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## Masters

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# 1986 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 

by Jim Allen

This was my last year as a junior and I really wanted to win, so I started early by sailing at every opportunity and looking to find a steady crew. Once 1 selected my crew Joe Donovan and Eric Duchscherer it was time to practice and sail in every regatta possible. We sailed together in the Canadian Opens, Districts, Junior Districts and many local races. Our Junior Districts were only two days before the Junior NA's and we had a new boat that had never been rigged or sailed before. As can be seen we had a lot to do and little time in which things could be done. This makes things a little hectic. But my crew and I spent a couple late nights doing finishing touches and preparations.

When we arrived at Henderson Harbor it was great to see many friends that I had not seen since last year. But that quickly wore off and the matter at hand was to get the boat and sails measured. Then to rig the boat, go sailing and finish tuning. This all went smoothly and we did get out on the water but due to lack of wind we didn't get a chance to learn much.

For the first race the wind was light and shifty and I did not have a great start. We sailed a good first leg and were first to the first weather mark. Steve Hayden was second at the mark. We then just covered Steve to win. Steve was second and C.B. Currier was third.

We had a terrible start the second race, fouled Rob Zerban before the start and did circles after the start. Things did not look good at this point. Most of the fleet decided to go right but we thought left was the way. So left we went, tacking on a couple of small shifts. It worked, we were third at the first weather mark. The wind had started to go light so we stayed high to keep our speed up. We rolled over one boat then jibed early and just got inside the other boat at the jibe mark to take the lead. Then we just kept on going to win, Brian Taboada was second, and Jon Finkboner was third.

The third race the wind was light and it was postponed until the wind shifted and started to pick up; however, the wind was still light. We had a good start and got out in front early. Everything was looking good, we had a big lead but the wind was getting lighter. The wind shifted just as we went around the final leeward mark which was fine with us because this made for a reach to the finish. The wind eventually died and a storm was coming in. The biggest problem was that the wind had begun to fill in from behind, not what a skipper likes to see when he is out in front. It soon started to rain and we were sure the race would be cancelled, but were hoping that it would not. Boats were beginning to close in from behind and some had started to fly their spinnakers but we managed to stay in front and win our third race. Rob Zerban was second, and Dan Norton was third.

The fourth race was a bit windy but not too strong. We had a reasonable start, but most of the way up the weather leg Rob Zerban and I got a little close Their was a little bit of yelling but nothing of importance. We rounded the weather mark right behind Steve Hayden with nobody close behind. Part way down the leg we still heard some yelling so we decided to do a circle, just to make sure. We did a great circle and only lost one boat but when we put the chute back up their was a big rip. I said "keep going" so we did. The chute
held until half way down the next reach then it had to come down. We held on to third. Steve Hayden won and Dan Norton was second.

We had a terrible start the fifth race and were not good at the first mark. We played the shifts, sailed hard and almost caught Taboada but the wind shifted and he sailed out from underneath us to finish third. John Swanson was second, Steve Hayden won and sailed an excellent race.

For the sixth race we had a reasonable start and rounded the weather a little bit behind Steve. The wind had shifted slightly which was to make the next reach quite tight. Steve was having a tough time trying to stay high to make the mark. He fell low and had to take down his chute and reach up to make the mark. We managed to stay high and make the mark to round inside of Steve and take the lead. Then we just covered to win.

I must thank Henderson Harbor Yacht Club for hosting such a great regatta and handling all the work that comes with it. I would also like to thank all the juniors who participated because without them their could not have been such a regatta and such excellent competition. Finally I must thank my family for supporting me and my crew for all the excellent work they did especially Joe D. for his excellent spinnaker work. I hope that all eligible juniors will plan to compete in this event to make the class stronger and keep the young sailing.

