

A small but competitive fleet of Five-Os from all Pacific-rim fleets including the USA, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore as well as the host country gathered in Enoshima, Japan in October for the 14th Pacific Championship.

With the '85 Worlds scheduled for the same venue and same month, those present were obtaining a useful preview of likely conditions and arrangements.

The Enoshima Yacht Club was originally built as the Olympic Yacht Harbour for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Situated some 55 km out of Tokyo, the location is convenient and attractive on the small island of Enoshima, which is connected by a causeway to the commuter towns of Kamakura and Fujisawa, and overlooked, on a clear day at least, by the beautiful sight of Mount Fuji.

The races were sailed on Worlds standard courses in the bay off Enoshima, with the Japanese Coastguard providing a proliferation of vessels for committee and safety use. Principal Race Officer was Masaaki Tsuji, himself a previous Pacific 505 champion and who many will remember winning a race in the San Francisco Worlds in '81, so courses were excellent and the management of racing, both ashore and

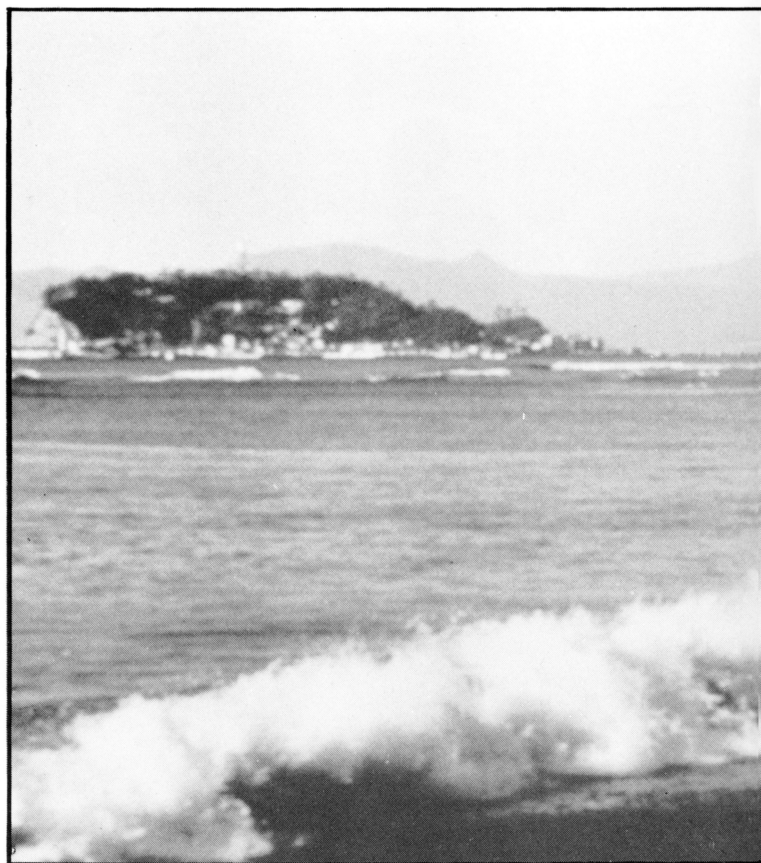
afloat, well under control. These arrangements will be repeated for the Worlds next year.

Conditions were excellent: only one race was postponed to wait for wind; most were sailed in 15-20 knots, while race three started in 25+ and finished in 35 knots. The Japanese think that shortening a race in these conditions shows softness, despite the Australians, who won, capsizing five times on the way!

The series quickly developed into a two-boat battle between the current North American champions 'JB' Braun and Bill Kenney and the Australians Peter Hewson and Alyn Oviden (Wally and Ovo to one and all). So close was the battle that at series-end the tie-breaker failed to separate them and for the first time a major 505 series had joint champions.

The Americans were using the same Proctor D/Hood setup which took them to sixth place in this year's Worlds, while the Australians were using the standard Lake Macquarie rig of Horizon sails and Goldspar mast on a Kyrwood hull. This must now be considered the current definitive 505 rig, having now won the last two Worlds and the last two Pacifics.

Third was the popular pair of



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Aiko Saito and Siro Noguchi, now going much faster than in the '83 Worlds ('She's a tough little bloke' said the Aussies), while fourth was a new recruit from the 470 Olympic trail, Kiyoshi Uzawa and Hiro Morimoto. The whole Japanese fleet has been indulging in some intensive training of late, with a number of new young helmsmen showing impressive

Top: Enoshima Island with the spectacular Mount Fuji in the background. Left: Alyn Oviden and Peter Hewson -Wally and Ovo to one and all - joint Pacific Champions. Wally (Peter Hewson) is on the right.

