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Dear Snipers;

I believe it has not been too often in the past that the Commodore has a chance to write his column sitting in the SCIRA Executive Directors office. but here I am in San Diego at Jerelyn's home (and office) visiting for a few days after our three weeks in Japan.

The Festival was magnificent. All three championships were a showcase for Japanese attention to detail in making us all feel happy to belong to the same family. Boats, venues, lodging, food and the exceptional parties, left all participants, particularly us foreigners, very glad and grateful of having had the opportunity of visiting Japan and sailing in their waters.

Two special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Matsumoto; one for having had the brainstorm of the Snipe Festival (he admits having repented several times), and the other for having pulled it off brilliantly.

SCIRA will be forever indebted to all those involved and to them our recognition of a job well done! Your Commodore,



Commodore Garcia Pastori and son Diego Garcia Terra (both in center) with their 2nd place Masters division awards.

1994 Snipe Festival "One Boat for All"

The 1994 Snipe World Festival was the perfect example of "One Boat for All." A boat sailed by Masters, 45 to the oldest competitor at 81; Juniors with sailors ranging from 15 to 19; and Women, with crews of all ages.

An enormous undertaking, three years in planning, Past Commodore Fujiya Matsumoto rallied over 300 volunteers over the three week period to greet competitors, run races, officiate, cook food, translate, score, change money, make travel arrangements, etc.; there wasn't a problem any of the committee's couldn't handle. And they all had a smile!

The grateful support of sponsors helped finance this tremendous undertaking. Each regatta had their own sponsor(s), and all were greatly helped by the Japan Yachting Association and the respective Prefecture Yachting Associations.

Masters: The Sasagawa Sports Foundation, Aichi Prefecture and Gamagori City were instrumental in the World Masters regatta. The regatta coincided with the 40th anniversary of Gamagori City, and thus a festival and fireworks were timed around the prizegiving ceremony. The Mayor of Gamagori was present for Opening Ceremonies as well as members of the Japan Yachting Association. The Toyota Group provided housing for many visitors as well as other means of support.

Juniors: Japan Marine Promotion Association, an auxiliary organization to the Ministry of Transport, Shizuoka Prefecture and Mikkabi Town were all supporters of the

Junior Worlds regatta. The summer festival of Mikkabi Town was adjusted with the regatta to coincide with each other. In addition, The Yamaha Group provided housing and hospitality for the Junior regatta officials.

Women's: Sports Promotion Foundation which is an auxiliary organization to the Ministry of Education, Kanagawa Prefecture Yokohama City and the Nichido Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., all were significant sponsors for the Womens. At the request of the organizing committee, HIH Princess Takamado Hisako was kind enough to serve as a Patron for the Women's.

All in all, there were many other sponsors who helped the Snipe Festival be so successful.

Congratulations and thanks must be given to all regatta chairman: Mr. Shin Furukawa for the Masters; Mr. Masami Ochiai for the Juniors, and Mr. Masanori Oka for the Women's in addition to all the volunteers who helped create such a tremendous event!



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World Masters Championships

Gamagori, Japan

The sixth World Masters Championships were held July 27 - July 31 in Gamagori, Japan at the Kaiyo Yacht Harbor. A beautiful marina newly constructed, the clubhouse resembled a ship with a large sail, while the boat house, quite large, stored probably 50 Snipes, masts, rudders, centerboards and other equipment as well as a fully stocked rigging area. The boat areas were wide expanses with two main parking/storage lots. A huge ramp to the water could accommodate the entire Masters fleet of 59 boats launching at once, with the sail out to the race course a mere 10 minutes.

Despite the unusually high temperature, the Masters sailors gathered for comradery and friendly sailing, many traveling half the globe to reach the destination. Commodore Pastori noted that Uruguay is exactly half the distance, in another hemisphere and with a latitude of 35 degrees south, while Japan is 35 degrees north latitude. 59 competitors from 11 nations competed in a series of 4 races for the coveted prizes. Divisions for the masters are broken into three categories: masters (45-54 years of age), senior masters

(55-64) and grand masters (65 and older). The combined crew ages must meet a minimum of 80 years to qualify.

Race Committee chairman Shibnuma began the first day with breezes reaching 10-12 knots. After one recall, the fleet was off in the choppy seas of Mikawa Bay. Kazmori Shinka and Tetsuji Nakatani of Japan rounded first and finished with what would be their championship place, with Birger Jansen and Erling Nesse of Norway second. Jerry Thompson and Jerelyn Biehl of the USA followed in third with Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori with son Diego Garcia Terra in fourth and Yutaka Yoshida and Takeaki Saitoh of Japan rounding out the top five. Race 2 was in 8 knots with a large shift hitting the fleet after the start, making the boat end and right side of the course favored. Tsuneo Shiraga and Hitoshi Kondo of Japan won this race, followed by about an hour wait on the course for the second race to begin. The 3rd race began in 3-5 knots and patience was the key to this race which was abandoned due to an incredible wind shift during the first tri- angle.