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## JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - 1986

| Fin. Pos. | Sail \# | Skipper/Hometown \& Crew |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | 14011 | Jim Alten. Amherst, NY Joe Donovan, Eric Duchscherer |
| 2 | 14066 | Steve Hayden. Fern Park. FL Tom Degan, Eric Annis |
| 3 | 10165 | Dan Norton, Adrian, MI George Sipel, Bill Hayes |
| 4 | 14001 | John W. Swanson. Jr. Eggertsville. NY Dave Sawyer, George Allen |
| 5 | 13821 | Brian Taboada, Bricktown, NJ David Kuhl, Matt Smith |
| 6 | 13273 | Rob Zerban. Belleville. It. John Huhn, Mike Frerker |
| 7 | 13947 | C. B. Currier. Washington, DC Lisa Currier, David Gardner |
| 8 | 11134 | Edwin Hawkins, Oswego, NY Doug Keith, Dave Lacey |
| 9 | 14095 | Jon Finkboner, San Dicgo, CA Stacie Heisler, Jay Jones |
| 10 | 14080 | Garold Thompson. Bay Head, NJ Phil Kinzel, Mitch Hnatt |
| 11 | 13250 | Bill Kumler, Bexley, OH Tracey Hein. Ernie Dieball |
| 12 | 11174 | David Starck, Kenmore, NY Paul Donovan. Mike McGarry |
| 13 | 11387 | William N. Baxter, III. Memphis, TN Cecile Baxter. Peter MeDonnell |
| 14 | 14049 | Sean Fidler. Troy, MI <br> Andy Greenstreet. Jon Lauderbach |
| 15 | 11456 | Jolene G. Johnson, Peoria, IL. Adam Bowen, Rick Brethorst |


| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Pts. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | $(4)$ | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | $(6)$ | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 6 | $(13)$ | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 18 |
| $(11)$ | 4 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 22 |
| 7 | 2 | $(9)$ | 4 | 3 | 8 | 24 |
| 5 | $(9)$ | 2 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 29 |
| 3 | 8 | $(11)$ | 5 | 7 | 7 | 30 |
| (13) | 5 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 48 |
| (12) | 3 | 10 | 11 | 6 | 12 | 42 |
| 8 | 12 | $(14)$ | 6 | 10 | 6 | 42 |
| (DNF) | 11 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 49 |
| 4 | 7 | 7 | DNF | DNS | (DNS) | 50 |
| 9 | $(14)$ | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 59 |
| $(10)$ | 10 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 67 |
| 14 | $(15)$ | 15 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 71 |
| 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

( ) Throw-out DNS/DNF -16


Juniors Champ Jim Allen with crew Joe Donovan and Eric Duchscherer

# 1986- MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP 

by R. W. Hallagan

Since returning from Henderson Harbor, the Master's Championship has meant more to me. 1 still sail several regattas each season and everywhere I have travelled this fall people have asked me about this Lightning event. The remark I kept hearing was "if I had only decided to go". There are many long time Lightning sailors, some active and some inactive, who seemed to want to know more about the Master's. The local geography made it easy for me to be there so 1 decided "to go". It was a fun-filled three days without the pressure that accompanies the North American Championship. My crew Larry MacDonald Sr., has not lost his colorful wit that he had when I first met him as a crew for Donny Allen. My other crew, Sandy Stephans, enjoyed the sailing and meeting the sailors who at one time or another have helped build the class. The ILCA has a great promotional opportunity - Laser and Sunfish classes have Master's and even World Master's Championship's.
This was the fourth I.L.C.A. Master's Championship and ten boats made the competition very keen and even. Any one of five boats had a chance to win going into the last race. Henderson Harbor is only 30 miles from Kingston, Ontario and the winds are very much the same - SW and strong. The Henderson people really got behind the Masters Juniors - Women's Regattas with many taking a full week off from work to run the regatta on land and water. Thanks to all and especially Bob Wardwell, R.C. Chairman. Central N.Y. District is proud of the job done for the Lightning Class.
The Masters skippers consisted of Dr. Bezner and Dr. Stone (two local sailors); Chris Graf from Wisconsin; John Teigland, past N.A. Champion from New Jersey; Fisk Hayden, past N.A. Runner-Up from Florida; Jim Carson, Past Runner-Up, from New Jersey; Crit Currie, the prime promoter for Master racing, from Tennessee; Lal Burridge, last year's winner, from Missouri; and David Bull and Dick Hallagan, both from Central New York. So this was the group.
The weather was beautiful, the first day - sun, winds SW at 10 to 18 , and a long course to sail. At the start of the first race the fleet went every which way. Graf and Currie banged the left side and were gone, and I mean gone. Nobody caught these boats, and the race was for third. Dave Bull nipped Dick Hallagan by $18^{\prime \prime}$ at the finish line.
The second day was SW and windy again, but very hazy. We had all taken a lesson from Graf and Currie the first day, so in the second race Hayden and Hallagan banged the left and held $I$ and 2 positions for three legs. Hallagan did get the lead on the fourth leg but the sky was getting dark. At the jibe, thunder was rumbling and approaching fast. In the calm before the storm the R.C. abandoned the race.
The third day the wind was SW and 15 to 20, clear and a great day to sail, Henderson at its finest. The second race was resailed on a shortened four leg course and Hayden and Carson led the way. So after two races it looked like this: Hayden 5-1, Bull 3-3, Currie 2-5, Hallagan 4-4, Graf 1-8.
In the third race, 7 boats banged the left and 3 boats went right. Hallagan headed left but was slowly being rolled by

