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Testimonials...

Dan and Amy Kellahan "Division II"

We have just returned to New Zealand after spending 5 months away in Tonga and Fiji and thought I would let you know some things that have happened to us and our Cosmos 1160 called Division II.

I knew that building a time proven design would have its advantages and I feel that the boat has outdone herself in performance and comfort. When we left Whangarei back in mid June for our first ever trip offshore we were unsure just how we would go. I have to say that the boat looked after us and we had no worries. We had one day on passage where it blew up to 50 knots with a constant 43/45 knots. With only the tiny storm jib up we surfed along quite happily and comfortably at 12 or so knots one hand steering with no worries. The very buoyant bows kept the decks almost dry. The rest of the passage was very uneventful and it was almost a shame to make land fall.

During our three month stay in Tonga our shallow draft allowed us several times to go and anchor closer to the beach or tucked closer in for shelter as others were more exposed to the elements. We had countless comments on the design and finish that we achieved during the build. During Regatta Vava'u we won the multi-hull division beating the St Francis 50 quite easily due to our pointing ability and good speed, in fact passing and out pointing most of the half boats. What a great feeling!

On our passage return from Fiji to New Zealand we were almost close hauled and as we have no auto-pilot the boat just steered herself over the very confused swell with ease with third reef and 2/3 genoa in 25/30 knots of wind sailing at around 9 knots. We could have gone faster but the comfort level was good so why get uncomfortable for the sake of another knot of speed.

We are extremely happy with all the blood sweat and tears that were shed during the build of Division II. It has been well worth it and the life aboard for our family has been fantastic. I am now back working to get ourselves ready for our trip away next year.

Regards Dan and Amy Kellahan.

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