Saturday dawned light with no wind in sight. The majority of the fleet paddled out to the race committee who had conveniently anchored close to the yacht harbor. Those who stayed on shore sought the shade and kept the liquids flowing for hydration. The committee postponed for further wind, and finally at 4pm, the wind filled in to give the fleet a start. Shinka/Nakatani recorded another first to solidify their win while the battle for the rest of the top five was close. Yoshida/Saitoh and Jiro Yamamoto with Hiroaki Murosawa were close in points as were Horacio Garcia Pastori and Diego and Jerry Thompson.

The final days racing was again in 6-8 knots and choppy seas. Shiraga/Kondo crossed the finish line first with Yamamoto/Murosawa behind. Carlos Wanderley of Brazil with local crew Yuji Syoya had probably the most consistent scores of the regatta with a 3-4-3 in the final races, but a DND in the first race dropped them from contention from the trophies. Carlos was fast in all conditions, but had some back luck in a mark rounding that dropped he and Akibumi Shinoda from the standings.

1994 SNIPE CLASS WORLD MASTERS Gamagori, Japan

APPRENTICE MASTERS 45-54

1 Kazunori Shinka/Tetsuji Nakatani	Japan	1-YMP13-1-4	19.1
2 Yutaka Yoshida/Takeaki Saitoh	Japan	5-11-2-7	25
3 Birger Jansen/Erling Nesse	Norway	2-8-8-9	28
4 Minoru Sugiyura/Takashi Nishimura	Japan	6-6-17-10	39
5 Tsuneo Shiraga/Hitoshi Kondo	Japan	19-1-23-1	42.5
6 Fumiaki Joh/Masaiti Hayashi	Japan	18-14-12-17	61
7 Kunio Iwasaki/Tadahiro Nishino	Japan	26-17-6-14	63
8 Kenichiro/Satomi Nomoto	Japan	38-4-18-12	72
9 Mikio Okado/Mikihiko Miura	Japan	17-25-14-18	74
10 Yutaka Hamanaga/Kenji Kouno	Japan	22-28-20-6	76
11 Kazunori Kawakami/Masuichi Wake	Japan	9-7-40-22	78
12 Claus Carpelan/Freddy Wegelius	Finland	16-31-11-24	82
13 Seiji Ueda/Masato Hiratsuka	Japan	29-5-32-23	88
14 Toshiaki Fujita/Tsugumi Kondo	Japan	10-37-32-11	90
15 Lennart Rook/Theresa Hagedorn	Sweden/Hk	39-16-19-16	90
16 Halvor Poulsson/Harald Walder	Norway	15-38-26-20	99
17 Kenji Yamauchi/Ryoji Kobayashi	Japan	30-27-16-27	100
18 Naoki Ohara/Masahiro Awano	Japan	28-22-15-18	108
19 Bill/Sherry Welch	USA	11-35-25-45	116
20 Nobuo Akagawa/Yoshiaki Kubo	Japan	8-39-53-26	126
21 Woody Norwood/Mary Voitenko	USA	14-34-33-48.6	129.6
22 Hisao Morita/Takenari Kanehira	Japan	DNF-20-34-34	146
23 Don/Marianne Hackbarth	USA	46-36-38-28	148
24 Takao Ninomiya/Shigeki Hidaka	Japan	27-19-dnd-41.6	151.4
25 Daniel Santana/Maria Luisa Nogueira	Portugal	31-40-45-44	160
26 Toshikazu Koyama/Saichiro Horikawa	Japan	48-42-39-42	171
27 Jerry/Bunny Kimble	USA	51-48-24-48	171
28 Jacques/Mechtilid Romain	France	47-47-41-41	176
29 Yaichi Yamada/Makoto Furuta	Japan	44-52-47-47	190
30 Pancho Agusti/Puchi Navarro	Argentina	49-50-46-51	196
31 Leo/JoJo Murphy	USA	45-55-55-55	210

World Masters Championships



SOCIAL SCENE

With the emphasis of the Masters Worlds on the social side, the masters committee spared no expense and energy to provide an atmosphere for fun. Opening ceremonies were warm (an understatement) with a party held in the boat house. Foreigners became acquainted or reacquainted with the main utensil for the week, chopsticks. Vast amounts of food were provided offering some new taste experiences. Refreshments abounded and were required to battle the heat. Evening meals were grilled on several large barbecues providing several types of meat, fish, vegetables and shellfish, grilled by several local Japanese Snipe sailors to perfection. No one went away hungry! Entertainment included a Japanese game of hitting a watermelon with a paddle blindfolded, bingo (shake, shake, shake), beer and food eating contests, and socializing with fellow competitors. Participation gifts were miniature wooden centerboards to gather signatures from fellow competitors. The closing ceremonies and prize giving were

held at the Nippon base camp for the America's Cup complete with the trial boat for the Nippon team. The ceremonies were presided over by several dignitaries including the Gamagori Mayor, President of the Japan Yachting Association, Aichi Prefecture Yachting Association President, and many SCIRA officials. Medals were awarded to the top in each division and overall, with special gifts to the top foreign competitors. Across the bay, the town of Gamagori held their summer festival fireworks display, and all competitors, guests and officials had a front row seat for the 2 hour firework show that was unsurpassed! Following the show, farewells were made with promises to attend the next World Masters in Norway in 1996.



International Understanding: Brothers Leo and Joseph (JoJo) Murphy meet up with two sisters at the Masters Prizegiving.

