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Bob Steel  
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Re: Buoy Weather Data used in the US Sailing Independent Review of the 2012  
Newport to Ensenada Race Accident involving *Aegean*.

Dear Bob,

As the President of US Sailing, I want to offer my sincere thanks for the documentation of wind conditions, visibility and sea state your company provided to our Independent Review Panel that reported on the fatal accident involving *Aegean* during the 2012 Newport to Ensenada Race. Your data made it possible to establish facts that were otherwise only available as empirical observations.

Again, thank you for your assistance in providing important documentation that was scientifically recorded and presented. Incorporating those data added significant credibility to the US Sailing Independent Review Panel Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hubbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal dashed line.

Tom Hubbell  
President  
US Sailing

Cc:  
Bruce Brown  
Jack Gierhart  
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