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A large fleet of sailboats is shown racing on a choppy blue sea. The sailboats have dark sails with various logos and numbers. The title 'WindCheck' is written in large, bold, red, italicized letters across the top of the image.

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For seventeen years, Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey has hosted one of the most inspiring regattas on the water. We have a report on this year's edition by the co-chairs of this remarkable event, Eileen Campbell and Diane Kropfl, with photos by Pete Buoy and Jeff Smith.

21 Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup

The seventh running of this international yacht club challenge saw Corinthian teams from around the world duking it out in the club's fleet of Melges IC37s. NYYC Communications Director Stu Streuli reports from Newport, and Daniel Forster shares great images

30 Dolphin Encounters From a Safe Distance

One of our best sailing memories is a 10-knot spinnaker reach along the upper arm of Cape Cod in company with a dolphin "superpod" that may have numbered in the hundreds. As dolphin populations rebound in places like Long Island Sound, Monica Pepe, Policy Manager for Conservation and Education at Whale & Dolphin Conservation USA, shares guidelines for enjoying your special experience.

32 75 Years of UK Sailmakers

Established in 1946 in City Island, New York as Charles Ulmer, Inc., UK Sailmakers is one of the oldest groups of sail lofts in the world. Through a succession of partnerships and name changes this company, built by a father and son known to many as Buster and Butch, remains firmly in the vanguard of our sport.

40 Sunfish Animals

When he penned *The Last of the Mohicans* in 1826, James Fenimore Cooper described the waters of New York's Lake George as "so limpid as to have been exclusively selected...[for] baptism." Of course, he'd never seen an outboard motor. Stas Holodnak, who enjoyed island-hopping on *Lac du Saint-Sacrement* in August with camping buddy Ilya on two *very* vintage Sunfish, says those exploring this fabled lake might glimpse a seldom seen form of wildlife.



On the cover: Daniel Forster captured this great shot at the Rolex New York Yacht Club Invitational Cup. Nineteen teams representing yacht clubs from around the globe came to Newport, Rhode Island to compete for Corinthian sailing's most prestigious trophy in NYYC's fleet of Melges IC37s.

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The 2021 Ms. Race Dares to Make Waves

By Diane Kropfl & Eileen Campbell, Ms. Race Co-Chairs

The Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club's 17th Annual Ms. Race set sail Saturday, August 21st on New Jersey's magnificent Sandy Hook Bay. The theme of this year's race was "Dare to Make Waves" and the competitive group of female racers made waves again this year as they raised money for 180 Turning Lives Around (180nj.com), a non-profit organization devoted to protecting victims of domestic abuse.

The Ms. Race event began on Friday evening with a Virtual Captain's meeting. Elaine Maher, experienced J/24 captain and past AHYC Commodore with a strong history of success in the Ms. Race including three first place wins, shared her instructive racing tips.

Captains and crew members diligently prepared for the race throughout her talk with details of the race course, pursuit start times and weather conditions including possible preparations

to cancel the race if Tropical Storm Henri made any significant movement towards the Jersey coast before Saturday's race.

On Saturday morning, a cadre of Ms. Race sailors from three local yacht clubs gathered at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht



Serenata chases Confiscated. © Pete Buoy

Club as they prepared to participate in the day's race. Captains and crews cautiously eyed the weather report for the day as Henri briefly threatened some foul weather Saturday afternoon.

Only one guest boat from Liberty Landing was not able to make the race due to the pending storm.

With the sky full of billowy clouds and winds reaching a favorable 9 knots for race day, the nine teams of women sailors made their way towards their boats at Noon. The ladies were welcomed to the launch pier for team photos and were greeted by *Latitude* crew members with traditional Bloody Mary "docktails" to kick off the race.

Out on the water, the racing teams sailed around the Start/Finish line, in the light 9 knot ESE breeze, awaiting their turn for the Pursuit Race start. The AHYC Race Committee boat selected Ms. Race Course 2, the medium length course at 6.3 nautical miles, based on the winds for the day. The Pursuit Race started at exactly 2:00 pm with *EDUAM* from Raritan Yacht Club crossing the starting line followed by the eight other sailboats in succession. Friends, families and guests gathered on specta-



The crew of Laura Oncea's Tartan 33 Confiscated are the 2021 Ms. Race champions.

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This year's Ms. Race reached a major milestone of \$180,000 raised for 180 Turning Lives Around over the event's 17-year history. © Jeff Smith

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