MASTERS 55-64

1	Jiro Yamamoto/Hiroaki Murosawa	Japan	7-9-3-2	21
2	Horacio Garcia Pastori/Diego Garcia Terra	Uruguay	4-30-5-13	52
3	Jerry Thompson/Jerelyn Biehl	USA	3-15-7-39	64
4	Fujiya/Shinya Matsumoto	Japan	21-12-28-5	66
5	Bibi Juetz/Ricardo Santos	Brazil	13-24-10-21	68
6	Carlos Wanderley/Yuji Syoya	Brazil	DND-3-4-3	73.8
7	Antonio Roquette/Tetsuya Matsumoto	Portugal	23-23-8-25	79
8	Sadatoshi Itoh/Takeyuki Matsunaga	Japan	34-21-21-19	95
9	Yasutoshi Tagami/Tokihiko Fujita	Japan	24-29-30-15	98
10	Ruben/Maria Jesus Domingos	Portugal	36-13-23-36	108
11	Akibumi Shinoda/Shigeru Matsuzaki	Japan	DND-26-13-8	110.8
12	Bent Poulsen/Id Crook	Canada	50-32-27-31	140
13	Kan Matsushita/Toyoaki Tamura	Japan	35-41-44-32	152
14	Masayuki Ishii/Masato Osanai	Japan	20-45-50-38	153
15	Isao Yamamoto/Koichi Maki	Japan	25-DND-35-33	156.8
16	Osamu Noda/Hiromichi Kainoh	Japan	40-DND-29-40	172.8
17	Brynjulf/Aase Romslo	Norway	37-54-54-29	174
18	Katuhide Kato/Shigeru Honma	Japan	32-44-43-60.6	179.6
19	Yutaka Hamada/Takahiro Hirai	Japan	42-33-52-56	183
20	Fernando Jakes Teubner/Hirohisa Isomura	Brazil	43-51-51-50	195
21	Titu/Rucsandra Doctor	USA	53-53-48-54	208
22	Yukio Atarashi/Keiko Matsuyama	Japan	54-56-DNF-DNF	226

GRAND MASTERS over 65

1	Sam Mollet/Carine Juliussen	USA	12-10-37-PMS	122.8
2	Katsumi Hirata/Fimio Amakawa	Japan	52-18-42-52	164
3	Ichiro Taneda/Mitsuhiro Taneda	Japan	33-49-36-46	164
4	Michel/Marian Beaudouin	France	41-43-49-35	168
5	Katsuya Moriyasu/Akira Okai	Japan	DNF-46-DNF-53	215



Junior World Championships

Mikkabi, Japan

One hour north from Gamagori sits the town of Mikkabi on Lake Hamana. What once had been a fresh water lake is now salt water after a Tsunami opened the inlet to the sea. 24 teams of Juniors arrived from 12 countries spanning the Snipe world ready to select a new champion. Boats were provided from Chubasco International/Okamura, all having been measured and weighed, offering the competitors equal boats. Chief Measurer Chuck Loomis threw the two heaviest boats from the pool prior to the boat draw, giving everyone an equal chance for fairness. The sailors measured their sails and prepared their boats, with a practice race to become acquainted with their Snipe for the week.

The Mikkabi Youth Center is a comprehensive social education facility built around a sea theme. Competitors and guests stayed in the dorm-like complex complete with bunk beds and cafeteria housing and feeding the junior group. Teams were mixed in various rooms giving the competitors a chance to socialize during the off-racing hours as well as the chance to relax in the large lobby

with CNN and videos of various sailing events.

The first day of racing produced winds of 15-18 knots. The first leg was right hand favored with a long first beat. Japan's Yoshinobu Yoshimura and Yoshiaki Nagai led the pack at the first mark with Luis Calabrese and Jorge Engelhard from Argentina in second, Spain's Cristobal Bosch and Pedro Coll in third, Denmark's Michael Hansen and Niels Lund in fourth, and Mark Ivey and Danny Zimbladi rounding out the top five. Yoshimura and Nagai pulled out to a nice lead by the leeward mark, but Calabrese and Engelhard caught him by the next weather mark. Big wind shifts marked this first race with Calabrese/Engelhard with the gun, Bosch/Coll in second and Nico Gonzalez and Estero Vich from Uruguay finishing third.

Race 2 gave 10-12 knots of breeze and big shifts. The left, then the right was favored with Nicolas Granucci and Ezequiel Fernandez of Argentina rounding first, cousins Ricardo and Eduardo Paradedas of Brazil 2nd, and Ivey/Zimbaldi in 3rd. At the jibe

mark, with large puffs hitting the fleet, it was Granucci and Ivey. The beat to windward found all teams reading the puffs to their best and the Paradedas making the best of it by crossing first. Granucci and Fernandez finished in front of fellow countrymen Calabrese and Engelhard and Bosch/Coll crossed 4th only to find they were premature at the start. Hansen and Lund from Denmark moved up to 4th with Ivey/Zimbaldi in 5th.

