

# DETERMINATION, AN EXCELLENT CREW AND PRACTICE WIN '82 JR. NA'S

by Mike Hein II

In 1980 I crewed for Dan Dressel in the Sears Cup and we had everything going our way to win, but in the fourth qualifying race we broke our Thistle centerboard in half. Our dreams were shot. In 1981 at the Cedar Point Jr's I skippered and again had things going our way, but after our third in the practice race we broke the spar when the lifting bridle broke. All our psyche totally gone.

1982 rolled around and I was determined to win the last junior regatta of my life. My crew consisted of Mike Cummins and Mike Gaberr, whom all the juniors knew as "Gabes." Mike started racing two years ago at a small regatta in Ohio. In the last two years he has sailed about every regatta with me. Gabes has been sailing eight years, almost as long as I have. He and his family race Thistles.

Mike, Mike and I got together a few weeks before the juniors and started practicing. We arrived at BCC on Monday and set up the boat so that on Tuesday we could start sailing on Lake Erie. Tuesday we brushed with Dan and John McGowan. Wednesday was the practice race. The Women and Juniors started together and after seven legs and two collisions, we were still able to cross the line first.

Finally Thursday rolled around and the '82 Juniors were underway. The first race was started with the wind 8-10 from the west. We had a second row start and my crew got on my case about that (rightfully so). By the time we had reached the weather mark we had worked our way back to third behind Tom Fink, Peter Hallagan and Dan right on our tail. At the leeward mark the positions had not changed. We tacked right at the mark to clear our air and did not hear the race committee shorten the course to finish at the weather mark. At the finish Tom held on to win, Dan second, Pete third and we were a half boat length behind. John was fifth and Keith Taboada was sixth. The afternoon race was cancelled due to too much wind.

Friday we headed into SW wind 10-15. We had an excellent start about five boat lengths from the boat and were leading at the weather mark with Keith and Pete close behind. Keith passed us on the second leeward leg and increased his lead the rest of the race. The positions stayed the same until the last weather leg. We covered Pete to try to make sure he did not catch us, but our attempt failed. Keith won by a couple of hundred yards, Pete was second and we ended up third. The race committee sent us back to the leeward mark for another race.

The wind lightened to 7-9 from the west. We pre-bent and went for a leeward end start. We were at the pin on port right at the gun and were able to port tack the entire fleet! We led at the weather mark with Pete in second and Keith in third. Pete got by us on the next weather leg and led at the second weather mark with us second and Keith third. On the last weather leg I thought the wind was going left (HA HA — not at Buffalo) and split with Keith to try to catch Pete. At the finish Pete won, Keith caught us, we were third and Jody Swanson was fourth. After the finish the race committee directed us back to the leeward mark for the third race of the

day. We took our sails down and drifted back.

The wind picked up toward the end of the last race and was still building. Still from the west, but 15 and puffy. We had a good weather end start, but not as good as Tom's. He led at the weather mark and with his crew weight of 530 there was no catching him on the next very tight reach. We rounded second, Dan third and Jody fourth. Mike and Gabes said that only weighing 460 we could not catch Tom, but I did not agree. We never did pass Tom and he went on to win his second race. We held our position, Dan third and Jody fourth. The race committee had heart enough to let us go in now. We got the boat put away and hit the dock at 5:45, a long day for everyone.

After four races the standings were favorable for the three sailing "The Black Flash." We had 4-3-3-2=12, Keith had 6-1-2-6=15, Dan had 2-5-5-3=15, Pete had 3-2-1-10=16 and Tom had 1-10-13-1=25. There were the top five after four races and all five still had a good chance to win, because we were sailing a six race throwout series.

Saturday the wind was 10 NE and we had one race in the morning. We had to try not to make this race our throwout and make it a good counter. We went out about an hour before the race to check the wind and found out that every 15 minutes there was a 15 degree shift to the right. We planned our start accordingly. We were in the second row right at the committee boat and were the first boat to the right. Five minutes after the start the left was definitely favored and we were on the right. Pete, Tom, Dan and Keith were all doing well. Thank God we were right, about ten minutes after the start we got a 15 degree knock and had a comfortable 200 yard lead at the weather mark. The next leg lightened up and



Junior N. A. Champion Mike Hein and crew Mike Gaber and Mike Cummins.

