



Adding Quality to Life One Sail at a Time



**Celebrating at CRAB's Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party
(L-R) Cynthia Taft, Tammy Reed, Jenna Smith and Julie Mussog**

December Newsletter

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Annual Summary & Recent Events

2017 has been a banner year for CRAB, thanks to our generous volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. Through a partnership with Annapolis Yacht Sales and Beneteau USA, CRAB was able to completely upgrade its aging fleet of Freedom 20's with six new Beneteau First 22A's (A for adaptive) sailboats. The beloved Freedoms will continue to be sailed at the Downtown Sailing Center in Baltimore as part of their adaptive and youth sailing programs.

The Boatyard Bar & Grill Regatta benefiting CRAB raised a record amount of funds - enough to pay for one of the new First 22A's. The huge crowd of 630 people definitely found the party to be one of the best in Annapolis this year. Thanks to Brian Jamieson for leading the Paddle Raise and Brad LaTour driving the Skipper's Challenge to record levels of participation and donations.

A total of 85 CRAB volunteers (49 new in 2017) donated 1,933 hours this season! CRAB held 51 events and participated in 3 boat shows. Close to 800 guests came out to sail with CRAB this year. In 2017, CRAB hosted 4 regattas, 4 sailing camps/clinics, 7 SailFree Sundays with the October event attracting 75 guests (another record), and hosted 17 groups representing persons with disabilities. Thanks to our volunteer Skippers and Crew we didn't have to cancel a single event. Sarah Winchester did an incredible job booking and managing the Group Sail Program and initiating the Patron Program to support the sails.

It was a busy year, but we are looking forward to breaking the 1,000 guest mark in 2018 with our new fleet of sailboats and possibly a pontoon boat for fishing.

Enjoy a few pictures from the CRAB Holiday & Volunteer Appreciation Party held on December 7th at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Many more pictures can be found on the CRAB website and Facebook page. It was a great party and it truly felt like one, big, happy family getting together to celebrate CRAB's season to remember!

Now that our boats are safely on land and shrink-wrapped for winter, we can take a breath and express our sincere appreciation to a hard working and dedicated Board of Directors, some of the finest and most professional Skippers and Crew on the Bay, and to our special guests who truly feel appreciated every time they go sailing with CRAB. We have much to be thankful for at CRAB, including a season of lasting memories. Thank you for your generous support!

Warmest Regards and Best Wishes,
Paul "Bo" Bollinger
Executive Director

P.S. If you have not received CRAB's Annual Appeal letter, you can find it on the homepage at www.crabsailing.org.



CRAB President Brad LaTour and his charming family - wife Susan, Cate, Emily, Anna and Mia enjoying a full evening of festivities at the Holiday Party.



CRAB Volunteer Skipper Scott Gitchell and his girlfriend Caroline Oakes who were introduced at a CRAB sailing event.



CRAB guest sailor Tony Caparella and Henry Lazzaro (spouse of CRAB Skipper Carol Lazzaro).



Volunteer Skipper of the Year

Art Savage

**119 Hours
30 Events**



Volunteer Crew of the Year

Maude Laurence

**89.5 Hours
17 Events**

Skippers Save the Date!

Skipper Refresher Day

April 13th-14th

Come out to get a quick refresher on the new F22A's as we begin the 2018 season.

Pick one day, approximately one hour session.

Participation strongly encouraged. Crew welcome to attend.



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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