The third race gave excitement to the spectators and competitors alike. A solid 20 knots greeted the fleet, but occasional lulls to 10 could be found when you least expected them! At the start, Finland's Kaj and Fredrik Bjurstrom capsized with 2 minutes to go, but were able to get up and going. The fleet started and after the first leg, Hansen/Lund led with the Paradedas right behind them. Denmark's Peter Iversen and Josva Gronboek rounded third followed by both Calabrese/Engelhard and Granucci/Fernandez and the other Brazilians, Andre Da Fonseca and Valter Herzmann. After the first triangle, the Paradedas had pulled to and maintained a nice lead that would carry them to the

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Jeff Beck and Joe Stamps-Cumbie of the US in front of eventual winners Luis Calabrese and Jorge Engelhard of Argentina. Masaaki Ozawa photo.

Junior World Championships



Results

1	Luis Calabrese/Jorge Engelhard	Argentina	1-3-4-3-1-1-(17)	12.25
2	Nicolas Granucci/Ezequiel Fernandez	Argentina	(8)-2-3-1-4-3-1	13.5
3	Ricardo Paradedada/Eduardo Paradedada	Brazil	14-1-1-2-2-4-(ret)	23.5
4	Michael Hansen/Niels Lund	Denmark	5-4-2-12-9-(14)-2	34
5	Cristobal Bosch/Pedro Coll	Spain	2-(pms)-5-4-18-5-5	39
6	Nicolas Gonzalez/Estero Vich	Uruguay	3-(pms)-10-9-14-2-3	41
7	Yoshinobu Yoshimura/Yoshiaki Nagai	Japan	4-6-(16)-16-5-10-4	45
8	Roberto Fabini/M. Saralegui	Uruguay	6-(13)-8-10-8-8-8	48
9	Mark Ivey/Danny Zimbaldi	USA	11-5-11-8-10-(12)-6	51
10	Jeff Beck/Joe Stamps-Cumbie	USA	12-12-(13)-7-6-9-13	58
11	Kim Young Ho/Jung Kuen	Korea	7-8-12-6-(16)-15-12	60
12	Pablo Del Castillo/Francisco Ferrer	Spain	(16)-15-7-14-11-7-7	61
13	Andre da Fonseca/Valter Herzmann	Brazil	17-(pms)-6-5-7-11-16	62
14	Peter Iversen/Josva Gronboek	Denmark	9-7-(5dsq)-11-3-6-(4)dsq	62.4
15	Hirochika Bito/Takeshi Ueta	Japan	15-11-(18)-15-12-16-9	78
16	Marius Marents/Yvonne Otterbeck	Norway	13-10-(19)-17-15-12-16-9	86
17	Robert Strom/Martin Strom	Sweden	10-16-17-19-13-21-15	90
18	Simen Lofterod/Anders Ombustvedt	Norway	(16dsq)-14-9-18-pms-17-11	94.4
19	Dario Bodino/Tommaso Maiga	Italy	18-(9dsq)-15-13-17-18-17	98
20	Kaj Bjurstrom/Fredrik Bjurstrom	Finland	20-9-21-(22)-21-22-14	107
21	Filip Svensson/Emil Svensson	Sweden	(22)-17-14-20-20-19-18	108
22	Kim Joung Ku/Cho Soo Chul	Korea	19-18-20-21-(ret)-23-21	122
23	Daniele Poli/Marco Godi	Italy	21-ymp-(23)-23-19-20-20	125
24	Maxim Romain/Stephane Collona	France	23-19-22-24-22-24-22	132

finish. Hansen/Lund, both Argentine boats and Iversen finished as the top five, but Iversen/Gronboek would later be disqualified.

After 3 days of good solid wind, the competitors sailed out in 4 knots of breeze from the East, directly opposite of the first few days. Lake Hamana had a morning fog, but the weather was still unseasonably hot! Calabrese/Engelhard lead at the first and all marks, with the wind picking up to 8-10 by the 2nd leg. Italy's dario Bodino and Tommaso Maiga rounded 2nd at the weather mark, but were unable to keep their position as the wind increased. The Paradedas moved up through the ranks to finish 2nd with Granucci/Fernandez and Bosch/Coll in fourth ahead of Da Fonseca/Herzmann of Brazil. This race gave a chance for all light-air crews to show their stuff. Kim Young Ho and Jung Kuen of Korea rounded 7th at the weather mark and were able to finish 6th. Jeff Buck and Joe Stamps-Cumbie of Atlanta, rounded mid-fleet, but were able to fight their way up to 7th by the finish.

The final two days races found the leaders at the top again with Calabrese and Engelhard winning the 6th race. Nico Gonzalez and Estero Vico of Uruguay were able to log a 2nd to their standings with Granucci/

Fernandez in third. Peter Iversen and Josva Gronboek crossed the line in 4th, but were disqualified once again. Peter was the youngest skipper at the Juniors at 15, and we'll be seeing more of him before he reaches the end of his "junior" years, as he is a great skipper with loads of talent.

The final race found the Paradedas and Calabrese/Engelhard all over each other before the start. With the first start being a recall, the second start became more heated with both going over the line early, having to restart. They bantered around the course until the Paradedas retired with both using their last race as their throwout. Granucci/Fernandez crossed first followed by Hansen/Lund and Gonzalez/Vich. Yoshimura and Nagai pulled up again with an impressive 4th with Bosch/Coll rounding out the top 5.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The opening ceremonies, held on the deck of the Youth Center, found the teams in their dress uniforms and the return of the Junior trophy from the Spanish to Commodore Pastori. Further events were moved to the air conditioned cafeteria where all contestants received carved miniature centerboards for signature gathering as well as a token gift from the Japanese Junior committee. The Swedish Team presented a beautiful wooden

carving of the Snipe emblem to the Junior Committee, consisting of several types of wood and carved by a local Swedish craftsman. This carving hung in the Mikkabi Youth Center the entirety of the regatta. Everyone was escorted to the lobby for a local performance of a Japanese style drum and flute show that had the entire group spellbound.

