



Garry Schipper in the torch commercial.

Garry's shining light that saved his life

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SYDNEY to Hobart yacht race survivor Garry Schipper is the star of a commercial about the product which saved his life.

Holding an Eveready Dolphin torch, Schipper was swept overboard from the yacht *Challenge Again* on the first night of the gale-ravaged 1998 race, in which six men died.

He was found hours later in the freezing ocean, when rescuers spotted the faint light of his torch.

In the ad, Mr Schipper

said: "It was dark. All of a sudden we got hit by a big wave on the back of the boat. I was thrown overboard and then I've realised I've still got a torch in my hand. My Dolphin saved my life."

Mr Schipper said he contacted Energizer Australia after his ordeal so he could get some torches to give away at marine safety talks he gives.

"The ad demonstrates one of the most important safety features you need when you're on a boat and that's light," he said.