCNZ advised MOC to keep incident open. RCCNZ also advised Steve Irwin had been stood-down and was now heading towards Australia. (SNV)

02 Mar 11

1059 nzdt MOC telephoned RCCNZ [REDACTED] requesting update. RCCNZ advised incident was suspended yesterday afternoon 1630nzdt from the Director of Maritime New Zealand.

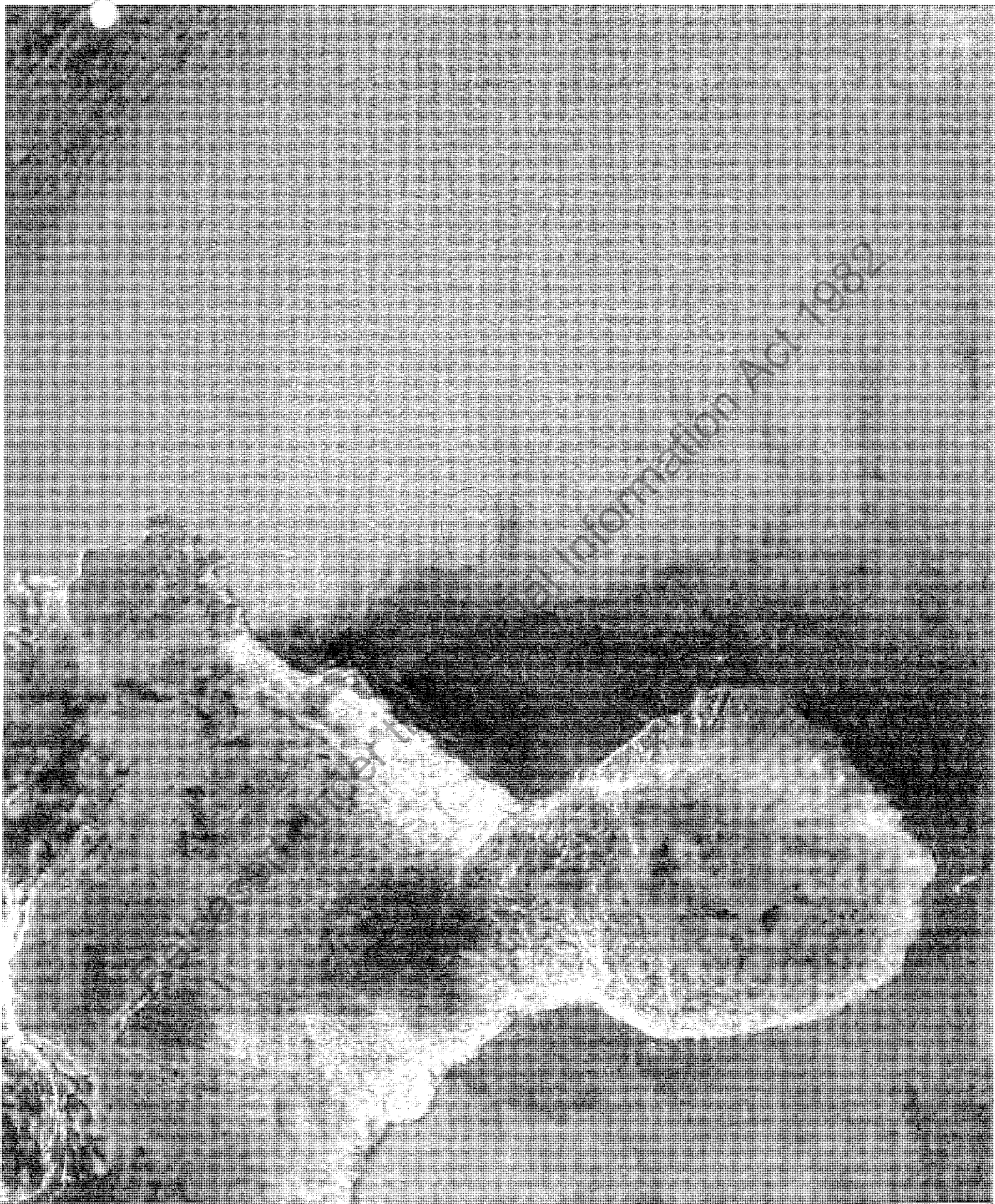
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Remarks:

Authorities RCCNZ faxed at 021125 nzdt Mar 11
Advised:

Operator/s: RBC

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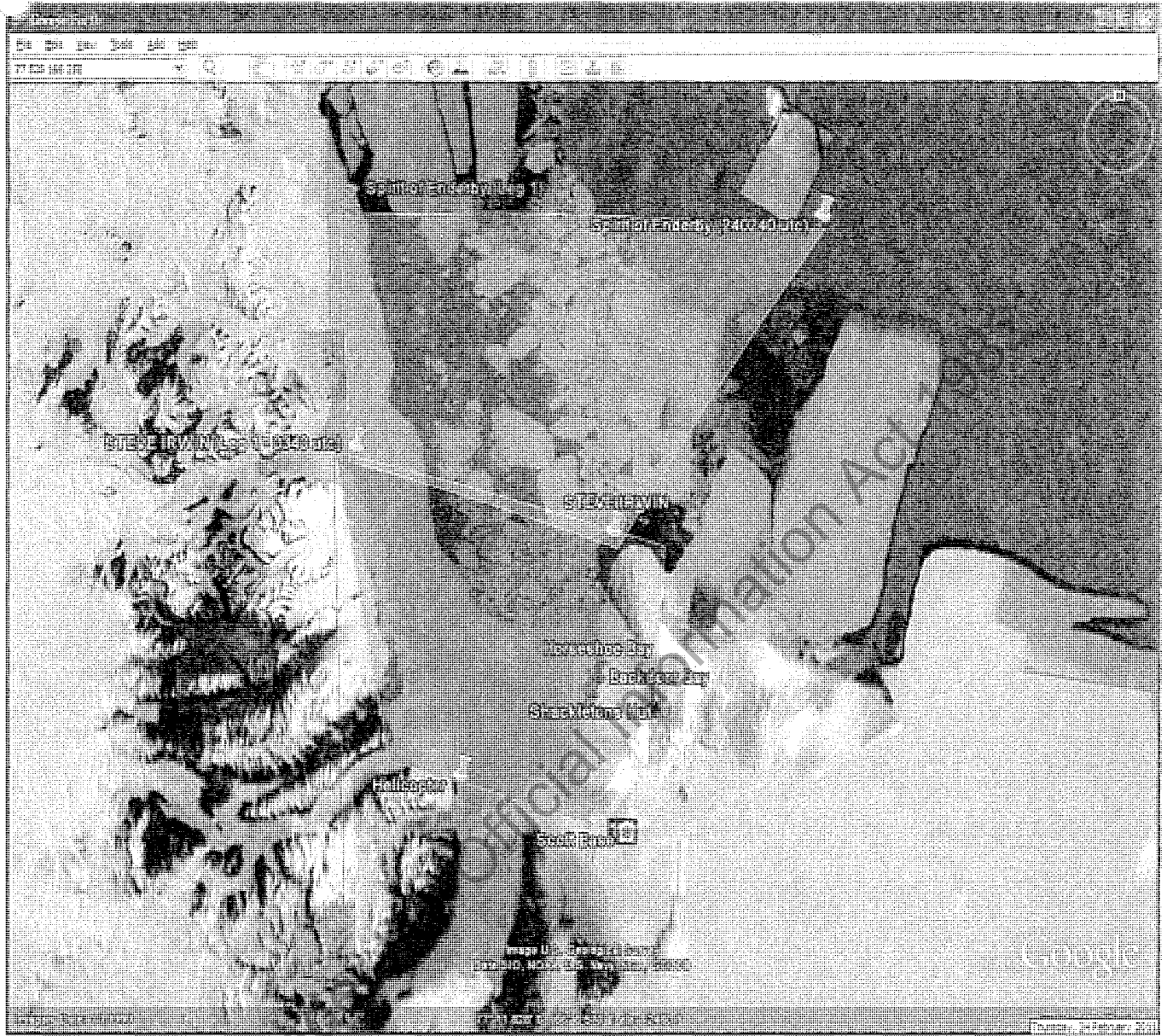


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CHIN, Diane (ENV)

From: GASTON, David (APU)
Sent: Thursday, 26 May 2011 4:57 p.m.
To: ENV/APU filing
Subject: FW: Further enquiry in relation to vessel Beserk

[UNCLASSIFIED]

APU/NOR

From: Nigel Clifford [mailto:Nigel.Clifford@maritimenz.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 26 May 2011 4:54 p.m.
To: SCHWALGER, Carolyn (APU/ENV); GASTON, David (APU)
Cc: Ross Henderson; Sophie Hazelhurst
Subject: Further enquiry in relation to vessel Beserk

Carolyn,

- Just FYI. Please see below for an e mail enquiry recently recieved at RCCNZ in relation to the suspended search for the vessel Beserk. The response we have sent off is also below.

Nigel

Nigel Clifford | General Manager Safety Services
Maritime New Zealand | Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)

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From: Nigel Clifford
Sent: Thursday, 26 May 2011 16:47
To: 'kyrre@mediaplaneten.no'
Subject: Reply to your e mail "Reg. "Berserk", missing Norwegian sailboat" - Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2011 23:46

Dear Kyrre,

Thank you for your email on behalf of the relatives and friends of Tom and Robert, whom the New Zealand SAR authorities regretfully believe were lost at sea with the BERSERK on 22 February this year.