A sports festival was held one evening at the local high school with each team competing against each other and local Japanese teams in a basketball championship. Unfortunately, all competitors played in their feet on the hardwood court resulting in numerous blisters for the remainder of the week. But it didn't stop the juniors, especially since sailing is a "sit down" sport! The following evening, all competitors experienced "homestays" with Japanese families. The local families adopted their teams with energy, and were hosts the next evening with the Mayor of Mikkabi in a barbecue that held all in awe. Despite the high temperatures, all eagerly gathered for dinner at tables with large griddles in the center and huge platters of meat and vegetables to cook. Refreshments abounded and the juniors, in true form, made the evening with songs, chants and help with the local entertainment pro-



viding a drum show. A bus ride back to the Mikkabi Youth Center found celebrating into the late hours with many tired sailors the next morning. The final evening, all competitors boarded busses for the Mikkabi auditorium for the prize giving ceremony. An impressive video was shown of the weeks events eliciting laughter from the competitor.. Awards were handed and pictures taken in a very respectful ceremony. Following, all attendees walked to enjoy their meal in a nearby room. Next, all were escorted to reserved seating in the front of the bay for the incredible 2 hour fireworks festival. Addresses were exchanged with promises to keep in touch.



Josva Gronboek of Denmark washes and cools off after a days sailing. Jiroh Kurita photo.



At left: Junior World Champions Luis Calabrese and Jorge Engelhard. Gary Beck photo.



Below: A study in concentration: Norways Simen Lofterod and Anders Ombustvedt. Gary Beck photo.

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The Roy Yamaguchi Memorial Trophy

The Roy Yamaguchi Memorial trophy was presented for the first time at the Women's World Championships. Roy Yamaguchi was a memorable and important person not only to the Japanese Yachting Association, but also to SCIRA.

In 1956, he was instrumental in organizing the Tokyo Bay Fleet, Japan's first Snipe fleet, and was the first Japanese person to participate in the 18th World Championship in Cascais, Portugal with Mr. Fujiya Matsumoto as his crew. The Tokyo Bay fleet has produced many great sailors since then, all who have supported the Japanese Yachting Association and are still active today as International Judges and leading yachtsmen of Japan.

In 1959, SCIRA recognized Mr. Yamaguchi's leadership and loyalty by electing him to the Board of Governors. Roy created the All Japan Snipe Class Championship and later introduced the first Dragon boats to Japan in 1958. He continued to promote sailing in Japan by producing 8 Finns in preparation for the 1960 Olympic Games, donating them to universities.



In 1963, he died at the early age of 42. He had constructed a 5.5 meter boat for the 1964 Olympic Games, and Fujiya Matsumoto carried out his wish, naming the boat "Roy" and competing in those Games.

The Japanese Snipe Class and SCIRA is extremely proud to have the Women's World Perpetual Trophy named after Mr. Roy Yamaguchi. Mrs. Motoko Matsumoto was responsible for commissioning the artist to design and craft the beautiful vases presented. Everyone was honored to have Mrs. Roy Yamaguchi and her family present for the first presentation.

Above: Fujiya and Motoko Matsumoto with Executive Director Jerelyn Biehl and the new Roy Yamaguchi Perpetual trophies.

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1st Women's World Championships

Yokohama, Japan

Three years ago, the Snipe Class announced plans to hold the 1st Women's World Championships. Many women had been skippering in their fleets, some with a male crew, others with female crews, still, others had been crewing, anxious to steer. When the announcement was made, many women began to pick their crew and started to practice for this event. When the regatta finally arrived, 44 women's teams had been assembled, representing 5 countries.

The Women's Worlds were held in combination with Japans Women's Nationals, with 34 crews were vying for both trophies! The competition was great, with current and former Olympic hopefuls sailing as well as many other champions.

The women sailed out of Sea Paradise, a man-made island that houses an amusement park in the south of Yokohama city, and a marina complex where many high schools and colleges keep their boats. To get to the marina, competitors walked 20 minutes through the amusement park. Once in the marina, it was a short sail out to the course, nestled near the end of Tokyo Bay amid freighters and fisherman and adjacent to the new Techno Tower Hotel that housed all guests, officials and competitors.

The first day of sailing brought a good 8-10 knot breeze and choppy seas. Norway's Pauline Book and Carine Juliussen convincingly won the first race, leading around the entire course. Mika Shirai and Chisato Isogai finished 2nd with Lisa Foulke Pline and Sherry Eldridge of the USA in 3rd. Yumiko Ito and Yukari Morishita of Japan finished fourth with sisters Paulo and Monica Marino of Uruguay in 5th. Tarasa Davis and Sherri Welch of the US posted one of their deepest races which they later used as a throw out, and Mary Brigden and Jerelyn Biehl went back to restart thinking they were over only to find out it was not them, posting a 17th. With 2 races a day, all competitors were anxious to start the 2nd race, having one already under their belt. This day was notable, as Princess Hisako Takamado observed the races from her nearby yacht with Fujiya Matsumoto giving the play by play. During this race, the competition was close between Satsuki Tachibana and Emiko Tomomori of Japan and Book/Juliussen with Brigden/Biehl close by. At the finish, Tachibana/Tomomori crossed first with Book/Juliussen in 2nd, Brigden/Biehl crossed 3rd, but were later disqualified for an alter-



Competitors from Japan, Uruguay and the United States gather at the closing ceremony. J. Biehl photo.

