

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 bluewater cruising, he patiently 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 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 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," smiles 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 Aleutians and then down to Alaska. It's a fairly strong and diversified 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.

"Naturally, one reason 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 balmy 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 yachts. The construction details are unsurpassed: solid bronze deck hardware, thru-bolted and backplated; double flanged, thru-bolted hull-to-deck joints; solid bronze seacocks and portholes; 100% hand-laid and squeegeed hulls and decks; massive anchoring



Mr. Kuramoto's Pacific Seacraft Flicka *Orange Blossom*. "Our weather changes very quickly sometimes from a dead calm to 40 knots in 24 hours. Very interesting cruising... in a solid boat."

systems; fully protective propeller apertures; heavy bronze gudgeon supports; solid one-piece lead ballasts; superb engine access through both cabin and waterproof cockpit hatches.

Remarkable comfort and performance

Shoji Kuramoto knows he's in good company with his Pacific Seacraft Flicka. Nearly



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400 of them are plying the oceans and harbors 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 sole. Fresh air and sunlight stream through six polished bronze opening ports and a large forward hatch. Rich hand rubbed teak joinery provides a graceful counterpoint to the cabin's soft white matte finish.

The complete galley boasts a two-burner stove, deep stainless steel sink, generous icebox with 4" of poured insulation, and abundant stowage. Expansive berths sleep four in comfort. A large swing-up table allows for sumptuous 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 anchorages.

Whether your adventure lies far 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 24'0"; LOD 20'0"; LWL 18'2"; Beam 8'0"; Draft 3'3"; Cruising displacement 5,500 lbs.; Lead ballast 1,800 lbs.; Sail area 250 sq. ft. **For a descriptive brochure of the Flicka 20, Dana 24, Orion 27, Pacific Seacraft 31, Crealock 34 or Crealock 37, send \$5 for each to:**

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