



# 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 comradeship 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 Shibamura 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 triangle.

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.

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### 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 Sugiura/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/Mikihiro 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/H  | 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/Mechtild 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   |



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## 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   |