



Lance Hinrichs, the 2017 BB&G Regatta Honoree with his game face on. His all-star crew consisted of (L-R) CRAB President Brad LaTour, Emily LaTour, Damon Werwie, and Claire Werwie

September Newsletter

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends

Recent Events

The *Boatyard Bar & Grill Regatta to Benefit CRAB* was the most successful regatta in history with 78 boats in the pursuit race with over 310 crew participating. Following the race, more than 600 of CRAB's friends and supporters gathered for a great party with dance music by *Misspent Youth* at the Eastport Yacht Club.

The Skipper's Challenge and Paddle Raise this year generated record donations. CRAB will be purchasing a new Beneteau First 22A (A for adaptive) sailboat with the proceeds and the remainder will go to support program operations.

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 2017 Sponsors of the BB&G Regatta Benefiting CRAB.

CRAB's New Beneteau First 22A's Introducing the new fleet



On September 14, 2017 CRAB took possession of the final two Beneteau First 22A's from Annapolis Yacht Sales and Beneteau USA. The boats were built in Marion, South Carolina and feature sporty stars & stripes graphics. Each of the boats in outfitted with a brand new propane powered LEHR 5hp motor. Next month we will discuss all of the modifications that have been made to the boats at CRAB's request to make them more adaptive and easier to sail single-handed. See CRAB's new boat at the US Sailboat Show, October 5-9 at

the Annapolis Sailboat Show.



Kevin Detwiler with Mark Chapin and guest won the CRAB Class trophy.

[Up Close & Personal with a Star Guest](#)

Name: Kevin Detwiler

What is your disability: My disability is a TBI caused by a car/bike accident.

How many years with CRAB: I found CRAB in 2001 and have been sailing ever since.

How did you find out about CRAB?
I found out about CRAB when attending a leadership conference where the CRAB founder Don Backe was giving a presentation.

Which events do you participate in? I participate in the monthly SailFrees where I casually sail for an hour or so. I enjoy the big Regattas and CRAB Cup where all the big sailboats race alongside our boats. I attend one or two boat shows where I tell people about the CRAB boats that we sail on.

Do you have a favorite memory?
My favorite memory while sailing with CRAB is when I'm on the boat and the sails are full and the boat is heeling. Other favorite memories are when I beat Don Backe and Lance Hinrichs in a race.

What is your favorite part of participating with CRAB? My favorite part of participating with CRAB is the camaraderie of enjoying a sport with other individuals.

What have you learned from CRAB?
I learned how to sail while being a member of CRAB. It has given me freedom. It has allowed me to socialize with people. It has given me the opportunity to sail.



Jonathan, Emma and Grace Adams won't be taking any boarders.

[Upcoming Events](#)

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

Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta September 23rd

[Register Here.](#)

Check out the video from last time, [Click Here](#)

Sailing Clinic September 28-29th

Sailing Clinic for those with Spinal Cord Injuries.

[Register Here](#)

Annapolis Sail Boat Show October 5-9

CRAB will have a booth and boat at the Annapolis Boat Show, come out and say hi!

SailFree Sunday October 22nd

Sandy Point State Park.

[Register Here](#)

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 with 5 weeks left in the season. The average number of hours served by volunteers is 17 and the median number is 11 hours. All persons donating more than 25 hours of their time will be provided free entry to the fabulous CRAB Holiday & Volunteer Appreciation Party on December 7th at the Annapolis Maritime Museum!

Art Savage	91 Hours
Pete Nelson	68.5 Hours
Maude Laurence	67.5 Hours
Carol Lazzaro	60 Hours
Phil Ourisson	56 Hours
Dan Pendergast	53.5 Hours
Dave Enos	43 Hours
Matt Schaaf	41.5 Hours
Scott Gitchell	40 Hours
Liz Bollinger	38.5 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.

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