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- Review : Beamer II**
- Size : 3.6**
- Skill Level : beginner**
- Company : HQ**
- Author : jumping_jim**
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Intro: I got into powerkiting about a year ago when i got a proteam 8, yes, i was fooled by flexi marketing and thought this kite could do more than i could. It did, however teach me the basics of flying, and i soon decided i needed to get a four liner. I kept changing my mind about what to go for inbetween a Rad pro/Beamer/buster/pepper. I eventually went for the beamer because of all the positive feed back it has.

First impressions: When the package arrived i immediately got it out on the living room floor to inspect. The bag seemed to be quite robust, and is still got no rips or loose seams. Got out the handles, the grips are hard, but they are strong and i like them. The kite looked huge with my proteam 8 laying on top, the quality seemed equal to my flexifoil proteam 8. The instructions were quite basic, but gave enough info to get going for someone who didn't know how, i knew as i had been flying friends' quad line kites. The kite killers seemed good and have not let me down so far, i have made the changes to them that are on this site. The ground steak is good and sturdy and with a large orange top.

First time out: Got the kite set up, lines attached with in 5 mins, the wind was low, the flags were just about waving. The kite sat there inflated and behaving while the handles were steaked down. I held the handles and pulled on the main lines. The kite rose nicely to the zenith and stayed there. I dipped the kite into the power zone and i could feel some pull even in these light winds. The handles were comfortable to fly on, although the leader rubs your fingers, but i fly with BMX gloves on now so its not a problem.

Other Flights: The day after my first flight i took the beamer out in 20mph on holkam beach. It was amazing, i had scuds about 20ft long and some small pendulum jumps. The kite was certainly powerful, but without being scary. It gained my respect without having to kill me. I flew the kite in the snow we had a few weeks back and the wind was only about 10-15mph and i was getting some large scuds and got dragged along on my stomach.

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Conclusion: The beamer 3.6 is a lovely kite to fly, its great for beginners and also more experienced flyers. It has the power for the more experienced flyer, while it is forgiving and predictable for the beginner. Im glad i chose this as my first real traction kite as it has given me a great introduction to kiting. Im so happy with HQ's efforts that my money is currently being saved for a 5m crossfire, having that as a lower wind kite and my beamer for high winds. I would deffinatly reccommend this kite to a beginner over the age of 13, this kite has power. If i had to go back and buy

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.: Ferretish [22:25:00 on 25 January 2006]

So many people have these kites it would be interesting to see how many football fields could be covered by 3.6 m beamers. I just bought a crossfire which i am slowly getting to grips with, but the beamer is still good fun in high winds and is doing a good job of helping me learn to land board.

.: THE FIFTH [01:20:00 on 26 January 2006]

Nice review of a great kite . not to nit pick but The stake is spelled stake not steak as in Ribeye steak. thanks Sorry but thought you should know. HQ = High Quality!!

.: robd [12:09:00 on 26 January 2006]

Good review, I also have a 3.6m beamer II and am thinking of buying a crossfire but i was considering a 6.3 over a 5m because i thought the 5m wouldn't fly in lighter winds than the

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beamer. Am i wrong?

∴ **smegg** [15:55:00 on 26 January 2006]

robd, the 5m CF certainly flies in light winds. It really depends on your weight and activity to how much pull/lift you want in these winds. I can fly my 5m in anything over 6mph but I ain't moving on the board till 12mph (and very slowly with my 14 stone).

∴ **robd** [22:07:00 on 26 January 2006]

smegg, i agree that it will fly in lighter winds, but as a second kite for more pull in lighter winds say 3 to 5 mph. would the 6.3 be overkill? i'm from canada don't know exactly how much 14 stone is, but i weigh 180lbs. like to hear your advice.

∴ **smegg** [12:20:00 on 27 January 2006]

1 stone is 14lbs, so you weight around 12.5 stone. I have not flown the 6.3 for more than 5 minutes so could not really give you advice (Ask Jerry), but a true light wind kite is Mac Bego 600 which seems to be talked about as a sub 10mph kite for traction. Again haven't flown it, only seen it flying. Slightly more complicated than your HQ and other well know kites.

∴ **robd** [14:18:00 on 27 January 2006]

thanks smegg for your input, i have to order kites from a dealer in another province so i have no way of trying before i buy. i'm also the only person in my small town that is in to this. so i have depend on what i read. i'm very impressed with the hq kites,dollar vs quality. so will probably go with 6.3 will let you know someday if i made right choice. thanks

∴ **Jerry** [14:31:00 on 27 January 2006]

Robd, the CF 6.3 remains my favourite kite. It does well in 8-10MPH, 3 - 5 will get it airborne but will need some input from you to keep it happy. You may need to resign yourself to being very patient with it to start with, or going for a more costly kite which has lighter construction.

∴ **robd** [16:05:00 on 27 January 2006]

Jerry, to my experience 3.6m beamer starts to perform around the 10mph range. what i hope the 6.3m cf would do is perform well in the in lighter range like you say in 8 to 10mph so when the winds pick up i have the 3.6 beamer to go to. i don't buggy just scudding,boarding in winter and want to try some jumping. i belive from what you say that the 6.3m would be better for my situation than the 5m cf. thanks.

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.: **Jerry** [21:36:00 on 27 January 2006]

There's been pics here of me at about 4-5 foot without trying too much in 5MPH. Just stay sharp with the kite control and it'll be fine.

.: **betyboo** [22:41:00 on 27 January 2006]

i agree HQ are defo high quality, a good read.

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