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The new Catalina 545, the 2020 Boat of the Year, sails on Chesapeake Bay. Photo by Billy Black

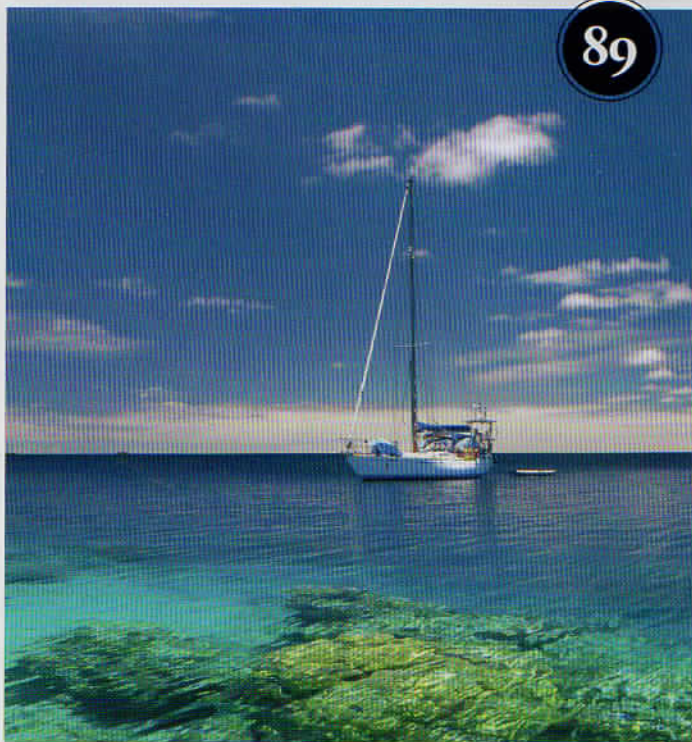
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