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91436 Analyse evidence relating to an historical event of significance to New Zealanders

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RESOURCE BOOKLET

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INTRODUCTION: A NEW ZEALAND SURVIVAL STORY?

The *Rose-Noëlle* was one of the most notable New Zealand news stories from 1989. In summary, the crew of the *Rose-Noëlle* spent 118 days at sea and managed to survive. In June 1989, the three-hulled (trimaran) yacht left from Picton, New Zealand. The boat was capsized in a storm by a large wave. The crew used various techniques to survive, such as drinking rainwater. The crew landed on Great Barrier Island, off Auckland.

It was an event that drew large media attention and many doubted the legitimacy of the story. Wind patterns and the appearance of the men once they had been found, seemed to contradict the accounts of the survivors. An official inquiry found the crew's story to be true. Over time, the incident of the *Rose-Noëlle* has captured the interest of many New Zealanders and has been made into various books, television documentaries, and films.

SOURCE A1: A newspaper article reporting on the *Rose-Noëlle*

AUCKLAND, New Zealand – Four sailors' survival at sea for 118 days in an upturned trimaran ranks as one of the world's greatest survival stories – or one of its greatest hoaxes. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Other than the undocumented story of a Hong Kong seaman who was reported to have been picked up during World War II after 133 days adrift, it is a record for survival at sea.

**Error in original article - Great Barrier Island is located on the east coast.*

S. Louissen, '4 Sailors' 118 Days at Sea: Survival Tale or Hoax?', *Los Angeles Times*, October 22, 1989.

http://articles.latimes.com/1989-10-22/news/mn-828_1_survival-stories

SOURCE A2: Report after the examination of the hull wreckage of the *Rose-Noëlle*.

Today I was asked by Captain P. Kershaw of the Maritime Division of the Ministry of Transport to examine pieces of the wreckage of the *Rose-Noëlle* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which would have supported an estimated age of 60–90 days.

Maritime Transport, A division of the Ministry of Transport: Preliminary inquiry into the loss of the trimaran Rose-Noëlle, Nov 1989, Appendix R: Report from Auckland University Professor, Brian A Foster, Associate Professor of Zoology.

SOURCE A3: Barnacles on the washed-up hull of the *Rose-Noëlle*



Greenstone TV, 'Back from the dead: the Saga of the *Rose-Noëlle*', 1996, screenshot 81.19min, <https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/back-from-the-dead-1996>

SOURCE A4: The *Rose-Noëlle*



<http://www.ybw.com/news-from-yachting-boating-world/119-days-lost-at-sea-1873>

SOURCE A5: Diagrams showing the normal wind patterns and the changed wind patterns for New Zealand, June 1989



Maritime Transport, A division of the Ministry of Transport: Preliminary inquiry into the loss of the trimaran Rose-Noëlle, Nov. 1989, Appendix CA (Normal Wind Pattern image) and CB (Changed Wind Patterns)

SOURCE A6: Photograph of the *Rose-Noëlle* crew, one day after the ordeal, Oct. 1989



The crew of the *Rose-Noëlle*, from left, Phil Hoffman, James Nalepka, Rick Hellriegel and skipper John Glennie, after they had washed up onto Great Barrier Island, broke into a home helping themselves to food and clothes, and then called their loved ones.

<http://www.sailmagazine.com/cruising/profiles-cruising/why-survivors-survive-a-shipwreck/>

SOURCE A7: Photograph of John Glennie after surviving the *Rose-Noëlle*, Oct. 1989

John Glennie pulls loose skin over his underwear to demonstrate his weight loss after 118 days stranded at sea.

<http://sailingsavoirfaire.blogspot.co.nz/2013/08/urgency-momentum-grow-in-nina-search.html>

A8: Report of medical examination of Phillip Hoffman, made only days after surviving the *Rose-Noëlle* ordeal

Maritime Transport, A division of the Ministry of Transport: Preliminary inquiry into the loss of the trimaran Rose-Noëlle, Nov. 1989, Appendix.

SOURCE B: A historian's perspective

Memory, as psychologists tell us, is a tricky business. [REDACTED]

As

we learn more about the past, that knowledge can become part of our memory too.

Margaret MacMillan, *The Uses and Abuses of History* (London: Profile Books, 2010), pp. 45–49.

SOURCE C1: Glennie's personal account (October 1989)

We were all in the main cabin when she went and I threw as much as I could in the after cabin.

That was of primary importance. In bad weather we were inside and in good weather we were two metres above the water. We tried to get the sunshine when we could.

Signed John Glennie

Taken before me on this 10th day of October one thousand nine hundred and eighty nine at Tauranga

Signed P. M. Kershaw

Marine Inspector

¹ *breathers* ventilation holes

² 7 Up a soft drink

Maritime Transport, A division of the Ministry of Transport: Preliminary inquiry into the loss of the trimaran Rose-Noëlle, Nov. 1989, Appendix.

SOURCE C2: Glennie's personal account (2011)

When *Rose-Noëlle* capsized we lost the fresh water we had in our tanks ... We also lost most of the food.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Especially if you're in a state of deprivation. Close your eyes and you're practically there ...

<http://www.mastersconnection.com/index.php/archived-articles/extraordinary-experiences/974-john-glennie-master-of-the-sea-part-1>

<http://www.mastersconnection.com/index.php/archived-articles/extraordinary-experiences/977-john-glennie-master-of-the-sea-part-2>

SOURCE D: Questions in Parliament, 11 October 1989

Cospas/Sarsat System

13. Mr DOUG KIDD (Marlborough) to the Minister of Transport: In the light of reports that on the trimaran *Rose-Noëlle* the electronic position-indicating radio beacon was activated but the signals were not picked up, does he intend to take urgent action to ensure the installation of a local user terminal in New Zealand to acquire such signals through the Cospas/Sarsat system?

Hon. W. P. JEFFRIES (Minister of Transport): Yes, I will, and I have instructed the officials to submit to me a report to enable me to accomplish that objective.

Mr Doug Kidd: Can the Minister confirm his public statements that the cost of such a local user terminal would be \$2 million to \$3 million, and that that is not dissimilar to the amount spent each year on Orion flights, many of which do not achieve a purpose?

Hon. W. P. JEFFRIES: The honourable member is absolutely correct. The economics of such a facility are overwhelming.

Dr Bill Sutton: The Minister has referred to the economics, but would the installation of a local user terminal in New Zealand save lives?

Hon. W. P. JEFFRIES: Yes, it most certainly would. It would enable the satellite technology now available to be used in the case of, for example, the vessel that is the subject of the question. As that vessel drifted between New Zealand and South America, the electronic position-indicating radio beacon would have been picked up by the satellite and that in turn would have been received by the local user terminal, which would have shown the precise location of that vessel.

New Zealand Parliament 1989, Parliamentary Debates (Hansard), vol. 502, p. 259.

SOURCE E: Recommendations from the Preliminary Inquiry into the loss of the *Rose-Noëlle*



P. M. Kershaw's Recommendations made as a result of the Government-ordered Preliminary Inquiry into the shipping casualty involving the loss of *Rose-Noëlle*.

Maritime Transport, A division of the Ministry of Transport: Preliminary inquiry into the loss of the trimaran Rose-Noëlle, Nov. 1989, p. 18.

SOURCE F: Photograph of Rick Hellriegel's wife, children and relatives watching a live TV interview of Rick as they await their flight to Auckland to be with him, Oct. 1989



Greenstone TV, 'Back from the dead: the Saga of the *Rose-Noëlle*', 1996, screenshot 75.44min, <https://www.nzonscreen.com/title/back-from-the-dead-1996>