Average temperatures:
Air 16.6°C (61.9°F)

Wind speed and direction:

Calm	1%
1-6 knots	7%
7-10 knots	28%
11-16 knots	42%
17-27 knots	17%
Over 28 knots	5%

Seas:
North wind (15 knots)
South wind (15 knots)

Tidal Current:
Very little

Year	Venue	Boat	Helm	Crew	Country
1969	Hong Kong	Magic II	S. Jardine	S. Livingstone	Singapore
1972	Hong Kong	G.T.s	C. Nater	M. Hayles	Hong Kong
1973	Hong Kong	Torrente	M. Bethwaite	I. Pitt	Australia
1974	Japan	Benten	M. Tsuji	S. Noguchi	Japan
1975	Hong Kong	Wicked Lady	J. Loveday	L. Dann	UK
1976	Australia	Lindy Lou	T. Kyrwood	R. Crick	Australia
1978	Singapore	Kamakazi	T. Parsons	G. Dagge	Hong Kong
1978	Hong Kong	Sod's Law	T. Kyrwood	R. Crick	Australia
1979	Japan	K7004	E. Owen	A. Gray	UK
1981	Singapore	Wanchai Sprinter	E. Lockyear	J. Collier	Hong Kong
1981	USA	Complex Chemicals Kill	E. Bixby	C. Lewis	USA
1983	Australia	Swingshift	N. Harrison	N. Paterson	Australia
1983	Hong Kong	Lindy Lou	T. Kyrwood	R. Crick	Australia



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ENOSHIMA
Japan

Sea 21.8°C (71.2°F)

N(NNW-NE)	57%
S(SWS-SES)	20%
E(ENE-SE)	17%
W	6%

0.5-1 m swell
1.5-2 m swell

speed; though in the Japanese Champs held two weeks earlier, lady helppersons (*I think he means women drivers! Editor*) finished 1-2, much to the chagrin of the more traditionally chauvinistic locals.

Your geriatric new president 'plodded' into fifth place, complaining of aching joints, while the other visitors from Hong Kong and Singapore found the pace a bit too hot.

Despite the late-season date (to avoid typhoons) the weather was warm and often sunny, with the water temperature high enough to make the occasional dip on the windy days quite pleasant. Ashore, competitors were housed with Japanese families, a rare honour, and softened up for the racing by an extensive social programme.

Free beer all week in the clubhouse was a good start, and for

Top: Aiko Saito and Shiro Noguchi were popular winners of third place. Right: North American and joint Pacific Champions 'JB' Brown and Bill Kenney jr.



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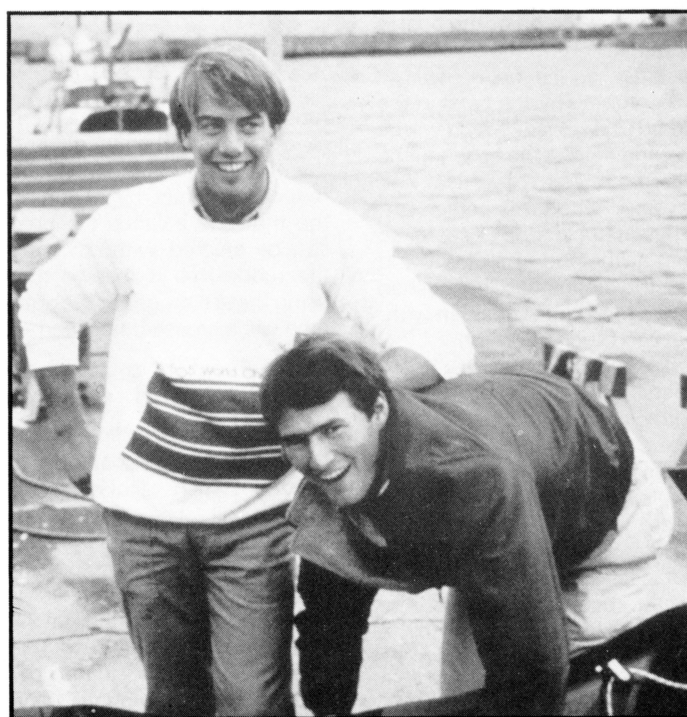
those who couldn't face up to a whole week of sushi and sashimi (raw fish), there's everything available from Big Macs to Pizza Huts.

The club itself is large but spartan (it's a public facility - more reminiscent of public baths in UK than a yacht club) but with all necessary facilities like hot showers, a restaurant serving wholesome Western and Japanese food and more than adequate hardstanding, hoses, slipways, etc.

Surprisingly, it wasn't as expensive as expected - the free beer helped here of course. A hamburger costs about 70p, while a night out with the

crowd, including copious quantities of beer and sake, plus as much as one could eat of a variety of delicious Japanese nosh, cost between £5 and £10. (Beware Tokyo though - different rules apply and it's easy to get through a year's salary in one night in the Ginza.)

Those who attended this year's Pacifics have definitely stolen a march - among other items on the incredibly varied social programme, we all took part in a Zen Buddhist ceremony in a local temple, so are better equipped to cope if our karma includes bad shifts. For the rest, come anyway, it's a great place for a Worlds.



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	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Pts	Over- all
KA7537 Hewson/Ovenden	2	1	1	1	2	2	6.0	1 =
US7358 Braun/Kenney	1	2	DNF	2	1	1	6.0	1 =
J6999 Saito/Noguchi	3	3	3	3	3	4	28.5	3
J7003 Uzawa/Morimoto	4	4	2	7	6	3	36.4	4
KH7480 Lockyear/Cox	6	12	4	4	7	10	56.7	5
J7726 Imai/Muraoka	7	10	5	5	8	7	60.0	6