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Search for Missing Yacht Suspended

The search for the missing vessel Blessed Be off the east coast of Australia has been suspended this evening.

The extensive search has been ongoing for eight days and, at its peak, 21 aircraft and two NSW Police vessels assisted with the search.

Vital assistance was provided by the Queensland and NSW Police Services, Coastwatch, the Royal Australian Air Force, crews from the Westpac, Careflight, and Energex Rescue helicopter flights, AeroRescue, the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard, Volunteer Marine Rescue, State Emergency Service personnel and numerous civil aviation operators and their crews.

AMSA's Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC Australia) will monitor any new information received about the Blessed Be and the two men aboard.