

Hide (Hideaki Aoki) and a friend raced Lasers at CPYC in the late 80s. His first child was born here, and is now in college. Some of us have kept in touch over the years!

Dan Lent often goes to Japan on business, and this time hooked up with Hide to race Lasers on Nov. 26. Alex Scolnik is also in Japan now, and Dan met up with him one evening.

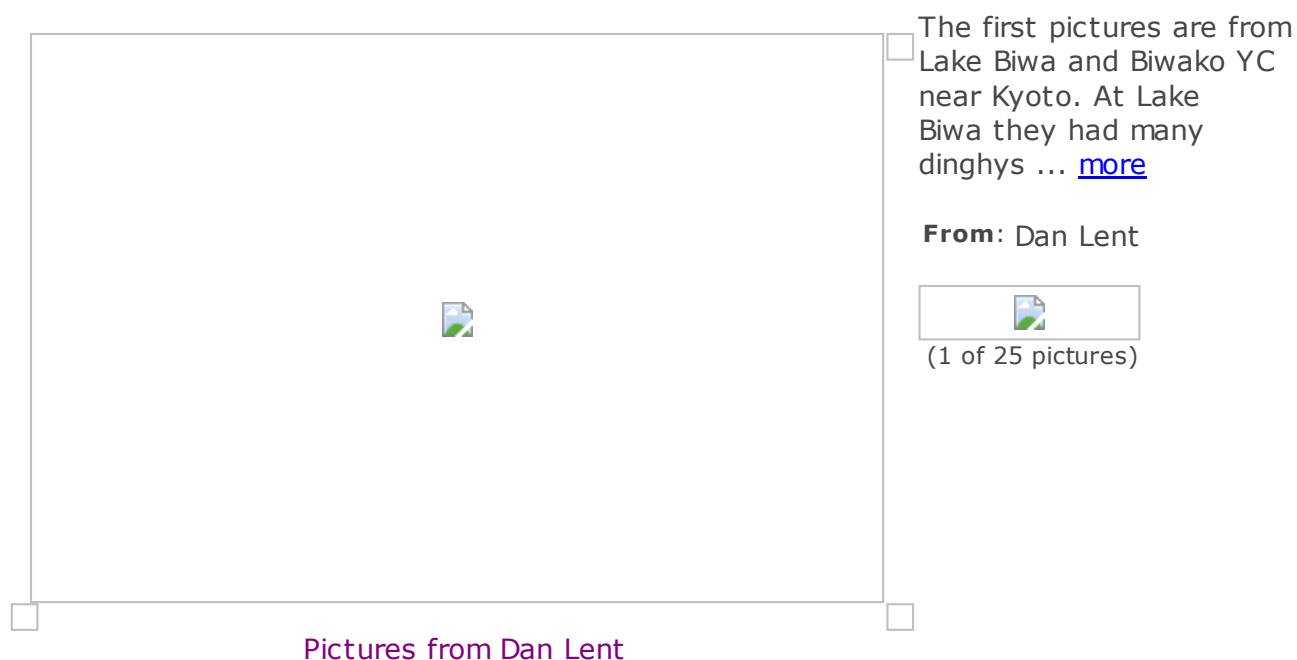
Check out the pictures!

Hi Eric and Andy;

Please pass this along to the CPYC Laser fleet. Thanks!

Mr. Hideaki Aoki and Biwako YC also kindly presented us with their burgee flag also that I have for you.

Dan Lent



The first pictures are from Lake Biwa and Biwako YC near Kyoto. At Lake Biwa they had many dinghys like 470's, Lasers, Yamahas and Snipes all racing. Biwako YC is one of Japan's oldest YC's and one of the sailors I met was world Laser Master's champion. This is Hideaki Aoki's club (from the CPYC laser fleet). We raced Lasers all day Sunday, it was great!

The second set are from Hayama, Hayama Marina Yacht Club near Tokyo. It was too windy to sail big boats with my friend that day at Hayama, but a few Lasers and lots of windsurfers and surfers were out there. It was over 30 kts. At Hayama, they drysail over 100 big boats with two huge travel hoists all year round. The dinghy launcher is a huge mechanical elevator device (see picture).

Alex Scolnik (from CPYC Laser fleet) and I met up for beers in Shinjuku and talked sailing in Japan.

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