Why has Shoji Kuramoto of Tokyo journeyed 6,000 miles for a Pacific Seacraft Flicka?

Searching the world for the proper boat

When Shoji Kuramoto of Tokyo began seriously pursuing his dream of blue-water cruising, he personally and methodically searched the world for his proper boat. It was an important decision. As an enthusiastic sailor with some 20 years racing and cruising experience, Mr. Kuramoto had seen some well-considered criteria as a top executive in one of Japan’s most prestigious automotive corporations, he had significant standards for quality. So it is not surprising that his search finally ended some 6,000 miles from his home, far across the sea at the Pacific Seacraft factory in distant Santa Ana, California.

"I had been looking for this kind of boat for a very long time," smiled Mr. Kuramoto. "And I am pleased." His boat: the Pacific Seacraft Flicka.

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Mr. Kuramoto describes the sailing conditions in his region of Japan as "interesting." He explains, "We have something called the "Dark Current," which comes from the Philippines, flows along the south coast of Japan, up to the Bering Sea, and then down to Alaska. It’s a fairly strong and diverse current, and because it is so complex it makes the sailing there quite challenging and enjoyable. Our weather changes very quickly; sometimes from a dead calm to 40 knots in a 24-hour period. Very interesting cruising - in a solid boat!"

Pacific Seacraft understands that cruising can be an incomparable joy - and a serious proposition.

"Natural, one maas- I chose the Flicka is its seaworthiness," says Mr. Kuramoto. "When I came to the factory to see exactly how the boat is built, I was very impressed. It seems one of the best built cruising boats in the world."

Pacific Seacraft quality

"I trust this boat!

Shoji Kuramoto's dreams take him beyond the Dark Current, to bouncy trades and white sand beaches. I wanted a small, very strong, easy to sail cruiser that could take me and my wife anywhere in the world. That is my dream. And I trust this boat."

With good reason. The Pacific Seacraft Flicka is built with the same exacting attention to quality and detail that is the hallmark of all Pacific Seacraft boats. The construction details are unsurpassed: solid bronze deck hardware, flush bolted and backplated, doubler flanged, thru-hull bolted hull-to-trunk joints, solid bronze seacocks and portholes, 100% hand-laid and square-edged hulls and decks, massive anchoring systems, fully protective prophylactic sperrings, heavy brone guideon supports, solid one-piece lead ballast, superb engine access through both cabin and waterport cockpit hatches.

Remarkable comfort and performance

Shoji Kuramoto knows he's in good company with his Pacific Seacraft Flicka. Nearly 400 of them are plying the oceans and bays of the world today in absolute comfort and confidence. The Flicka's accommodations are delightful. Full standing headroom spans the entire length of the teak and holly cabin. Fresh air and sunlight streams through set-in polished bronze opening ports and a large forward hatch. Each hand-rubbed teak interior provides a graceful counterpoint to the cabin's soft white marble finish. The comfortable galley boasts a two-burner stove, fully stainless steel sink, generous icemaker with 400 lbs of insulated storage, and abundant storage. Expansive berths sleep four in comfort. A large swing-up table allows for numerous meals and serious chart work. It's no wonder that the Flicka has inspired so many couples to set out across the sea, and so many families to linger just a while longer at their own favorite anchorage. Whether your adventure lies beyond the horizon or just across the bay, the Pacific Seacraft Flicka will bring your dreams home too. Come, feel the assurance of Pacific Seacraft quality.

Specifications and further facts: LOA including bowsprit 24'4", LOD 22'10", DLOL 18'3", Beam 8'0", Draft 3'3", Cruising displacement 5,500 lbs, Sail area 250 sq. ft. See a descriptive brochure of the Flicka 20, 24, 26, 27, Pacific Seacraft 34, Crosslock 34 or Crosslock 37, cost $5 for each to:

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Shoji Kuramoto of Tokyo, at the Pacific Seacraft Plant, in far away Santa Ana, California. "I wanted a small, very strong, easy to sail cruiser that could take me and my wife anywhere in the world. That is my dream. And I trust this boat."