



Changing lives One Sail at a Time



The CRAB fleet arrives at the new Edwards Family Marina at the Adaptive Boating Center

November Newsletter

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends & Supporters

As we approach the "off-season" at CRAB, there are still a lot of events happening before the end of the year. The last Family Sail Sunday was held on October 24th which saw 24 families have a "fantastic" day on the water. It was bittersweet for our guests who were so happy to be sailing, but sad for the season to close.

Our volunteers got to enjoy the final sail of the year bringing the fleet from Sandy Point State Park to the new Arthur & Patricia Edwards Family Marina at the ABC. Only a few days after arriving at the marina, a major storm and near record high tide put the docks to the test. There were 3.5' seas rolling into Back Creek. We are pleased to report the docks were stable and held up to the storm surge. Once the weather cleared, the fleet was moved to Annapolis Sailing School to be hauled out for the winter. Thanks to Rick Nelson and his team for all of their work hauling and positioning the boats on jack stands. The bottoms

were cleaned and the canvas covers placed on the fleet to protect them throughout the winter. Our covers will result in over 1,800 sq. ft of shrink wrap not going to the dump in the Spring. One more way CRAB continues to lead the way on being green and good for the environment.

The 4th annual Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, 11/12 at the Annapolis Market House. Newcomer John Dodge took first place with 2018 winner John Heintz taking second. For the full story [click here](#).

The volunteer "Sneak Peek" event at the ABC on Sunday, November 14th was a smashing success with nearly 60 people attending. Everyone enjoyed the libations and food while checking out the new Adaptive Boating Center grounds and floating docks. As a bonus, the City of Annapolis filmed a group of CRAB volunteers for a "12 Days of Annapolis" video to launch at Midnight Madness. So be on the look out for our wonderful volunteers in Santa hats singing this part of the carol...and having fun while doing it. Kudos to Steve Ritterbush for claiming the title as the first guest in a wheelchair to grace the dock.

The Volunteer Appreciation and Holiday Party will be on December 1st at the Annapolis Maritime Museum, we are looking forward to seeing every vaccinated volunteer there. It is always a fun time of friendship and sharing stories about the year of sailing. In addition, the Skipper and Crew Member of the Year will be recognized. A special gift will be presented to every volunteer who donated 20 hours in 2021. A raffle will be held for one of CRAB's famous engraved Woodford Reserve bottles from the Boat Shows, a Helly Hansen jacket, and a silent auction for a gift basket. [Tickets are on sale](#) through the website until 11/29.

Last, but not least, the Annapolis City Planning Commission Meeting on November 18th concluded at 11:15 pm with a unanimous vote in favor of the site plan for CRAB's Adaptive Boating Center. Hours of discussion during two public hearings, comments from the public, city staff, CRAB's engineer and legal counsel, and elected leaders on the design and usage of CRAB's ABC, were considered and debated before the commission voted to approve the plan and send it to city Planning & Zoning for grading and building permits. This is a huge milestone for CRAB and we were fortunate to have so many supporters of the project participate in the process. A special call-out to Alderman Rob Savidge and Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles for their emphatic support of the project and CRAB's mission.

Family Sail Sunday



This smile on this guest's face was a prelude to her shouting out "That was fantastic!"



A mom and her son enjoy sailing with CRAB for the first time



All bundled up, this guest was ready for anything the boom might do



Amber loves sailing with CRAB and she isn't shy about telling everyone!



Sailing with CRAB is many times a family affair for good reason...it's really fun!

Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Awards Ceremony



Christine Lasser (Hospice Cup), Drew Fleming (Weems & Plath), John Dodge (Champion), Patrick Shannon (Leukemia Cup), and Bo Bollinger (CRAB Cup) present Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy for 2021