Results

	Skipper/Crew	Country	Places	Total
1	Pauline Book/Carine Juliussen	Norway	1-2-6-1-(20)-4	13.5
2	Mika Shirai/Chisato Isogai	Japan	2-5-4-2-5-(8)	18
3	Yumiko Ito/Yukari Morishita	Japan	4-3-7-(9)-2-5	21
4	Mika Tsuchiya/Nana Sudo	Japan	(20)-4-9-4-3-2	22
5	Mary Brigden/Jerelyn Biehl	USA	17-(3dsq)-1-3-1-3	24.5
6	Paulo Marino/Monica Marino	Uruguay	5-7-ymp6-ymp6-(11)-6	30
7	Tarasa Davis/Sherri Welch	USA	(9)-6-3-5-8-9	31
8	Satoko Kaneda/Noriko Sumi	Japan	13-10-5-(15)-4-7	39
9	Atsuko Takahashi/Reiko Togo	Japan	6-8-10-(16)-7-10	41
10	Satsuko Tachibana/Emiko Tomomori	Japan	12-1-12-8-(25)-13	45.75
11	Lisa Foulke Pline/Sherry Eldridge	USA	3-14-8-7-17-(23)	49
12	Chizuko Izima/Hiroko Usgaya	Japan	(25)-13-13-14-18-1	58.75
13	Naomi Tomita/Izumi Ozawa	Japan	11-9-(ret)-12-10-21	63
14	Kimie Isobe/Sekiko Watanabe	Japan	15-17-2-11-(27)-16	71
15	Kayo Hama/Yumiko Kato	Japan	10-19-11-18-(29)-14	72
16	Annichen Sandborg/Marita Christensen	Norway	7-11-15-(ret)-12-10-21	75
17	Yukiko Fukuoka/Megumi Yamaguchi	Japan	8-18-23-22-(33)-11	82
18	Saori Kamei/Emi Takata	Japan	19-20-(27)-13-12-19	83
19	Miho Yoshioka/Hiromi Nishiyama	Japan	14-16-15-(ret)-23-17	86
20	Miyuki Yoshida/Akiko Tsujimoto	Japan	(pms)-12-10-10-21-29	91
21	Kalin Berentsen/Gro Janine Kristansen	Norway	37-34-14-6-6-(40)	97
22	Yoko Yamaguchi/Noriko Fujimoto	Japan	21-29-(31)-23-14-25	102
23	Miwako Tomita/Hikari Suzuki	Japan	32-15-20-21-16-(35)	104
24	Akiko Kobayashi/Chiharu Matsumoto	Japan	30-28-(ret)-17-9-20	104
25	Reiko Doi/Naoko Tomoshige	Japan	22-21-22-(34)-19-22	106
26	Miwako Murai/Megumi Yamashita	Japan	18-27-(30)-25-13-28	111
27	Michi Sawamura/Mayumi Komatsu	Japan	16-32-(36)-30-15-24	117
28	Fuyuko Ishimoda/Natsuko Ikeda	Japan	33-23-17-24-26-(42)	123
29	Maria Jose Fernandes/Petrioia Aguerre	Uruguay	31-24-18-33-(36)-25	131
30	Tomomi Yonezawa/Kuniko Yamada	Japan	28-30-24-19-(38)-34	135
31	Yuki Nagashima/Mieko Kosugi	Japan	(dnf)-ymp-33-28-24-26	137
32	Eiko Kishi/Michiru Fukuda	Japan	24-25-(39)-35-22-33	139
33	Hiromi Fukuda/Rie Kimura	Japan	27-(14dsq)-25-26-ret-18	140
34	Yuki Iwasaki/Ayuko Iwaki	Japan	(36)-22-29-29-31-27	145
35	Yoko Swki/Michiyo Yamashita	Japan	23-31-32-32-32-(36)	150
36	Annette Halvorsen/Lill Halvorsen	Norway	(40)-36-21-20-41-37	154
37	Kyoto Katsumata/Hitomi Tokoro	Japan	34-(35)-28-31-35-30	158
38	Sachiko Kuwahara/Tomo Watanabe	Japan	26-37-(38)-27-34-38	162
39	Keiko Omori/Sachiko Murosawa	Japan	29-33-34-(37)-37-32	165
40	Tomoko Shimizu/Hiroko Doi	Japan	35-26-26-(23dsq)-28-41	165
41	Hanae Yamakawa/Yuko Takahashi	Japan	39-(40)-35-36-39-39	188
42	Cecile Marchais/Anne Romain	France	41-38-41-38-40-(43)	198
43	Tomoko Magota/Mayumi Tako	Japan	ret-39-42-39-(dnf)-31	200
44	Tomoko Ishikawa/Hiromi Ida	Japan	42-41-40-ret-42-(ret)	209

1st Women's World Championships



Top six skippers and crews gather with Commodore Horacio Garcia Pastori and Mrs. Roy Yamaguchi for the 1st Women's World trophy presentation. photo Masaaki Ozawa.

cation at the start. Ito/Morishita and the Marino sisters rounded out the top five.

