



The 18th Annual Ms. Race *Eileen Campbell Memorial Race*

Ms. Race Press Release

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Atlantic Highlands, NJ – On August 20th, the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club hosted the **Ms. Race**, an annual charity sailboat race sponsored by and for women. It is designed to benefit and raise awareness for **180 Turning Lives Around**, a Monmouth County based private, non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault in the community (180nj.org). All proceeds from the Ms. Race as well as other related special events throughout the year are donated to this wonderful organization.

The 18th annual Ms. Race took place under clear skies and a favorable breeze. This year's race paid tribute to the life and legacy of Eileen Campbell, a longtime friend and supporter of 180 Turning Lives Around. Proceeds from the event benefitted the 180 non-profit, an organization dedicated to protecting victims of domestic abuse.

The winner of this year's Traditional Non-Spinnaker division was the Tartan/3700 skippered by Diane Kropfl from the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club with her crew of experienced sailors including Barbara Nevius at the helm. Celtic Star, a Sabre/34 captained by Sue Muholland from the Keyport Yacht Club came in second and Laura Oncea on Confiscated from the Shrewsbury River Yacht Club finished third.

Top honors for the new Spinnaker division went to Ann Myer from the Raritan Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club on her J/105 Magic. Magic and Aviato, skippered by AHYC Race Committee Co-chair Karen Harris, crossed the finish line in an exciting photo finish with Magic's finish time reported one second ahead of Aviato. They were followed by Elaine Maher and crew on her J/24 A Better Hair Day.

A record twelve teams of women sailors from five New Jersey Bayshore yacht clubs participated in this year's race: Eduam, A Better Hair Day, Celtic Star, Confiscated, Witch of the Wave, Coda, Saint of Circumstance, Smoking J, Lady P., Magic, Vici and Aviato. Friends, family and guests gathered on spectator boats and cheered the sailors as they made their way around the course.

Following the race, captains and crew celebrated the day's event on their boats and then made their way to the awards ceremony at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. Commodore Frank Allsman was on hand to recognize this remarkable club racing event and its support for 180. Awards were presented by 180 Executive Director, Anna Diaz-White, who recognized the Ms. Race for raising over \$25,000 to support the charity and bringing total donations to \$225,000.

Anna reached out to the Ms. Race Committee to congratulate them on another successful race. "I had so much fun and enjoyed seeing all of the amazing women sailors supporting each other, dancing, and cheering and celebrating each other! This is what the Ms. Race is all about. Women being supportive of women, it was and is a moving and powerful thing to see." She added "Eileen's spirit of strength, warmth and kindness truly lives on--what a wonderful legacy."

The 2022 Ms. Race Photos and Captions

Photos by Jeff Smith

www.JeffSmithPhoto.Net

2022 Ms. Race Photos Available here

<https://www.jeffsmithphoto.net/Organizations/AHYC/2022-AHYC-Ms-Race/n-zX4kNw/>

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Ms. Race Captains and crew at the 2022 Ms Race Awards Ceremony

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2022 Ms. Race Skippers

Skippers Left to Right:

Elaine Hahe - A Better Hair Day,
Celtic Star - Sue Mulholland, Ann Myers - Magic, Karen Harris - Aviato,
Barbara Nevius - Saint of Circumstance (SoC) Driver, Diane Kropfl - SoC Skipper,
Jodi Dash - Coda, Paula Del Coro - Vici, Laura Oncea - Confiscated,
Stephanie Biles - Witch of the Wave

Ms. Race Traditional Non-Spinnaker Division

**1st Place - Saint of Circumstance
Skipper Diane Kropfl**

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Saint of Circumstance chases Confiscated in a spirited race and places 1st in this year's Traditional Non-Spinnaker Division.

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Diane Kropfl (center) with the crew of Saint of Circumstance accepting their first place award for the Traditional Non-Spinnaker Division.

Ms. Race Spinnaker Division

**1st Place Magic
Skipper Ann Meyer**

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Magic heading downwind to New Mark in Sandy Hook Bay with her Spinnaker flying in the breeze.

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Ann Meyer (center) with her crew all decked in pink accept their trophy for first place in the Spinnaker division.

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The crew of Coda with Jodi Dash at the helm race in memory of Eileen in the 2022 Eileen Campbell Memorial Ms. Race.

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Celtic Star chases the Spinnakers across Sandy Hook Bay and places second in this year's Non-Spinnaker division.

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Aviato flies downwind with her Spinnaker up under the keen guidance of skipper Karen Harris, co-chair of the AHYC Race Committee.

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Past AHYC Commodore, Elaine Haher, and her crew race the J/24 A Better Hair Day to a third place finish in the Spinnaker Division.

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Past Commodore Paula del Coro on her Sabre/402 VICI meets up with the J/95 Lady P.

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Jack Flannery officiates the Ms. Race on his Catalina 310 with support from his crew.