Carson, Hayden and Teigland. All the courses at Henderson were very long, so Hallagan bailed out and took a long port tack to the right, going under most of the fleet but looking good on any boat still on the left side. Stuart Walker should have been there, it was a classic example of "the wind is clocking". The right was suddenly magic and Hallagan and Burridge gained humungus leads at the weather mark. Hallagan went on to win easily, while Jim Carson, sailing well in the heavy wind still at 15 to 20 mph , was in second. Now for the eliff hanger at the end - could Crit Currie hold off Dave Bull?
A tie score and Bull beats Hallagan overall. Crit hung Californian crew Scott Finkboner over the side, and crossed the finish line two boat lengths ahead of Bull. Dick Hallagan, Larry MacDonald Sr. and Sandy Stephens had won the championship.
The series was blessed with great winds, great organization and great competitors. Seven out of the ten boats went on to Kingston; three of these seven qualified for the Blue Flight; one of these three finished third overall in the North American Championship. Remember this trivia, there will be a quiz next year. Let's see more boats in Buffalo. "Be there."


## MASTER'S CHAMPIONSHIP - 1986

| Pos. | Sail \# | Skipper/Hometown \& Crew | Races |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | Pts. |
| 1 | 12355 | Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY Larry MacDonald \& Sandy Stephans | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 2 | 14099 | Crit Curric, Memphis, TN Audrey Matteson \& Scott Finkboner | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 |
| 3 | 13933 | David K. Bull, Cazenovia, NY Janet \& Richard Sinn | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| 4 | 14066 | Fisk Hayden. Fern Park, FL Clay Murphy \& John Maynard | 5 | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| 5 | 14080 | Jim Carson, Brick, NJ <br> A. Richard Thomas, Ir. \& Owen Carolau | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 6 | 14077 | Christopher Graf, Sheboygan, WI Janet \& Hans Graf | 1 | 8 | 9 | 18 |
| 7 | 11800 | R. G. Burridge, St. Louis, MO Joyce \& Dan Zerban | 7 | 6 | 6 | 19 |
| 8 | 11666 | John Teigland, Jr. Allentown, PA Lola Teigland, Steve Warren | 8 | 7 | 7 | 22 |
| 9 | 13353 | Gerald A. Bezner, Fayetteville, NY Jack Jones, John Treadwell | 6 | 10 | 8 | 24 |
| 10 | 14094 | Irwin K. Stone, MD, Watertown, NY | 10 | 9 | 10 | 29 |

## WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP - 1986

| Pos. Sail \# | Skipper/Hometown \& Crew |  | Races |
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## GALLERY

Wet going!


Race Abandoned
Photos: Diane Aznoe



Women's party at Henderson Harbor: left to right, Suzy DeBenedetti. Liz Phillips, Leslie Leonard. Leslie Tuttle, Mary Anna Portner. Fay Regan, Lisa Parshley. Cathy Burridge, Nancy Fox and Pam Tuttle (after race was cancelled due to thunder storms).

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Masters Skipper Dave Bull with crew, Janet and Dick Sinn


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