



Adaptive Boating Center Newsletter



The Lawrence B. Taishoff Building is taking shape!

A New Home For CRAB

Progress Report for CRAB ABC

The structural steel and light gauge framing has been completed at the CRAB Adaptive Boating Center, Boathouse, and Pavilion. The base roof is on most structures, and the interior framing is nearing completion. Walking into the

buildings, you get a good sense of the space and how it will serve our staff and guests in the near future. The HVAC system is being installed along with the sprinkler system in the ABC. All the furnishings and millwork have been ordered, with some items already being delivered, with the remainder in the next month or so. We expect BGE to complete the new electrical hook-up next month. The large windows on the front of the ABC should arrive in two weeks, just in time to block the North winds blowing across Back Creek. Looking ahead, the exterior will be a board and batten in a "Mist" light grey with dark window frames.

The CRAB ABC will be a striking and distinctive modern building overlooking the marina for all to see from the creek.

The Sun's Over the Yardarm



The **Ian C. Palmer Yardarm** is a beacon of accessibility overlooking the Arthur & Patricia Edward's Family Marina on Back Creek. Signaling to anyone with a disability, recovering warriors, and youth from underserved communities that they have a home at the ABC.

In life, Ian Palmer set out to make a difference for people and the planet. Ian co-founded and served as CEO of New Energy Equity while volunteering on CRAB's Board of Directors until 2017. As CRAB's Treasurer, he was a key leader in the strategic planning and the financial policies that made it possible to acquire its fleet of Beneteau First 22As.

ABC Partner For Good!



The Watkins Partnership has been providing commercial structural engineering services for more than 40 years and has generously donated its expertise to the Adaptive Boating Center construction project. President and CEO Steve Watkins is no stranger to the challenges many families face when advocating for people with disabilities. Steve and his wife MaryAnn serve as Director of Acquisitions on the Board of Directors of the Fighting for Kaiden Foundation. In this role, Steve works to expand research for people suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), like his young grandson Kaiden. Steve said, "MaryAnne and I are extremely grateful for all the CRAB does to support people with disabilities. We feel extremely fortunate to be a part of

this project and want to help ensure that other families fighting SMA are able to enjoy sailing with CRAB at the new Adaptive Boating Center.”

Paul "Bo" Bollinger, Executive Director of CRAB said, “CRAB is so grateful for the support we have received from The Watkins Partnership. Steve is a respected leader in the engineering community and his firm's generous support of the CRAB ABC will be remembered for a very long time. We are very grateful.”

ABC Capital Campaign Update



The campaign for the Adaptive Boating Center is still going strong. CRAB is very fortunate to have so many generous donors supporting the premier facility in the country for people with disabilities. However, our work is not done. CRAB continues to face increasing construction costs and extended delivery times. Your support continues to be essential to completing the Adaptive Boating Center.

Thank you to the donors who have contributed to the campaign and raised \$2,989,086 in gifts and pledges. CRAB hopes to reach the \$3.25M mark to support construction leading to the grand opening in Spring 2023.

Donor Spotlight: Beth Rossman

During the 2020 pandemic, Beth Rossman of Arlington, VA, was searching for a way to help people in the community. Knowing vulnerable populations would be hardest hit, she wanted to help restore smiles to people's faces. That's when her friend, long-time aviation colleague, and CRAB Executive Director Paul (Bo) Bollinger told her



about CRAB. Beth jumped at the chance and quickly started volunteering at CRAB events and sails. "I fell in love with our mission and the guests and caregivers we serve. I can see in their faces that we are doing something very meaningful for them."

Beth's work on the Strategic Planning Committee earned her an invitation to serve on the CRAB Board. She was elected in 2022 to serve as CRAB Board Treasurer. Beth also is familiar presence at sailing events for guests, caregivers, volunteers, and staff. Beth also is very generous with her financial support. On October 5, 2022, Beth pledged \$100,000

in a single gift to support an original mural to be featured in the Lawrence B. Taishoff Building at the Adaptive Boating Center. "I am thrilled to support the Adaptive Boating Center project, and having this beautiful mural in the building to amaze and bring joy to guests for generations to come."

The 55- foot mural depicting "A Day with CRAB" features scenes of CRAB boats sailing in the morning, afternoon, and dusk on the Chesapeake Bay. It was designed by local artist Cindy-Fletcher Holden, who has painted murals at numerous locations in Annapolis. "I hope this special touch reminds everyone who enters the Adaptive Boating Center of the therapeutic value of sailing on the Chesapeake Bay," said CRAB Executive Director Bo Bollinger.

"Beth's previous contributions and her pledge to make the inaugural Endowment Fund gift next year puts Beth in a league of her own at CRAB," said David Hankey, President of the Board of Directors. "CRAB is grateful for Beth and her dedication to our mission, and because of her support, CRAB guests will be able to enjoy therapeutic boating programs in a beautiful environment for many years to come."

For more information about how you can support CRAB and the Adaptive Boating Center, please get in touch with CRAB Director of Development Debbie Daugherty at debbie@crabsailing.org.

ABC Schedule 2022-2023

May 16 - Construction Started

June 8 - Ground Breaking
Ceremony



February - City Occupancy Permit

February 28 - Planned Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony

Opening - Spring 2023!



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