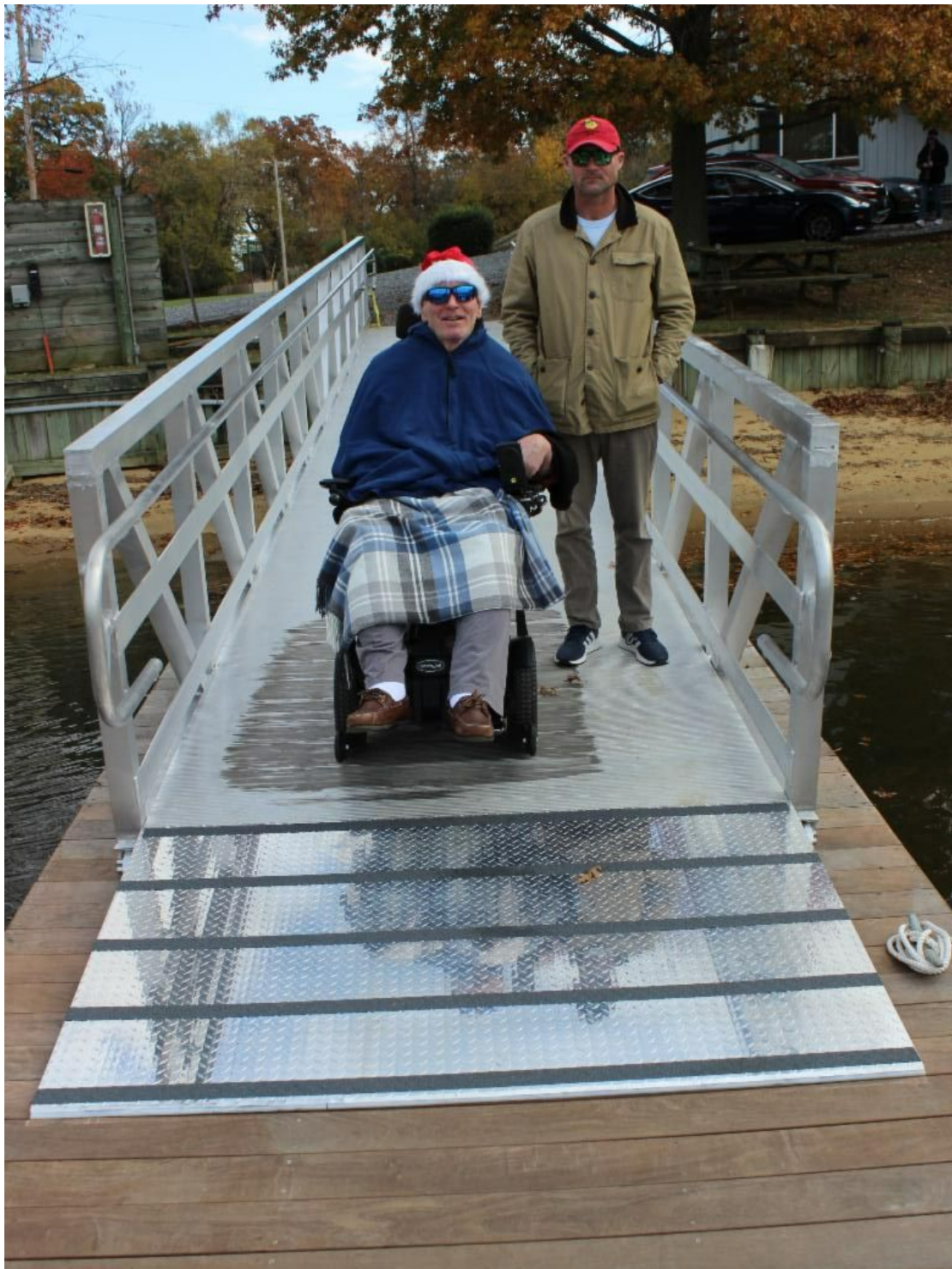


John Heintz accepts his award for second place



John Dodge and crew are excited about this year's trophy winning performance

CRAB Volunteer Sneak Peek



Board Member Steve Ritterbush (with son Alex) is the first person to roll on the dock



Volunteers Pete Nelson and Donna and Roger Clapp chatting about the new ABC



Nancy and Doug Fineberg talk with Phil Ourisson



Everyone is getting jolly at the ABC in preparation for the holiday season



Santa's helpers singing "12 Back Creek Boaters" for the City of Annapolis video



Upcoming Events

12/1 - Volunteer Appreciation and Holiday Party at Annapolis Maritime Museum

1/1/2022 - Happy New Year!

April 2022 - Volunteer Training

[More Events!](#)

CRAB 30th Anniversary SWAG Going Fast - Order Now

To learn more about the 30th anniversary follow CRAB on **Instagram** and **Facebook** and check our website www.crabsailing.org - for updates.



[CRAB Swag](#)

Donated Boats Wanted!

CRAB relies on boat donations for a substantial part of its budget. Please consider donating your boat and getting a tax deduction. It is as simple as clicking on the boat donation link below.

[Donate your boat!](#)



New owners of a donated 1995 Cal 22

Maryland Charity Campaign

Is open! If you work for the state of Maryland, you can choose CRAB as your preferred charity. Click on the website link below for more information.

CRAB's MCC code is 35-2188410.



Happy Birthday!

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

Ruth Anna Skowronski
Carl Larsen
Michael Manuzak
Ange Brock
Angela Jordan
Erica Sprague



*Volunteers are encouraged to send in birth dates for the calendar!

Best of What's Up? 2022 Voting

Please vote The CRAB Cup as the **BEST Non-Profit Fundraiser** for the 2nd year in a row!

Ends 11/30

Click the logo ->



Adaptive Boating Center Update



Jim O'Connor, Kathy and Rob Taishoff are all smiles at the reception recognizing The Taishoff Foundation's grant naming the ABC Lawrence B. Taishoff Building in honor of his father

Announcing the Lawrence B. Taishoff Building at the Adaptive Boating Center

Friends and supporters of CRAB gathered at the Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center to celebrate the naming of the main building at the ABC in honor of Lawrence B. Taishoff. Rob Taishoff said his father had a strong love of the water, which he instilled in him and his family. He further stated this donation to CRAB will be the beginning of a relationship to ensure CRAB's long term operating success. A very special thank you to the Taishoff Family Foundation for their invaluable support and to the 130 donors who have generously contributed to the ABC capital campaign to the tune of \$1,884,875 towards the \$2M goal.

For further information about the CRAB Capital Campaign, please contact Debbie Daugherty, Director of Development at 410-266-5722; or, Debbie@crabsailing.org.

[More Info on the ABC](#)

Would you like to support CRAB with a philanthropic gift this year?

Please consider donating appreciated stock. Stock gifts are tax deductible and you can avoid capital gains taxes. If you itemize deductions from your federal income tax, you can

deduct the donation from your taxable income. In addition, when you donate stock to CRAB, your dollar goes further than if you were to sell the stock and donate cash, because the money you would have paid in taxes can go to CRAB instead. Please consult with your financial advisor for additional information.

Community Investment Tax Credits-FY 2021

CRAB has \$6,244 available in CITC funding for Maryland residents. Donate to CRAB and receive a 50% tax credit to be used against your Maryland State income tax bill.

70 ½? Help CRAB in 2021 by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this year!

Individuals 70 ½ or older can make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to a charity of their choice which will count towards satisfying any Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without having to pay deferred income tax on the distribution. The distribution must be made payable directly to the qualified charity (CRAB). This tax-smart method of making a charitable gift benefits you and CRAB! Please contact your financial advisor and inform Debbie Daugherty, Director of Development, of your intention to make a donation, Debbie@crabsailing.org.

Make A Donation



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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