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got very tight. We rounded the jibe mark way in front and then the wind quit, only for us. Pete was second, Dan third and the whole entire fleet with full chutes. The wind got to us when Pete was about 25 yards behind. We rounded the leeward mark first and noticed a 30 degree shift to the left. We sailed higher than Pete and Dan. The course was not changed, but we did not gamble our lead and fly the chute. Keith rounded in 10th and was fourth at the so called weather mark. We led the next leg which was a good weather leg blowing 15-18. Keith rounded in second at the next mark, Dan third and Pete fourth. We flew chutes to the leeward mark and beat back through the fleet to the finish. No changes were made in the positions at the finish.

With the finishes this way only three people could win the regatta: us, Keith and Pete. In a tie we would beat Keith, but lose to Pete, so we decided we had to beat them and not worry about the rest of the fleet. The wind was from the North 18. We started the last race at the leeward end. Keith in the middle, and Pete at the weather end. We were locked up and could not do anything for a few minutes. After finally working through the main window I could see Keith and Pete 200 yards to leeward. We covered them to the weather mark and rounded in 8th with Keith 10th, Dan 12th and Pete 13th. The reach was tight and we flew jibs like everyone else. The next leg was broad and everyone flew chutes. A puff hit about 25 and we got on some tremendous planes. After the puff ended we looked around and we were in 6th, Keith 7th and unfortunately Pete turned over. We rounded and starting covering Keith who in turn was covering Dan. Dan was able to end up second if he put two boats between himself and Keith. Finally Dan got away, but the wind came in from the left where Keith and I were. We rounded in third behind Tom and Glen Zimmerman. Tom and Glen went high on the tight reach blowing 22 while Keith and I stayed right on the

mark. Glen started to put up his chute and then Tom did, both had problems and got on their ear, but did not turn over. We passed both of them and rounded the jibe mark first. Tom rounded second with a full chute, Keith third and Glen fourth. Keith and I put up our chutes and we all rode a plane to the leeward mark with the wind blowing 25. We broke our overlap and rounded first only to have a terrible rounding. The pole got stuck on the leeward jib sheet and we could not pull in the sails because of this. Tom was second, Keith third. The went a little left and we went right without a choice. Finally Mike freed the sheet and we could get back to some serious hiking to try to catch up and win the race. We tacked on a header and thought we had them, but no, Keith dumped on us forcing us more right. Thanks Keith! We got another header of 15 degrees tacked and crossed both Keith and Tom. We worked the boat hard until the finish and won the last race and the Championship! Keith crossed second and finished second overall. Tom finished third and was fifth overall. Dan sailed his throwout race sixth and ended up third. Pete ended up with a 19th and unfortunately was fourth overall.

Again I have to thank my superior crew Mike Cummins and Mike Gaver. I have never been as fortunate to have a crew as good as these two. I also have to thank the Lord and my parents for all their support. I have to congratulate Dan, the guy I've been sailing with and against my whole life. Keith did an excellent job the whole regatta. Pete had some bad luck in the last race, but sailed an excellent series. Good luck to everyone next year, especially Keith and Pete.

The race committee did an excellent job all week for the regatta and the Buffalo Canoe Club should be commended for the job they did.

Anne Allen sailed fantastic and won the Women's Regatta, congratulations. Congratulations to Jay for winning the '82 NA's. Hey, Jay, this is great!