Day two brought a solid 18-20 knot breeze that stayed consistent throughout the day. With the start of the first race, all crews found ways to de-power their rigs. Huge, choppy seas and a current were a match for all contestants. Kimie Isobe and Sekiko Watanabe rounded the weather mark first with Brigden/Biehl close behind. By the reaching mark, Brigden/Biehl had slid into first where they would finish with Isobe/Watanabe in 2nd and Davis/Welch from the USA in 3rd. Shirai/Isogai finished 4th, keeping their consistency of 10 ten races. The sister duo of Paulo and Monico Marino were caught in a damaging port/starboard during this race which would send them in for the day and award them ymp points for 6th in both races. The next day, they sailed a new charter boat.

The second race of this day, the wind picked up a little more, and after one recall, the competitors were off on a double triangle course. Kalin Berentsen and Gro Janine Kristansen rounded the weather mark in 1st followed by teammates Book/Juliussen, Japan's Shirai/Isogai and two US teams of Brigden/Biehl and Davis/Welch. Positions

changed on the reaches in the heavy, surfing conditions, and by the bottom mark it was Book/Juliussen in the lead followed by Shirai/Isogai, Brigden/Biehl and Berentsen/Kristansen. The finish had Book/Juliussen with a nice lead followed by Shirai/Isogai, Brigden/Biehl, Tsuchiya/Sudo and Davis/Welch.

There's an old saying in Japan that if you can see Mt. Fuji, it will be a windy day. Mt. Fuji was big and clear. The competitors, after a hike to the marina, found 25+ knot

winds awaiting them. The Race Committee and SCIRA representative postponed the races hoping for dying conditions. After 2 boats had been damaged in earlier races, thoughts were on their minds of the majority of the fleet of chartered boats. Finally at 3pm, when puffs rolled through the marina lifting boats slightly off their trailers, the races were cancelled for the day.

The final day's racing found all sailors at the marina early. With a day of rest due to the wind, all were out early ready to race. Early



Princess Takamado greets US sailors Mary Brigden, Sherry Eldridge, Lisa Foulke-Pline and Jerelyn Biehl as Fujiya Matsumoto looks on. Jiroh Kurita photo.



indications of another windy day found some equipment changes taking place, but by the time the 5th race began, the wind was only 8-10 knots. Off the line, Brigden/Biehl had a good lead that carried them around the course to the finish. Ito/Morishita followed with teammates Tsuchiya/Sudo, Kaneda/Sumi, Shirai/Isogai in 3rd, 4th and 5th. Regatta leaders posted their worst race of the series with at 20. The second race began immediately following but found a new leader around the course, Japans Chizuko Izima and Hiroko Sugaya. With a nice lead, Izima/Sugaya lead all 44 competitors in a nice race. Competition was close between Tsuchiya/Sudo who just beat out Brigden/Biehl at the finish, followed by Book/Juliusen who won the title. Ito/Morishita pulled in 5th and the Marinos posted a 6th in the last race, even though they forgot to put their plug in the boat!

All in all, the racing was competitive, challenging and fun.

Social Scene

The Opening Ceremonies was eventful for all competitors. All Japanese competitors wore their traditional kimonos and all foreign competitors were given Japanese Yutakas to wear, a informal kimono. The site was stunning, and rolls of Fuji and Kodak film were being snapped up right and left! The new Roy Yamaguchi trophies were on display, two huge Bohemian crystal vases with Snipes etched around the rim for the winning team. A barbeque followed with many competitors learning the use of chopstiks for the week. The day Princess Takamado observed the races, she came ashore and greeted all competitors as they packed up for the day. All the women were impressed with her graciousness and ease of conversation, no matter the language. It was an honor for all to meet her! The final day ushered all competitors to the Techno Tower hotel for the prize giving ceremony. Mrs. Roy Yamaguchi and family were present to help award the trophy to the winners, as well as greet all competitors. A wonderful buffet was served and new friendships were made with many pictures taken around the countries flags. With the obvious success of the 1st Women's Worlds, many vowed to return to the next Women's Worlds, wherever they will be!



Women's World Regatta Chairman Miwako Tomita and crew Hikari Suzuki. Jiroh Kurita photo.



Weather mark rounding, Women's Worlds. Masaaki Ozawa photo.

