

World Masters - Japanese Always the Best!

There were 36 entries in this year's World Masters. Miyuki Kai's name remained on the entry and scoring sheets and there was a moment of silence at the Skipper's meeting to honour him. The eldest participant at 86 years young was Renato Bruno from Italy.

The weather for the week was hot, humid and there was not a lack of wind. There were capsizes and some equipment breakage. The first race was completed with an average of 14 knots. The comments from the sailors was that there was no pattern to the waves, they were difficult to read. The second race was shortened to finish on the second windward mark due to the increasing wind, with gusts from 18 – 49 knots. Japans Shiro Uemura and crew Junichiro Shiraishi had the course conquered with two firsts followed by Takeyasu Sugiyama and Hirotaka Kaneda had two seconds.

On Thursday the wind average was stronger and only one race was completed as the wind would have been over the maximum 15 knots that is allowed in the Masters. Ryusuke Abe and Akinori Yamashita were first, Naoki Inoue and Shinichi Uchida were second.

As we had only completed 3 races the Race Committee made the decision to race on the lay day starting at 10 am, instead of the usual 1. We made it to the race course with rain and an increasing wind. The skies got darker and we heard a rumble of thunder, the PRO Katsumi Okamura sent everyone in which turned out to be the correct decision as the rain came pouring down and the wind disappeared.

On Saturday strong winds was the flavour of the day averaging 12 – 15 knots. This day the race was mastered by Augie Diaz and Kate Sheehan with Shiro Uemura and Junichiro Shiraishi in second. With one gust recorded at 20 knots only one race was completed.

On the final day with the race time altered to 10 am with the hope of getting 2 races in. The wind was down compared to the rest of the week. The winds averaged 5 – 10 knots with Grand Master Saburo Sato and Takamasa Shimizu taking race five and Master Seiji Koga with crew Hiroyuki Iwamoto winning the last race.

The big winner was Apprentice Master Takeyasu Sugiyama and his crew Hirotaka Kaneda, Augie Diaz and Kate Sheehan prevailed in the Master division, Kazunori Kawakami and Shinichi Kawakami were the Grand Master winners. For the first time there was a new division called Legend for those 75 years old and above. This was won by Brazil's Bibi Juetz and crew Breno Bianchi with Italy's Renato Bruno and son Dario Bruno in second and Japan's Koichi Murakami and Masaharu Nishida in third.

As with all World Masters the on shore activity was as important as that on the water, serious fun takes priority at this Championship. We had opening ceremonies after race events such as visits by Samurai and the Fukuoka University Drum Band. There were lunches every day and beer and food in the evenings. Many sailors opting for the traditional Japanese food. The legendary Japanese hospitality was evident every second of every day. You had a question it was



answered promptly and with a smile. One cannot say enough about the organization of the event, which was excellent. There were numerous young people there every day working so hard to ensure the regatta was a success.

There was discussion with the sailors, many offering ideas and suggestions for the Class. One suggestion promoted by the older members of the fleet was that the World Masters should only be held in tropical climates so both the water and air are warm, which was the case in Japan.

The trophy presentation was another successful evening closing out 2014 Id Crook Memorial World Masters Championship. Knowing my father's philosophy about the

World Masters I know he would have thoroughly enjoyed this regatta and the great hospitality of our Japanese hosts.

I hope we shall all meet again in two years at the next World Masters, wherever they are.

