



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/Juliussen 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 chopsticks 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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