



*Bringing Quality to Life One Sail at a Time*



CRAB volunteers ready to learn the ropes.

## April Newsletter

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends & Supporters

### Recent & Upcoming Events

April and osprey's have finally arrived on Chesapeake Bay and it signals the official start of the CRAB sailing season. The shrink-wrapped fleet was commissioned in early April by a hearty group of hard working volunteers. Skippers & Crew motor-sailed the fleet to CRAB's homeport of Sandy Point State Park later that week.

Seventy-five volunteers made it to refresher and on-boarding training hosted by CRAB's Staff and Fleet Directors Dan Flagler, Tom Spitzer, George Pappas, and Chris Munson. It was great to finally be at the dock on our boats after almost six months of office work. Volunteers were split into groups of new Skippers, veteran Skippers, and Crew. Training involved practical application of the Sailing Operation Manuals; instruction on the motors; docking; boarding guests; seat belts and transfer box use; you name it and every process was covered!

The first sailing event, Family Sail Sunday, is scheduled for April 28th. If you are a

guest, you can register [HERE](#). CRAB also will be exhibiting at the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show this weekend. So, if you are planning to attend the show, come by the CRAB booth, say hello and buy a raffle ticket. Look for the CRAB Beneteau First 22A on a trailer in the Susan B. Campbell Park area.

The CRAB Adaptive Boating Center received \$1,000,000 in the state 2019/20 Capital Improvement Program budget and Anne Arundel County has budgeted close to \$1,500,000 of Program Open Space funding for the acquisition of the marina. The City of Annapolis currently has budgeted \$250,000 of POS funds for the purchase. CRAB is currently working with an architect, construction management firms, and dock builders to get cost estimates for the design and construction of the premier Adaptive Boating Center in the country. We appreciate everyone's support and very much look forward to providing additional news on funding and the CRAB Capital Campaign in the next month.

Have you been following Crabbie on Instagram? He has been very busy showing everyone the inside scoop on current happenings at CRAB. If you don't yet follow CRAB on Instagram, [follow us today!](#)



## Upcoming Events

**4/25 - Triple Crown of Charity  
Sailing Happy Hour Kick Off -  
Annapolis Market House, 6-7:30**

**4/26-28 - Spring Sailboat Show**

**4/28 - Family Sail Sunday at  
Sandy Point State Park**

**5/2-5/3 - Veterans Clinic**

**5/7 - Off the Dock Volunteer  
Happy Hour**

## New Fleet Director Chris Munson

**How long have you been with CRAB?**

I started in the summer of 2018.

**How did you find out about CRAB?**

I first read about CRAB in a Boat US publication many years ago. I finally just showed up.

**In what capacity do you work with CRAB?**

I am a Skipper and Fleet Director.

**What is your favorite event?**

I love working with veterans.

**What is your favorite memory?**

I had a wounded warrior come aboard, showed him how to steer, then we were blessed with a nice breeze and he took control. I think he got his life back in that



Dave Enos, Sarah Doolittle, and Pete Nelson at the Off the Dock Happy Hour for CRAB Volunteers. Next one May 7th.

moment.

### What have you learned working with CRAB?

So far, it's what you make of it. The more you put in, the more you get back in happiness.

### Anything else you would like to say?

Some of the best, most sincere, and dedicated people I've met are with CRAB.

## Volunteer Training



Every volunteer was checked out on the seat belts to ensure guest safety and comfort.



Crabbie shows new Skippers how to use the transfer box.



CRAB Fleet Director, Chris Munson, teaches the role and responsibilities of crewing.



Dan Flagler, Fleet director, instructs Crew on how to work with CRAB guests.

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### **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.](#)



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