



SIR JAMES HARDY OBE

December 10th 2005

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I met Mr Phillip Walters in 1980 at the Sydney Amateur Sailing Club who were conducting their three yearly "Old Gaffers Race day".

Phillip was working and sailing on a vintage gaff rigged ketch on Sydney Harbour.

I enlisted him to do shipwright work on my 45ft gaff rigged cutter "Nerida" - NSW Maritime registered number FY797N and Australian Register of Ships number 156009.

Nerida at the time was owned by our family wine company Thomas Hardy & Sons Pty. Ltd.

Phillip kept Nerida in 'ship-shape and Bristol fashion' for over ten years, both with his excellent shipwright work where he would move the yacht around the harbour for particular projects, and as one of my regular crew. Each summer over that period we used to take ten to twelve guests each fortnight on Sydney Harbour cruises, usually picking them up at the Rose Bay public wharf. I always had complete trust in Phillip's boat handling and crewing abilities.

I have no hesitation in giving this reference and wish him great success in his future endeavours.

Yours respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James G. Hardy".

Sir James G Hardy