



Changing lives One Sail at a Time



Christine Lasser, Executive Director of Hospice Cup, and Paul Bollinger, Executive Director of CRAB present the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy to John Heintz (Harbor 20 Endurance) with trophy sponsor Weems and Plath Vice President, Drew Fleming

Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy Awarded to John Heintz

The competition in 2022 was familiar and incredibly tight at the Leukemia Cup, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup races. The all-too-familiar names at the top of the leaderboard were John Heintz on *Endurance*, Dan Flagler on *Flagfest*, and Warren Richter/Tracy Golde (soon to be married) on *Committed*. All were very competitive sailors with no finish lower than 3rd place!

However, what makes the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing unique is the finish on the race course is added to the ranking of the amount of funds raised for each individual race. The three scores are added together to determine the top finishers. At the conclusion of the very competitive race scoring, Dan Flagler held a one-point lead over John Heintz. After scoring the fundraising, John gained back a point to create a tie for the top position. Using the arcane tie-breaking method, adding up the total dollars raised for the three local charities, John came out on top with over \$38,000 in donations. Dan graciously accepted his second-place trophy while proudly acknowledging that only John and Dan had their names twice on the beautiful Triple Crown trophy. Coming in

third place for the second year were Warren and Tracy.

The friendly group of sailors who attended the Triple Crown reception at The Market House on November 4th had a wonderful time sharing stories and talking with trophy sponsors Weems & Plath representatives about Christmas lists. Make your plans now for sailing and raising funds for the Leukemia Cup (June), CRAB Cup (August), and Hospice Cup (September) in 2023.



Tracy Golde, John Heintz and Dan Flagler proudly display their take-home awards from Weems & Plath



Team Flagfest takes advantage of the opportunity to mug along with the beautiful Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy



Paul Bollinger and Drew Fleming present Warren Richter and Tracy Golde with their 3rd Place Award



Paul Bollinger, Christine Lasser and Drew Fleming present Dan Flagler with his 2nd Place Award

Adaptive Boating Center Update



The Lawrence B. Taishoff building has a roof and the soffits are being installed



A new roof on the ABC for New Energy Equity solar panels



A view of the Captain Jeremy Hopkins Boathouse (sans windows)

Construction work on the ABC will see the raised seam metal roofs completed on buildings. The windows and doors will be installed by the end of the month making the buildings secure from the weather. This will allow for the mist-grey Hardie-plank, board and batten siding to be installed over the layers of insulation. The 61 solar panels will be installed by New Energy Equity on the ABC roof. Notice it has a perfect 15 degree angle sloping South for maximum solar value. The interior finishes will start as soon as the buildings are enclosed. This means that December will be a very busy month for the ABC construction crews. Stay tuned for future updates on construction progress.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Lance Hinrichs, CRAB Past President

A true stalwart, leader, and competitive sailor for CRAB has crossed the bar to a place of beautiful and peaceful sailing. Lance passed away on



November 14th after a brief illness with his family by his side.

At CRAB, Lance was best known for his wonderful sense of humor, very competitive nature on the race course, numerous victories in the Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta, and a deep love for CRAB and what it meant for him and other people with disabilities.

Lance served on the CRAB Board for many years and as President during the transition from founder Don Backe's retirement in 2012 to the Search Committee Chair responsible for hiring Paul Bollinger as Executive Director in 2016.

Lance will be greatly missed by his many friends at CRAB and the Annapolis sailing scene where he left his mark on many able-bodied and disabled sailors.

Annual Appeal *Your Support Matters*



After 31 years of sailing from Sandy Point State Park, CRAB's fleet left the park for the final time. The fleet was motored (due to no wind) to Whitehall Marina for winter storage on October 25th. This was a momentous occasion for several reasons, but most important being that in April 2023, guests will arrive at the premier adaptive boating center in the country. CRAB's new home for the next 40 years!

Mike Flanagan, CEO of Weems & Plath presents their boat show Tent Sale donation check for \$1,000 to CRAB Executive Director Paul Bollinger

In 2022, CRAB hosted 1,233 guests-65% with a disability in our adaptive sailing programs. We partnered with 23 community organizations, and 151 volunteer skippers, crew, and support staff provided 3,840 hours of service to make it another year for the record books at CRAB.

Now more than ever, we need your support to keep CRAB's programs free of charge to all guests in 2023. Operational and maintenance expenses will increase with the new programs and fleet offerings, in addition to year-round use of the facility. **We need your help to ensure we can continue to provide our guests with meaningful therapeutic experiences at no cost.**

Please **consider making a gift** in support of CRAB's programs and facilities today.

**Donate
Today**



Together We Can Do Amazing Things



In 2022 CRAB partnered
with 23 community support
organizations



151 Volunteer skippers, and crew
supported CRAB programs



CRAB hosted 1,233 guests
for 71 Sailing events



Our dedicated volunteers provided
more than 3,840 hours of service

Your support makes it all possible. Gifts of all sizes make a profound impact for people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from underserved communities. As we continue to strive to increase accessibility we depend on the widespread support of the community, and we thank our many loyal donors.



Happy Holidays!



Holiday & Volunteer Appreciation Party

Please join us on December 7, 2022
Where: The Annapolis Maritime Museum
723 Second Street
Annapolis, MD 21403

When: 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Reception 6:00 - 7:00
Dinner 7:00-7:45
Awards 8:00

Tickets - \$25

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Happy Birthday!

CRAB relies on its wonderful volunteer skippers and crew and we are grateful to everyone who donates their time and expertise. A big Happy Birthday to our volunteers launched in **November:**

Angela Brock
Dennis Dame

Bonnie Evans
Joe Harthcock
Angela Jordan
Jamie Kiley
Michael Manuzak
Ed Morgan
Ruth Anna Skowronski



*Please send [Matt](#) your birthdate so we can include you in our newsletter!

Are you interested in becoming a CRAB Volunteer? CRAB relies on its dedicated team of more than 150 volunteers to support its sailing programs. With the move to the new Adaptive Boating Center in 2023, we will increase our reach and services for even more people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from underserved communities. We are looking for dependable, energetic, and compassionate team members to help with everything from staff support, crew, and skippers.

Volunteer



Guests

Want to Sail with CRAB?
View our calendar of
events [HERE](#)



Supporting CRAB

There are many ways
you can support CRAB.
Check out the list [HERE](#)



Volunteer

Would you like to help
out at CRAB events or
sail with guests? Read
more [HERE](#)

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