

unprepared for the physical grandeur, scale, and the sense of history that we derived from being there. We are now enthusiastic students of Egyptology and keen to visit the pyramids and the Cairo museum.

Ever since planning this cruise, the Red Sea has loomed as a major obstacle. Our fears were substantially fuelled by reading in the yachting magazines, the trials and tribulations of others who came this way. With it nearly behind us, it would be easy to say our fears were not necessary, but the multiple wrecks that line it's reefs and shores are testimony to those who ran out of luck and good judgment. Without these commodities, a last resort is good friends. The adversities of this sea seem to bring out the best in yachties. The community feeling including all nationalities is very strong with all helping each other in any way that they can. The group in this anchorage consists of 2 Australian, 2 American and 1 each of Danish and New Zealand. There would not be one of us who hasn't received assistance in one form or another.

Hopefully this wind will soon drop so that we can then slip into our memory banks one of our most varied and fascinating, but not easiest, cruises.

DICK TURPIN

P.S. We were finally able to depart Mersa Thelemet for Port Suez on the fifth day, and beat the last 45 miles against 20 knot winds.

Felicity and Kay consider it remiss of me that I haven't mentioned the wonderful coral diving and the beauty of the many anchorages with a back drop of stark mountains, desert sand and wild camels.

R K T

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MV COORALEA - Reluctant sale. 35 ft older style motor cruiser built by R T Searles. Jarrah bottom, oregon top sides, 58 hp Perkins diesel, Parsons gearbox with 2:1 reduction Metalastic coupling, hydraulic anchor winch, 2 anchors, chain and warp, electric bilge pump, generator, echo sounder, 27 meg radio, safety gear, marine toilet, stainless steel water tanks (60 galls), full galley, S/S sink with electric water pump, Roden 2 burner gas stove and grill, beautifully varnished wheel house, main cabin with cocktail bar and lockers, full headroom throughout, 4 berths, comfortable living aboard, fibreglass dinghy. Marine surveyed by Fred Townsend. Price : \$36 000.

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