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Lady J's Loving 15th "Ms. Race"

(Atlantic Highlands, NJ)- Each August the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club in Atlantic Highlands N.J. host an annual charity event titled the "Ms. Race". The Ms. Race is the only "Women's Event" in the entire Sandy Hook/ Raritan Bay region and took place on August 17th. It raises money for the New Jersey based organization "180 Turning Lives Around", which assists victims and families affected by sexual and domestic abuse and violence.

For 2019, it was the 15th running of the Ms. Race and it featured a podium sweep by women J/Crews. The race is a PHRF event and features a Pursuit start to encourage participation by less experienced sailors and first timers.

As for the weather and sailing conditions, it turned out to be a great day with moderate breezes and close racing.



In the end, all positions were claimed by women J/Crews sailing various vintages from the J/Boats design team. First place went to Kim Sinatra on her J/29 SMOKIN J. Second place went to her mother- Ann Myer- on the J/105 MAGIC and claiming the bronze medal was Karen Harris on the J/120 CYGNI. Both Kim and Ann sail out of the Raritan Yacht Club in Perth Amboy New Jersey. For Ann, it was bitter sweet as she was last year's winner!

Since its inception in 2004, the Ms. Race has raised over \$150,000 for the "180" organization and has been recognized for its efforts. It continues to grow in stature every year for women of the region who race. In addition, the winner is also recognized as the NJYRA Women's Champion for the year. For 2019, it was dominated by the women's J/crews. Thanks for contribution from Bill Sabanski, AHYC Ms. Race.

Photos of the race are available *courtesy of Jeff Smith Photography* at www.jeffsmithphoto.net.