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Sale 3850.

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Dear Rob & June

Congratulations on the K1 article in Seacraft, really good. You may be interested in an experience we had recently in the Sunday Is. race at Port Albert (20 miles)

While sailing in light, very overcast conditions the entire mixed fleet of about 30 boats was wiped out by a front (not precasted). The ABC news following reported gusts to 160 Km Hr. which must be an exaggeration, but it was stronger by far than anything I have ever been in before - certainly upwards of 70mph

There were three K124² there, 100, 102 & 103 - we were laid on our beam ends with freed sheets

and held flat for $\frac{1}{2}$ minute
or so by the first front, after
which all righted again with
virtually no water aboard. We
then got an anchor out & set
about dropping sail. The furler
would ^{not} start to roll the jib,
the wind was so strong, and
by the time we had dropped
the main the clew of the jib
had flogged to pieces on the
mast - Ken & Don had identical
damage but apart from this all
three righted from a sails-in-the
water position & returned under
motor without damage.

The entire dinghy & cat fleet
was wiped out, with much broken
gear, and a TS16 turned turtle
& had to be towed in.

Bruce Lewis launched his K24 last week, a well finished job, with a lot of thought & expense put into its gear. Don has been transferred to Long Island Point on Western Port Bay and will be sailing there from now on.

By the way, I think there is an error in the class restrictions which should be fixed, preferably before the champs. in Dubbo. I think all the Elstrom kites are 20 m^2 by the AYF book, not by multiple triangle as specified (every one I have measured is oversize by this method).

As we are seeking AYF affiliation, I suggest a change to the AYF measuring method - hope you can understand what I mean.

Can Rob specify a date & price
for the next hull & deck at this
stage, so that I can have a
few things ready.

Regards to all from us,
Will see you at the Tripolis
I hope

Finca C.