## JUNIORS 1982

| Final<br>Pos. | Boat # | Skipper & Crew                                   | Race Finishes |     |     |     |     |     | Pts. |
|---------------|--------|--|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
|               |        |  | 1             | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |      |
| 1             | 10638  | Mike Hein, Mike Cummins, Mike Gaber              | 4             | 3   | 3   | 2   | 1   | 1   | 10   |
| 2             | 13710  | Keith Taboada, Russ Schon, John Schon            | 6             | 1   | 2   | 6   | 2   | 2   | 13   |
| 3             | 13250  | Dan Dressel, Amy Dressel, Andrew Muss            | 2             | 5   | 5   | 3   | 3   | 6   | 18   |
| 4             | 12355  | Peter Hallagan, Steve Hayden, Jim Doherty        | 3             | 2   | 1   | 10  | 4   | 19  | 20   |
| 5             | 13572  | Thomas Fink, Anthony Fink, Glen Harsear          | 1             | 10  | 13  | 1   | 11  | 3   | 26   |
| 6             | 13221  | John McGowan, Doug Snyder, John Moran            | 5             | 12  | 8   | 5   | 5   | 9   | 32   |
| 7             | 13671  | Susan MacDonald, Trevor Born, Dave Sawyer        | DNF           | 8   | 7   | 9   | 17  | 5   | 46   |
| 8             | 13305  | Kevin Robinson, Joe Starck, Molly Donovan        | 9             | 7   | DSQ | 8   | 13  | 10  | 47   |
| 9             | 11740  | Larry Colontuono, William Jeffers, Spencer Adler | 8             | 11  | 9   | 11  | 16  | 8   | 47   |
| 10            | 10120  | Doug Matteson, Bill Bliss, Craig Jones           | 20            | 6   | 14  | 16  | 6   | 12  | 54   |
| 11            | 13703  | Glen Zimmerman, Carl Rodenberg, Brian Taboada    | 15            | DSQ | 6   | 12  | 21  | 4   | 58   |
| 12            | 10814  | Phil Grotheer, Christie Wardwell, Ted Ganley     | DNF           | 9   | 10  | 7   | 12  | 20  | 58   |
| 13            | 10811  | Greg Hatfield, Dave Finster, Laura Guinan        | 11            | 14  | 18  | 17  | 9   | 7   | 58   |
| 14            | 10679  | David Grogono, Ted Morgan, Elizabeth Stanat      | 13            | 15  | 19  | 13  | 8   | 11  | 60   |
| 15            | 6345   | Jody Swanson, Ted Lohr, Peter Doyle              | DNF           | DSQ | 4   | 4   | 7   | 24  | 67   |
| 16            | 10356  | David Fretz, Maureen Connolly, John Bryant       | 14            | 13  | 16  | 19  | 0   | 14  | 67   |
| 17            | 10480  | David Pinard, Tom Fitch, Mike Gemmell            | 7             | 22  | 15  | 18  | 15  | 16  | 71   |
| 18            | 13273  | Scott Zerban, Dan Moriarty, Rob Zerban           | 10            | 16  | 17  | 15  | 25  | 13  | 71   |
| 19            | 13366  | John Swanson, David Strack, Jim Egloff           | 12            | 20  | 22  | 20  | 14  | 22  | 88   |
| 20            | 10031  | Joe Folds, Matt Folds, Kelly Martin              | 21            | DSQ | 11  | 21  | 20  | 15  | 88   |
| 21            | 11814  | Joe Donovan, Tom Egloff, Brian Manning           | 16            | 17  | 21  | 24  | 19  | 18  | 91   |
| 22            | 10538  | David Watts, Johanna Verkooven, Leif Sigmond     | DNF           | 23  | 20  | 14  | 18  | 17  | 92   |
| 23            | 10378  | Brad Thompson, Ted Duffy, Christopher Burdge     | DSQ           | 4   | 12  | DNS | DNS | DNS | 100  |
| 24            | 13714  | Jim Allen, James Konski, C. Rej                  | 18            | 19  | 25  | DNF | 24  | 23  | 109  |
| 25            | 11000  | Andy Ray, Chris Adams, Chuck Manning             | 19            | 21  | 26  | 22  | 26  | 21  | 109  |
| 26            | 12877  | John Walsh, Kathy Meyer, Jena Chamberlain        | 17            | 24  | 23  | 23  | 23  | 25  | 110  |
| 27            | 13850  | Pat Folds, Peter Ray, Paul Donovan               | 22            | 18  | 24  | 25  | 22  | DNF | 111  |

27 Boats, DNF/DNS - 28 Points, DSQ - 29 Points, ( ) Throw-out Race

# Junior & Women's Championships

Photos by David Sprague







Hiking Crews.

