



Changing Lives One Sail at a Time



The CRAB Fleet is lining up for its best year yet!

A Message From CRAB Board President, Jim Nolan



CRAB Board President Jim Nolan and his wife, Nancy

I am honored to assume the position of President of CRAB – the best adaptive boating organization in the country!

My sincere thanks to my predecessor, David Hankey, for a job well done over the past two years and to CRAB's outstanding Board, Executive Director – Bo Bollinger, and staff for their exemplary service. Thanks also to our many generous corporate and individual donors and sponsors.

Our goals for 2023 are to complete and occupy our new Adaptive Boating Center and move CRAB forward into its next phase with an emphasis on new and enhanced programs, events, and fundraising initiatives while being guided by CRAB's important mission.

We look forward to continuing CRAB's work of enabling people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from disadvantaged communities to have their lives enriched by learning to sail and boat on our beautiful Chesapeake Bay.

Vote for CRAB Cup - Best of Annapolis!

The CRAB Cup has been voted Best Nonprofit Fundraiser in 2021 & 2022. Let's keep it going! In 2022, the CRAB Cup hosted 108 vessels, 103 in the pursuit sailing regatta and 5 in the Poker Pursuit and more than 500 friends came out to celebrate at the shore party.

This year's race and party will be held **Saturday, August 19**. Misspent Youth, Maryland's best cover band, has already signed on to entertain us and the fabulous members of the Eastport Yacht Club have once again agreed to be our generous hosts.

[Vote Now!](#)



Welcome Shannon Rohrer

Introducing Shannon Rohrer, CRAB's new Program Manager. Shannon is ready and excited to assume responsibility for all communication, scheduling, and management of CRAB's boating and education events. She will also take charge of scheduling organizations and families; and overall management

of rental events at the new Adaptive Boating Center. Guests, volunteers, Fleet Directors, and friends will soon become acquainted with Shannon in the 2023 boating season!

Shannon comes to CRAB with twenty-nine years of hospitality experience. Her career began at Annapolis's Ram's Head Tavern and Tsunami restaurants. From there, Shannon relocated to Charleston, South Carolina, in 2002, where she continued in the Hospitality Industry and obtained an education in Culinary Arts. In 2017, she shifted her focus to management and accepted a position at the Seabrook Island Resort Club and Kiawah Island Club.

After many years in South Carolina, Shannon returned to Annapolis and became a member of the Club Management Association of America (CMAA) and assumed a position at Annapolis Yacht Club, where she continued to exceed expectations.

As a native of Kent Island, her love of Chesapeake Bay comes naturally to Shannon. She and her husband, Chris, an experienced sailor, and past CRAB volunteer, have established their home only blocks from the Adaptive Boating Center. They expect many joyful and fulfilling days on the water. "I am excited to be a part of the CRAB team. Life on the water has always brought me joy, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to share that experience with our guests and volunteers at the new Adaptive Boating Center," said Shannon.

Shannon has a passion for golf, loves water sports, and excels in customer service.



Shake-a-Leg Welcomes CRAB Executive Director



Shake A Leg Miami Founder Harry Horgan and CRAB Executive Director Paul "Bo" Bollinger share a thumbs up during a site visit.

CRAB Executive Director Paul (Bo) Bollinger visited with Harry Horgan, founder of Shake A Leg Miami, during the Christmas holidays. Shake A Leg is one of the oldest and largest adaptive sailing programs in the country. Harry provided the history of Shake A Leg from its founding and a tour of its extensive base of operations, formerly a USCG Station that housed the amphibious aircraft fleet in a large hangar. There were many similarities in the growth, politics, and challenges experienced by our respective organizations.

Shake A Leg's location on Biscayne Bay makes for idyllic sailing. On the day of the tour, they hosted 400 sailors for the Orange Bowl of Sailing! Shake A Leg also serves as a community sailing operation with over 12,000 guests sailing each year.

Interested in Becoming a Volunteer?



CRAB depends on Volunteers to help deliver its programs. If you are interested in serving as a CRAB volunteer this season, please complete the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) by clicking the button above.

All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering for CRAB (renewable every two years). To get the process started, please contact [Shannon Rohrer](#). Volunteers must be 18 years or older.

CRAB is seeking volunteers in the following areas:

Skipper - Skippers work directly with CRAB Fleet Directors to ensure every guest they sail with has a safe and joyful experience. CRAB Skippers take guests sailing on our fleet of Beneteau 22A's. Skippers should have substantial sailing experience and will be required to complete the Skipper Training Program before taking the helm with guests.

Crew - CRAB Crew volunteers assist the Skipper when taking guests sailing and racing in regattas. Tasks include assisting guests to safely board and disembark, handling the sails, and any other assistance a skipper may need to ensure guest comfort while on the water.

Guest Liaison - CRAB Guest Liaisons provide guests with assistance with their personal floatation devices and ensure each guest is prepared with the necessary water and sunscreen for an enjoyable sail. Liaisons also help guests with waivers and any special requests they may have before sailing.



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