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Dear Philip

I do want to congratulate you and the team on the enormous achievement of bringing the Catalina from Portugal to Australia.

It has been a tremendous effort in many ways including initially getting the engineers to the aircraft, having the maintenance done on it and then landing it here in spite of all the difficulties, including the Mumbai attack.

I was just so thrilled to actually see the Catalina fly down the Harbour on Sunday, 07 December en route to circle over Rose Bay before landing at Bankstown. It just so happened I was sitting in the lounge room where I am staying which has a window overlooking the Harbour right at the time and was able to pick out its distinctive red tail and floats.

As one of the Patrons, I would, of course, have liked to have been able to be there.

I have greatly appreciated you keeping me up to date with the developments both in phone calls and in all the paperwork which has been delivered to me. It has been so interesting to see all the photos.

With best wishes and happy celebrations to you all.

Kind regards

*Nancy-Bird*