



TOTAL DIVE SOLUTIONS

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MEDIA RELEASE

Salvage of 2022 Sydney to Hobart yacht race competitor 'Huntress' from Christmas Beach, Cape Barren Island, Lutruwita/Tasmania

Total Dive Solutions is pleased to announce the successful salvage of the yacht 'Huntress' from Christmas Beach, Cape Barren Island, Lutruwita/Tasmania. Over the weekend our expert team worked around the clock to free the vessel from the challenging surf break. Rigging and equipment was swum to shore where we de-rigged the broken mast, the mainsail and boom and affixed to the vessel. Late Sunday night our support vessels pulled 'Huntress' off the shore to deeper water. The salvage operation went as expected and to plan, under safe working conditions.

Total Dive Solutions wishes to acknowledge the commitment of our team who worked round the clock planning and preparing for this operation since Wednesday (04/01/23) evening. Our team included an onsite marine biologist who was responsible for monitoring nearby marine mammal and seabird activity. Additionally, we thank the Total Marine Solutions team who provided a second support vessel at short notice.

Total Dive Solutions recognises this could not have been possible without the support and assistance of the the local indigenous community, Pantaenius Insurance, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST).

Total Dive Solutions and Pantaenius Insurance would like to personally thank Denise Gardner and Aaron Maynard, indigenous representatives of Cape Barren Island for their permission and local site knowledge.

Total Dive Solutions thank all parties for their cooperation.

Images are available here: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/wnztnzmrbn87jsvuiupcq/h?dl=0&rlkey=yrbzl00puk29rfe77cvbcp6fo>

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