



David Minges of Towson, MD is the proud new owner of a beautiful Adirondack Guideboat donated by Gene Vialle of Louisburg, Kansas. Thank you Dave and Gene for your support of Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating!

August Newsletter

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends

Recent Events

The CRAB office has been working "all ahead full" on our biggest "fun & fund raiser" of the year, the Boatyard Bar & Grill Regatta. Scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at the Eastport Yacht Club, it's the family friendly party of the year! Party tickets are only \$10 if purchased in advance (\$15 at the door), and registration to sail in the regatta ends at noon on August 17th. Thanks to all of our many sponsors for making it a success. For more information see below.

CRAB also is hosting regularly scheduled Group Sails throughout the week. Recently, Maryland School for the Blind, Muscular Dystrophy Teen Support Group, Opportunity Builders Inc, and others have come out to Sandy Point State Park to enjoy some time on the Bay sailing with CRAB.



The 2016 Sponsors of the BB&G Regatta benefiting CRAB.



Art Savage with VADM Phil Cullom and his winning crew at the 2016 Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta.



Kevin Detwiler and Sara Aiken share a special moment at the 2016 BB&G Regatta party.

Up Close & Personal with a Star Volunteer

Name: Art Savage

How many years with CRAB: 15+ as a Volunteer Skipper and 5 years as a Board Member. Current leader in volunteer hours donated this year.

How did you find out about CRAB?

Don Backe (CRAB Founder) recruited me at the Annapolis Sailboat Show. Over the years, I grew to honor and cherish our relationship, and what he taught me about the needs and dreams of people with disabilities.

Which event is your favorite? My favorite events are the SailFree Sundays and the Spinal Cord Injury Sailing Clinics. I have

Make Plans to Attend Now!

The 11th Annual **Boatyard Bar & Grill Regatta** and Party benefiting CRAB is **August 19th** and it will be host to 500 of CRAB's favorite friends! This is CRAB's biggest "fun & fund raiser" of the year and biggest party! After an exciting regatta, come hang out with good friends, and enjoy delicious BB&G grilled food and refreshing Mount Gay & Heineken. The band Misspent Youth will get everyone up and dancing into the night.

Be sure to buy a raffle ticket for a Wine & Cheese cruise in Annapolis sponsored by Hinckley Yachts; a Bombard 10' inflatable, and a week at a vacation home with swimming pool in Orlando.

been fortunate to help them achieve more than they ever though possible, whether handling the tiller or enjoying the breeze and sunshine on the Chesapeake Bay.

Do you have a favorite memory?

My favorite memory is having a young man on board who was nearly totally blind. He boarded the CRAB boat and readied himself for a "sailboat ride." That is until we were out in the Bay and I gently put his hand on the boat's tiller, under mine. I encouraged him to "feel the wind on each side of his face" and to tell me which way the wind was coming. After a few prompts in how to move the tiller to change course, and what "tacking" meant, I slowly removed my hand from the tiller. When he realized he was steering the boat he turned to me with a huge smile and confident look and realized he was actually sailing the boat. I said to myself..."he's got it."

What have you learned from CRAB?

I've come away from my years as a CRAB Volunteer with a deep appreciation and understanding of what it means to service those with physical and learning disabilities and to provide them with the encouragement to enjoy and take part in a part of life that most of us take for granted.

Dick Franyo and Mary Ewenson will lead the entertaining Regatta Awards Ceremony. Plus the Top 5 fundraisers in the Skipper's Challenge will be recognized and receive their gifts. In addition, North Sails will be awarded engraved glasses to the fleet with the most boats in the regatta.

For more information or to buy party tickets go to the [Event Page](#)

[Register to race here!](#)

Join our online fundraising race [2017 Skippers Challenge here!](#)

Any team raising \$500 or more will receive 4 complimentary party tickets!

Don't want to race?

Join the Party!

Held from 4-8 pm at Eastport Yacht Club

[Buy Party Tickets Here](#)

Upcoming Events

All CRAB events are on the CRAB website calendar, [found here](#)

August 19th - Boatyard Bar & Grill Regatta benefiting CRAB at Eastport Yacht Club

August 27th - SailFree Sunday at Sandy Point State Park

September 17th - SailFree Sunday at Sandy Point State Park

September 23rd - Fall Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta

CRAB's Top 10 Volunteers

CRAB's ability to fulfill its mission is directly linked to the tremendous support and participation of our volunteer Skippers & Crew. Below are the Top 10 in volunteer hours half-way through 2017. Don't be left out...make the list before the year ends. All persons donating more than 20 hours of their time will be provided free entry to the fabulous CRAB Holiday Party on December 7th at the Annapolis Maritime Museum!

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| Art Savage | 88 Hours |
| Pete Nelson | 56.5 Hours |
| Phil Ourisson | 52 Hours |
| Carol Lazzaro | 43.5 Hours |
| Liz Bollinger | 38 Hours |
| Scott Gitchell | 37.5 Hours |
| Dave Enos | 36 Hours |

Maude Laurance
Greg Flanigan
Dan Pendergast

34.5 Hours
33 Hours
30.5 Hours



Guests

You can register for events on our event pages. This will allow CRAB to contact you if the event has to be cancelled due to weather. [Learn more.](#)



Donate to CRAB

Right now we are in the middle of our Mid-Year Appeal. If you would like to support CRAB and bring more events to people with disabilities, please click here [Learn more.](#)



Volunteers

Verified volunteer? Check out the Signup Genius page for all the upcoming volunteer opportunities. [Learn more.](#)

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Challenge!

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