(Opposite) Getting it in there.







A small problem and a large problem coming up.





Trouble at the mark





# I.L.C.A. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

by Anne Allen

A year ago if someone had told me I would be writing this article, I would have laughed and said not me. (I think the word is "retiring"). I knew the Women's North Americans was to be held at our club, the Buffalo Canoe Club, but I assumed Brenda would be the skipper and perhaps I might crew for her. However she took a job out of town and I found myself sailing more instead of less, crewing and skipping our Women's Districts. So when it really came to who was going to skipper I decided to give it one last try. Brenda came home to crew and I convinced my good friend Nancy Dressel to come out of retirement. We were hoping, of course, for a nice moderate to light air series.

There were eleven women crews, several unknown to us, two from Florida and Canada, one from Illinois and the rest from New York. It looked like a good group. We went out for the practice race with the Juniors and managed a respectable finish. That evening the Lake Erie District hosted a terrific dinner for all at our cottage. It was a wonderful chance to get to know a lot of Lightning sailors, many new to the class.

Thursday there was a fresh breeze when we left the dock. We put on our gear as it looked like a wet one. The wind kept building all morning. We had a reasonable start but had trouble holding the boat down and I have to admit I was nervous! At the first mark it was Fay Regan, Judy Walker, then followed by Katie Nicoll. The first two didn't set their spinnakers. We went high, had a little discussion, then popped the shut, Katie followed suit. I guess we were all a little apprehensive about the upcoming jib, after all, we hadn't practiced with this much wind. It was tense on board! As the boom swung over the spinnaker collapsed slightly then filled as Brenda got the pole on the mast and we were on our way to the next mark. The smiles broke out and "We made it" was heard all the way to the spectator boat. The committee shortened course as the wind kept increasing. On the weather leg I just couldn't seem to keep the boat going. Fay passed us without much trouble to win the race while Katie was close behind us for third followed by Judy.

The afternoon race was finally cancelled due to too much wind. We all relaxed, rested our tired muscles hoping for lighter air the next day.

I was unhappy with my upwind sailing. I listened to some of the Jr.'s discussing their race and tuning, asked some questions, did some thinking and talking with the men in my family. They were busy putting boats together and hadn't seen the race. I decided I hadn't paid enough attention to sail shape; had probably tightened everything down too much.

Friday started with a fresh southwest breeze with some sea. We went out early to do some adjusting. We watched the Jr.'s going up the weather leg to see which side looked the best. Up the first leg we watched the compass and our competition to end up first to the mark followed by Judy and Fay. It was a very tight reach, we went high and maybe halfway down the leg we put the shut up (next time around we did it sooner). Judy went with us while Fay stayed low and never flew her shut. Things stayed about the same til the sixth leg when the wind lightened. At the finish it was Allen, Regan, with a close finish between Nicoll and Walker.

Race number three was back to back and started in light air. Jackie Nolan sailed a good windward leg to be first to the weather mark with us close behind followed by a whole bunch (I was glad to be out of that mess). We popped the shut quickly, Nancy played it for all it was worth and we finally got over Jackie. Fay was back in the pack, we hoped she would stay there but she sailed extremely well so that at the finish she was second followed by Pam Tuttle and then Jackie. As we crossed the finish line the committee announced, "The good news is you won the race, the bad news is we are going for another race." There was a little grumbling from the crew (I had been on them a little in the last race about hiking), something about we had been out there since before nine in the morning. But they rallied when the gun started us for race number four. I must admit my memories about this race aren't very clear. It was Allen, Walker, Nicoll at the first mark. Judy and Katie had a real race going, Katie finally passed Judy and put a tight cover on her so Fay slipped through. At the finish it was Allen, Nicoll, Regan and Walker. At long last we got to go home, it had been a long day but well worth it. The standings were Allen five points, Regan eight, Nicoll 15, Tuttle 19 and Walker 20.

