

# Sailors report huge UFO

THE CREW and passengers on an English cruise ship watched astounded as a gigantic, saucer-shaped craft hovered above the deck.

Phillip Taylor, of Jilmax Court, Nunawading, Victoria, reports: "It happened in October, 1977. I was working with a mate named Brad Maxwell on the SS Arcadia.

"We'd just sailed from Latoka, Fiji — and because it was hot we went on deck to look at the islands.

"Just before dusk, Brad said: 'Look up there — in the sky.'

"I did, and saw a really huge mass of bright red lights in the clouds. Then one immense, saucer-shaped ship descended and hovered.

"I judged it to be just under the length of two Jumbo jets.

"It was metallic, with a dome

and red lights all around it.

"We were too amazed and frightened to move. But there was no mistaking what we saw. It was as plain as we could see each other.

"Then the saucer started to move away, and headed inland. What impressed us most was its utter silence."

What fascinates me most about this acutely-observed report is that the incident occurred in October — the month when UFO activity seems to be at its most intense, worldwide.

October was the month in which two Pascagoula, Mississippi, fishermen claimed they had been "wafted aboard" a strange craft.

And it was in the Octobers of 1934, 1935 and 1978 that aircraft vanished without trace over Bass Strait.

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