--Gweneth Crook



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| SNIPE class | | | | | | Final Results | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------|---|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Rank | Boat No | Sail No Hull No | Country | Division | Skipper/Crew | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | Total | Nett |
| 1 | 16 | 30082 30082 | JPN | AP | Takeyasu Sugiyama Hirotaka Kaneda | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 25 | 16 |
| 2 | 30 | 30288 31233 | USA | M | Augie Diaz Kate Sheehan | 10 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 37 | 23 |
| 3 | 24 | 31233 31132 | JPN | AP | Junichiro Shiraishi Naoki Inoue | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 15 | REF 37 | 65 | 28 |
| 4 | 11 | 31132 31134 | JPN | AP | Shinichi Uchida Motoharu Nishii | 9 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 4 | 48 | 28 |
| 5 | 4 | 31134 31245 | JPN | AP | Hiroyuki Sugiura Ryusuke Abe | 4 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 36 | 28 |
| 6 | 5 | 31245 31151 | JPN | AP | Akinori Yamashita Enrique Raul Toffoli | 6 | 4 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 10 | 45 | 30 |
| 7 | 29 | 31257 30310 | ARG | AP | Alexandre Tinoco Kazunori Kawakami | 3 | 6 | REF 37 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 71 | 34 |
| 8 | 1 | 30310 31238 | JPN | GM | Shinichi Kawakami Yosuke Watabe | 7 | 3 | 11 | 7 | 18 | 8 | 54 | 36 |
| 9 | 9 | 31238 31168 | JPN | M | Hiroki Maeda Seiji Koga | 5 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 18 | 59 | 41 |
| 10 | 25 | 31168 29096 | JPN | M | Hiroyuki Iwamoto Koji Niinobe | 12 | 12 | RDG 12 | 9 | OGS 37 | 1 | 83 | 46 |
| 11 | 26 | 29096 29096 | JPN | AP | Katsumi Gouiyou Seiichi Takahashi | 20 | 19 | 10 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 71 | 51 |
| 12 | 21 | 30211 30211 | JPN | M | Yoshihisa Kamiya Jorn Haga | 13 | 8 | REF 37 | 8 | 24 | 11 | 101 | 64 |
| 13 | 2 | 13923 30329 | NOR | GM | Cesar Travado Saburo Sato | REF 37 | 11 | 13 | 5 | 16 | 23 | 105 | 68 |
| 14 | 14 | 31170 31050 | JPN | GM | Takamasa Shimizu Katsuyo Iwasaki | 17 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 1 | REF 37 | 109 | 72 |
| 15 | 8 | 30627 30627 | JPN | GM | Kojo Motohi Bibi Juetz | 23 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 8 | 24 | 99 | 75 |
| 16 | 36 | 29143 30980 | BRA | GM&LG | Breno Bianchi Masahiro Oishi | 15 | 24 | 24 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 101 | 77 |
| 17 | 32 | 31255 31209 | JPN | M | Takekoshi Yoshioka Hideo Baba | 8 | 15 | 23 | 21 | 21 | 13 | 101 | 78 |
| 18 | 17 | 31215 31216 | JPN | M | Yuchi Ohi Jung Chul Kim | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | 4 | DNC 37 | 2 | 2 | 119 | 82 |
| 19 | 35 | 30944 30944 | KOR | AP | Sung Gyu Park Masataka Otsu | 14 | 13 | 6 | 12 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | 119 | 82 |
| 20 | 28 | 31088 31088 | JPN | AP | Ikuo Tani Kenichiro Nomoto | 11 | 16 | 16 | 26 | 23 | 16 | 108 | 82 |
| 21 | 6 | 30011 30011 | JPN | GM | Jun Mitsumori Joel Zackin | 19 | 22 | 12 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 106 | 84 |
| 22 | 34 | 29111 30917 | USA | AP | Celeste Suggs Hiroaki Hashiba | 16 | 21 | 15 | 23 | 19 | 15 | 109 | 86 |
| 23 | 31 | 30739 30739 | JPN | GM | Tsunenari Kawai Kazunori Shinka | 32 | 27 | 14 | OGS 37 | 12 | 14 | 136 | 99 |
| 24 | 13 | 28594 28594 | JPN | GM | Kenichiro Shinka Etsuro Kunimi | 18 | 20 | REF 37 | RET 37 | 10 | 20 | 142 | 105 |
| 25 | 33 | 31183 31183 | JPN | M | Hiroimitsu Kunimi Renato Bruno | 21 | 29 | 26 | OGS 37 | 11 | 19 | 143 | 106 |
| 26 | 3 | 30706 31095 | ITA | GM&LG | Dario Bruno Yukiharu Kaneda | 25 | REF 37 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 25 | 150 | 113 |
| 27 | 27 | 28927 30025 | JPN | M | Hirofumi Fujii Koichi Murakami | 28 | 18 | 20 | 22 | OGS 37 | 28 | 153 | 116 |
| 28 | 12 | 31054 31054 | JPN | GM&LG | Masaharu Nishida Kiyoshi Masuda | 29 | 25 | 28 | REF 37 | 26 | 21 | 166 | 129 |
| 29 | 15 | 29953 29953 | JPN | M | Hirofumi Taniguchi Hirofumi Ijima | 26 | 26 | 27 | 24 | 28 | 26 | 157 | 129 |
| 30 | 18 | 31235 31235 | JPN | AP | Takashi Nakanishi Christopher Hains | 24 | REF 37 | 18 | 16 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | 169 | 132 |
| 31 | 19 | 29318 31094 | CAN | M | Barbara Mann Yoshitaka Nakamura | 31 | 30 | 25 | REF 37 | 27 | 22 | 172 | 135 |
| 32 | 23 | 26567 26567 | JPN | AP | Masatoshi Shimomura Shuichi Taki | 30 | 28 | 22 | 27 | 29 | 34 | 167 | 136 |
| 33 | 20 | 28877 30085 | JPN | M | Yoshio Kawano Anid Figenschou | 27 | 23 | REF 37 | RET 37 | 25 | 29 | 178 | 141 |
| 34 | 10 | 31015 30021 | NOR | M | Leif Heie Osamu Shimazu | 22 | REF 37 | 29 | RET 37 | 30 | 30 | 185 | 148 |
| 35 | 22 | 28923 28923 | JPN | GM | Tei Shimazu Miyuki Kai | 33 | REF 37 | 30 | 25 | OGS 37 | 27 | 189 | 152 |
| 36 | 7 | 29637 29637 | JPN | M | Kazuo Tsubota DNC 37 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | DNC 37 | 222 | 185 |