In regard to your question about whether Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ) considered the use of satellite imagery during the search for the BERSERK, the answer is yes, we did. There were other considerations, however, which led RCCNZ to decide not to pursue this option at the time. These considerations included:

- The distress signal from BERSERK's emergency beacon was received during a severe storm. Photographic images would not have been useful because of cloud cover. Even high definition radar imagery would have been of doubtful use because of the stormy sea conditions and the relatively small size of BERSERK.
- Search conditions in the area subsequently became very good, with calm seas and excellent visibility for

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searching by the two ships and the helicopter from one of those ships. The searchers, and RCCNZ, had high confidence that BERSERK would have been sighted had it been afloat. The fact that BERSERK's life raft was found, and other, much smaller, objects lost overboard from the Navy vessel while it was searching during the storm, may help you understand why RCCNZ had high confidence that BERSERK would have been sighted had it been afloat.

In regard to your question as to what would it take for the search to be recommenced it is now three months since we searched for BERSERK and RCCNZ has not received any new information about the incident and therefore, regretfully, there is no justification for resuming the search. Also, it is now winter in the Antarctica and there are simply no resources there to conduct a search.

I am sorry that my responses can not be more encouraging. RCCNZ has considered all information available and, regretfully, can not justify re-opening the search for BERSERK.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel

Nigel Clifford | General Manager Safety Services
Maritime New Zealand | Rescue Coordination Centre New Zealand (RCCNZ)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kyrre Merg s9(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2011 23:46

To: RCCNZ

Subject: Reg. "Berserk", missing Norwegian sailboat

Dear Sr/Mrs.

I am representing a small group of relatives and friends of two of the missing persons from the sailboat "Berserk", lost at sea on Feb., the 22nd 2011.

We have, since the beginning of march, been trying to get the Norwegian Dep, of Foreign affairs and the Dep. of Justice to use satellite photos taken from the area two days after the emergency beacon came from "Berserk" in the McMurdo-area.

Our main goal is to locate the boat.

According to Norwegian specialists who has seen quicklink-formats of the pictures, it will be possible to see the ship - if it still was on the surface.

To us relatives and friends, that would give us answers to some of the major questions that has bothered us since that day: what happened with the crew and boat?

We have been turned down by both Departments, and given the answer that it is the rescuecenter of New Zealand who is in charge for this, and that there is nothing the Norwegian Departments can do.

We would therefor kindly request your answer on the following two questions:

* Was/has the use of satellitephotos ever (been) considered in the search for "Berserk"?

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* What would it take for NZs rescuecenter to resume the search?

Please forward this to the right person.

On behalf of friends and relatives of Tom Gisle Bellika and Robert Skarnes in Norway;

Kyrre Merg

Oslo, Norway

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HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT REPORT FORM

COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR ALL ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS, NEAR MISSES & HAZARDS

Incident Number: _____ / _____

Base Services Supervisor or HR Advisor to assign

PARTICULARS (PLEASE TICK ONE)

☐ ACCIDENT ☒ INCIDENT ☐ NEAR MISS ☐ HAZARD

WHEN

Date: 15 Feb '11	Time: 0630	Date reported: 15 Feb '11	Reported by: Peter Brookman
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WHERE

Location (be specific):
Adjacent to Scott Base seawater intake

WHO

People involved: Wild Viking party members x 2. Names not known.	Witnesses (if any): Caroline Maclaurin
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WHAT

Brief description (Please attach any supporting documents e.g. diagrams, photographs etc.):
Party refuelling quad bikes x 2 from 20l tin spilling approximately 2l of petrol onto the scoria.

Immediate impact or consequences:
Contamination of scoria with petrol.

Vehicles or equipment involved:

Immediate actions taken:
Advised party that spills were an environmental issue and that care should be taken to prevent such occurrences. Party continued to fill and spill. Scott Base engineers cleaned up contaminated materials (approximately 10L) for disposal in New Zealand. No immediate contamination of seawater however, meltwater runoff next summer will transit the spill site.

WHY

What do you think were the causes of the accident/incident/near miss/hazard?
Improper refuelling equipment. Apparent lack of spill kits. Lack of environmental awareness or simply not concerned.

Person Completing Form: Peter Brookman Signature: _____ Date: 15/Feb/2011

PASS COMPLETED FORM TO BASE SERVICES SUPERVISOR OR HR ADVISOR



WHAT SHOULD I REPORT?

Accident?

Incident?

Oil or Chemical Spill?

Landscape Degradation?

Near Miss?

Fire?

Disturbed Plants or Animals?

Hazard?

Injury?

Biosecurity concern?

WHAT DO I DO?

1) RESPOND

e.g. Administer First Aid, Stop the Spill,
Isolate the Hazard



2) REPORT

the Accident / Incident / Near Miss / Hazard on this form



3) INFORM

the Base Services Supervisor (Antarctica Incidents)
Human Resources (Christchurch Incidents)
and give them your report