



Adding Quality to Life One Sail at a Time



Volunteers with over 25 hours accepting their CRAB canvas sailing bags.

January Newsletter

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Recent & Upcoming Events

As 2018 slips into our wake and we look to the horizon for a sunny and breezy 2019 it is well worth providing a few highlights from the past year. Record rainfall in Annapolis put a "damper" on our program schedule, with 13 events being cancelled. However, 750 guests sailed with CRAB in 2018, with 65% having a disability or disadvantaged. The remaining 35% were family members, friends, or caregivers who also benefited from the sailing experience.

In November, CRAB participated for the first time in the annual Annapolis vs Eastport Tug-of-War (the longest tug-of-war over the water in the world). It was a very windy and cold day making it challenging to keep brochures and pictures on the display table! Perhaps a CRAB tug-of-war team is in our future to pull against another non-profit from Annapolis?

We ended the year on a "high" with the Annual Holiday and Volunteer

Appreciation Party at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. It was such a fun party, even Santa and one of his elves dropped by for the festivities. Many thanks to our friends Dan & Glenn at Eastport Liquors for donating the refreshments and to Ken Tom for taking the wonderful pictures. View the entire album on the [CRAB website](#).

CRAB has big plans for 2019 and we hope you will want to get involved. First and foremost is the acquisition of an Adaptive Boating Center in Annapolis. The ability for CRAB to exponentially expand its boating fleet and programs from this facility cannot be overstated. If you would like to use your connections in the State, County or City to assist CRAB in making this goal a reality, please feel free to contact the CRAB Office. It will take more than a village to make it a reality!

Our next milestone in 2019 will be to take 1,000 guests sailing from 25 different organizations representing people with disabilities. The season will start with the first Family Sail Sunday on April 28th at Sandy Point State Park. But, before we get on the water with guests, CRAB will be hosting a couple of re-familiarization sailing days for volunteer skippers and crew. Stay tuned for this opportunity to knock off the rust and get back on a Beneteau First 22A.

Happy New Year from the CRAB Board of Directors and Staff!



Jackie MacMannis of TowerCares presents CRAB Executive Director Bo Bollinger with a very nice end of year grant for a Veterans Sailing Clinic in 2019.



Rendering of the CRAB Annapolis Adaptive Boating Center

Adaptive Boating Center

Location: Annapolis, MD on Back Creek

Acquisition Fund Source: Maryland Program Open Space fund (POS) which come from the .5% tax on the sale of property in Maryland. Funds distributed by the Maryland Department of National Resources to Anne Arundel County Parks & Recreation, which provides a share to the City of Annapolis for acquisition of property. Development funds from Governor's Capital Improvement Budget and a Bond Bill sponsored by Senator Sarah Elfreth and Delegate Alice Cain for capital and ADA improvements to the property. State Waterway Improvement Funds for the floating dock.

Next Steps: The property will have two appraisals performed by the AACO Public Works Department and the owners will need to agree to the price offered by the county.

Following Steps: Improvements to the buildings, site work, and the docks will require numerous approvals and permitting. An engineer and architect will be contracted for improvements.

The current fixed-dock will be replaced with floating docks.

CRAB's office will move to this site and a classroom will be built for sailing instruction.

The grounds will be improved and tables placed for greater social interaction among guests, family members, and volunteers.

Docks for a wider range of boats will be designed into the ABC.

Grand Opening: Spring of 2020.

Annual Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party



Volunteer Skipper of the Year Ange Brock with her brother David pose for a holiday pic



CRAB President Brad LaTour - 2nd from right - joins Phil Ourisson, Pete Nelson, David Enos and Sara Doolittle share some sailing stories



Santa Claus aka Pat Lewsen joins Tom and Mary Ostrye for some holiday cheer



Santa's Helper and Santa greet all of the guests



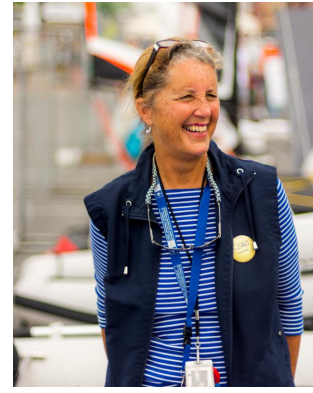
Guests

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.](#)



Supporting CRAB

If you would like to support CRAB financially or make a boat donation in support of our mission and programs please click here [Learn more.](#)



Volunteers

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