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# Commodore's Greeting



It gives me great pleasure to welcome this year's  
thirteenth annual *Ms. Race*.

The Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club is once again  
honored to be hosting this fun and exciting  
all women's sailboat race.

I want to express my appreciation for the  
generosity of the sponsors and donors  
who support this truly inspiring race for the charity  
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Best of luck to this year's racers and  
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# Welcome to the 2017 Ms. Race



*We are pleased to host the **13<sup>th</sup> annual AHYC Ms. Race Charity Regatta** on our beautiful Sandy Hook Bay and we extend a warm welcome to all who have come together to support our special event.*

*This year's theme, **Women on the Wind**, celebrates female sailors of all ages who share a love of sailing and a respect for the sea. We are fortunate that our event has provided a platform where women and girls new to sailing can enjoy the experience in a supportive environment. Many have grown to love the sport and have furthered their education to become better sailors. It is with pride and admiration that we have watched our young women grow from junior sailors crewing on our boats into accomplished sailors now campaigning their own boats in the fleet of competitors. We hope this trend continues so that we have many more **Women on the Wind** in the future.*

*We wish to thank the captains and crews, our families and friends and the generous sponsors and supporters who have again contributed to the success of our regatta and have helped us raise funds for **180 Turning Lives Around**.*

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**Charity Race to Benefit  
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**Host Club:** **Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club**

**Location:** AHYC Olympic Circle on Sandy Hook Bay

**Eligibility:** The **AHYC Ms. Race** is open to sailing yachts with a valid 2017 PHRF-MA rating certificate and to yachts that race one design. Skipper and all crew must be female.

**Divisions:** All PHRF yachts will race NON-Spinnaker. The race must have at least 3 boats registered to count. One design fleets will be accommodated with a 3-boat minimum. Class rules apply.

**Date/Time:** **Saturday, August 19, 2017**  
1000 hrs – Free Continental Breakfast  
1100 hrs – Skipper/Crew Meeting/Sailing Seminar  
**1400 hrs – Ms. Race START**  
1630 hrs - 2030 hrs – Awards Ceremony, Hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, dessert, 50/50 Raffle & Charity Auction (food \$25pp)

**Entry Due:** August 19, 2017 at Skippers/Crew Meeting or before via Regatta Network: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14625>

**Fee:** \$25.00 to AHYC Race Committee via Regatta Network  
PLUS  
\$50.00 Minimum donation, payable by check, made out to "180 Turning Lives Around" (state charity registration #CH0070600). Deliver to the Ms. Race Committee the day of the event. Extra donations/sponsorships are encouraged.

**Registration:** Online only at: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/14625>

**Sailing Instructions:** All SIs are contained in the AHYC Race Booklet (available at the skippers' meeting)

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— LuAnn, Pete & Amber



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for all the hard work, effort and resources they have  
provided, in the areas of race organization and on water  
management of all activities for the event.

Peter Chirlian  
Chair - AHYC 2017 Race Committee

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Congratulations to all Ms. Race Captains,  
Crew and Volunteers  
from the San Francisco Bay

*Steve and Aleen*





*“Women Racing for Women”*

## *Women on the Wind*

Adapted from the **Crow's Nest** article on *The Ms. Race*

**“Women Racing for Women”**. A simple slogan, maybe, but one that accurately reflects what the Ms. Race is all about. The **Ms. Race** is a regatta, with boats sailed by all female crews, to benefit the charity **180 Turning Lives Around**. “We’d like to get women interested in racing and we want to help women build their confidence on the water. Moreover, we need to support women who have the strength and courage to rebuild their lives through programs like **180**”, according to Aleen Colitz who was co-chair of the event for seven years. It was Aleen’s idea to take the **Ms. Race** to its next level in 2010 and make it the auspicious event it is today.

Going back to the origins of the **Ms. Race**, it was founded in the 1980s and the competition continued for several years. “In 2005, Art Olsen served as Race Committee Chair and it was his idea to revive the Ms. Race”, reminisced LuAnn Rathemacher. LuAnn was Commodore at the time and provided her support. “The enthusiasm for this event has been pretty remarkable.” Many of the women in the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club had been regularly crewing in the club’s Wednesday night race series and jumped at the opportunity to join this race.

LuAnn and her crew took first place honors in four **Ms. Race** events in those early years. How did she do it? “By staying in clear air, having good boat speed, excellent crew work and knowing where the marks are”. Good straightforward advice from a seasoned sailor who grew up on the water.

The idea of joining forces with **180 Turning Lives Around** came about in 2007. “Several of us were talking about making the Ms. Race into a fundraiser. One of my crew members, Jodi Dash, worked as an art therapist for **180**”, recalled LuAnn, “and she suggested **180**.” It’s been a true partnership ever since. “**180** has been very appreciative of our efforts, no matter how small or large our contributions.” We’ve come a long way since our inception and we’ve raised more than \$100,000 for **180** over the years according to Ms. Race Treasurer and 2014 Ms. Race champion Emily Smith. “That’s quite an achievement!”

Throughout its history, the **Ms. Race** has been contested under almost every imaginable condition, from high winds that tested the boats and crew to tranquil leisurely sails. Today, the **Ms. Race** brings in female sailors ages 7 to 70 including many young racers from the Atlantic Highlands Sailing Education Program. In fact, Brittney Slook, an AHSEP alumna, was 17 when she won the 2015 Ms. Race in a close race with Lauren Pepsny, also 17 at the time, who came in second. Eileen Campbell, 2017 Ms. Race co-chair, salutes all of these **Women on the Wind** throughout the years who make the **Ms. Race** what it is today and will be tomorrow.

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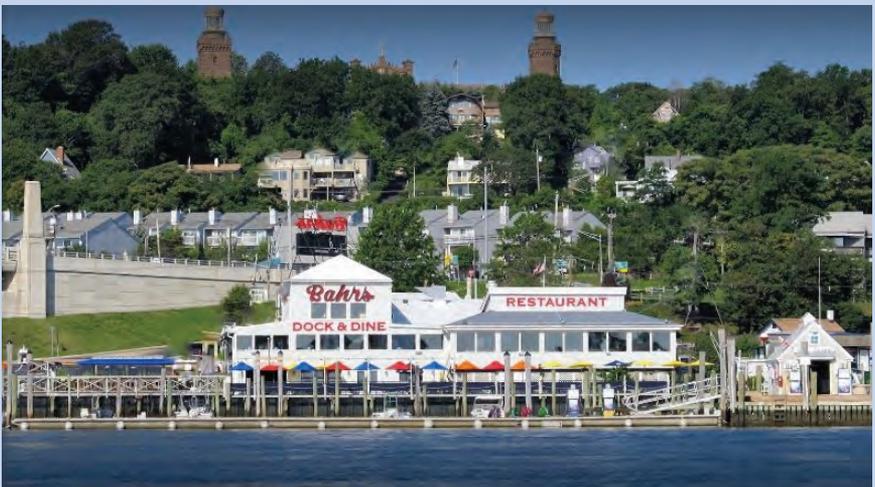


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