That night all the gals gathered at our house for some well

## WOMEN'S NORTH AMERICANS 1982

| Final<br>Pos. | Boat # | Skipper & Crew                                      | Race Finishes |     |     |     |    | Pts. |
|---------------|--------|---|---------------|-----|-----|-----|----|------|
|               |        |   | 1             | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5  |      |
| 1             | 13556  | Anne Allen, Brenda Allen, Nancy Dressel             | 2             | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1  | 6    |
| 2             | 12050  | Fay Regan, Kathi Gross, Kathy Breiding              | 1             | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3  | 11   |
| 3             | 13659  | Katie Nicoll, Linda Schulz, Liz Grogan              | 3             | 3   | 7   | 2   | 2  | 17   |
| 4             | 11650  | Pam Tuttle, Leslie Tuttle, Alie Morgan              | 6             | 5   | 3   | 5   | 7  | 26   |
| 5             | 11788  | Judy Walker, Candy McCoombs Thomas, Cindy Wison     | 4             | 6   | 6   | 4   | 8  | 28   |
| 6             | 12822  | Audrey Matteson, Cece Girard, Janice Allard         | 5             | 8   | 8   | 6   | 4  | 31   |
| 7             | 11331  | Ellen Steck, Peggy Roberts, Sue Ferrick             | DNF           | 4   | 5   | DNF | 6  | 39   |
| 8             | 11275  | Jackie Nolan, Linda Quigley, Marilyn Kennedy        | DNF           | 7   | 4   | DNF | 5  | 40   |
| 9             | 12937  | Kathy Taylor, Carol Kreger, Jane Danielson-Loquasto | 7             | DNF | DNF | 7   | 9  | 47   |
| 10            | 13358  | Jane Anne Pincus, Anna Tykoliz, Pam Bennet          | 8             | DNF | 9   | 8   | 10 | 47   |
| 11            | 13605  | Sara Strnad, Sara Jane Asbury, Cindy Janis          | DNF           | 9   | 10  | 9   | 11 | 51   |

11 Boats, DNF/DNS - 12 Points



deserved relaxation. Judy and many of the girls brought some great "tasty treats," everybody enjoyed the comradery.

Saturday the wind was out of the East to Northeast, anything could happen with that direction. The Juniors got started in a good wind and as we waited for our start the wind started to die. I had planned to start near Fay and stay close to her for the race but I couldn't get to the committee boat end where she was in the dying wind. So I found myself leeward boat unable to tack, just what I didn't want. We watched the compass playing every shift possible and there were a lot of them. We thought we could lay the mark several times only to get such a header we would have to tack again. Jackie and Katie were right with us. At the mark we had a pretty good lead only to see Jackie and Katie coming up on a nice puff on wind. They went high to stay with it while we sat heading for the mark. At last the wind filled in to keep us out in front. We round the next mark and put up the spinnaker. By now the wind was quite gusty and we decided not to chance it on the next leg as it turned into a tight reach. The last weather leg was a change of course headed back towards

the club. By this time we were all mixed up with the Juniors. I kept after my crew to tell me where everybody was, that tack Fay was on. As we crossed the line first, I let the tiller go to congratulate Brenda and Nacny, we had done it together! They did a terrific job, the spinnaker work was a key to our success.

Fay sailed an outstanding series, she came from behind in several races, she was a constant threat. It was good to Katie Nicoll back sailing Lightnings she is an excellent sailor. It was really great to have so many new Lightning sailors. Jane Ann Pincus after only sailing a Lightning a few weeks came all the way from Florida, nice going! Judy Walker but a lot on time in teaching Lightning sailing to some Buffalo gals and they entered two crews. Or thanks to John Donovan, his race committee and all those great people at the Buffalo Canoe Club who made this regatta a success. A special thanks to those who loaned their boats, Gordie Compson, Dave Sprague, Ted Sullivan and Wally Tykoliz.

Next year gals, set your sights on Texas!

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