

# SHIPWRECKED - WITH A GIRL AND A CAT

**BULAWAYO, Saturday.**  
**I**N THE LOG book of Rhodesian sailor Ken Liddiard, June 14, 1968, is an historic date.

At 3 a.m. that day he and an American girl—and a cat—were shipwrecked in the Caribbean on a reef of the island of Great Inagua, 90 miles north of Haiti and 150 miles from Cuba.

They were making for the Bahamas from Puerto Rico when the yacht hit the reef as it was driven off course by a severe tropical storm.

It broke up under heavy seas, while Ken (25) and the girl, who was sailing as crew, worked desperately to salvage goods aboard.

When Ken's parents in Bulawayo, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Liddiard, heard of the shipwreck in a letter from him this week, he and the girl—and the cat—were safe in Nassau.

Ken said his next voyage would be a treasure hunt in another yacht to be bought by the owner of the shipwrecked yacht—a British millionaire, who flew Ken to England as his guest when he left Nassau.

Since the Rhodesian left Durban in 1966 in the trimaran Kyalami to sail to the Caribbean, crewed by an American, life at sea has been far from plain sailing.



**RHODESIAN KEN LIDDIARD**, who sailed from Durban in the trimaran Kyalami in 1966.

He's been wrecked, becalmed, battered by gales, alone in a leaking boat.

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He's also been broke, stranded ashore — and caught up in a war.

Ken was sailing through the Suez Canal when Israeli-Arab hostilities started. Held up by troop movements, he took five days to reach Port Said and, on his 25th birthday, was 21 miles off the coast of Israel and within the sound of bombing.

"The Kyalami came to a sad end for a fine ship," Ken writes to his parents. "After it was sold, two young men took it out on a trial trip with the new owner's permission.

"Having ripped it to bits and messed up the engine, they decided to sail it for an hour without a motor, and failed to return." — Tribune Correspondent.

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