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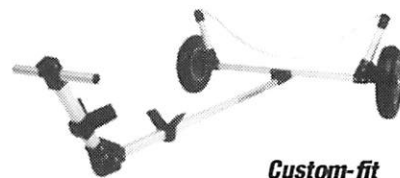
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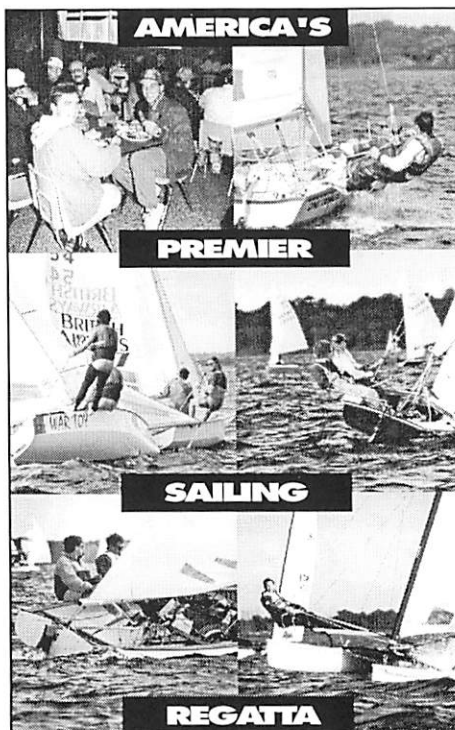
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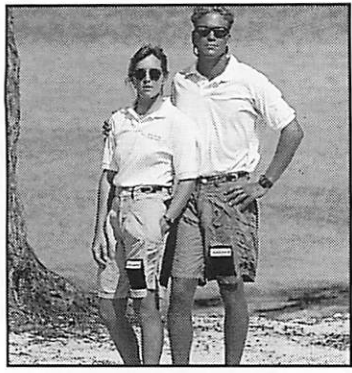
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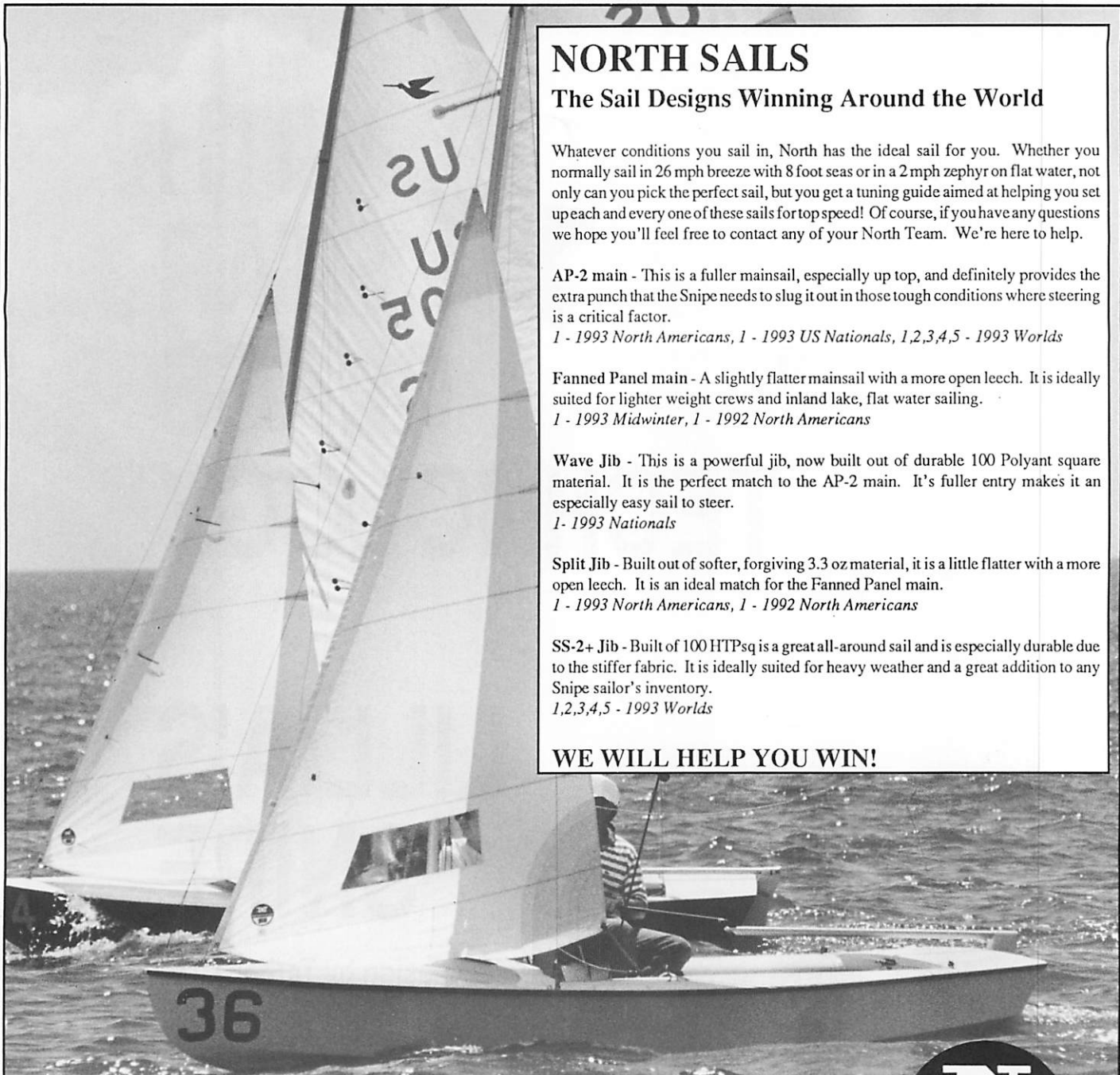
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