



*Changing lives One Sail at a Time*



CRAB's volunteers making merry at the Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party.  
Photo by Ken Tom

## December Newsletter

### Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends & Supporters

As we wrap up another successful year at CRAB, it's a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and our goals for the future. In 2021 CRAB served 945 guests with 62% meeting our mission statement and 38% being caregivers, family, or friends. Guests enjoyed sailing during one or more of the 60 events such as -Regattas, Kids Sailing Camps, Group Sails, Family Sails, and Sailing Clinics. On the other side of the boat, **138 well trained and dedicated volunteer skippers and crew donated over 3,500 hours!** It is a symbiotic relationship between our volunteers and guests who all love to go sailing on Chesapeake Bay. In 2022, our goal is to host more than 1,000 guests and over 25 nonprofits in the region (weather gods permitting).

On December 1st, CRAB held its annual **Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party** at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. It was an oversubscribed event with 100 volunteers, guests, and staff enjoying each others company with a few libations at the open bar. Live music by Eric Gorman kept the mood festive in the great room. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner buffet by Saucy Salamander before the evening's main event. CRAB **President David Hankey** recognized the Board of Directors, outgoing Immediate-Past

President Brad LaTour for his six-years of leadership, and incoming Board Member Will Crump. President Hankey gave a warm introduction and plenty of kudos to the CRAB Staff for a successful and safe year on the water; plus all of the work going into the Capital Campaign and Adaptive Boating Center approvals.

CRAB Executive Director Bo Bollinger took the microphone to recognize volunteers with over 20 hours of service in 2021. Everyone was beaming when presented with a CRAB embroidered Columbia sailing shirt. Special attention was given to **Phil Ourisson** who was honored as CRAB Skipper of the Year and to **Sheila Rowny** (who was somewhere in the Bahamas) as Crew Member of the Year. If you missed the party, there are a lot more pictures by our favorite photographer Ken Tom are on the website [HERE](#).

As for the CRAB Staff in the office, we are wrapping up all the year-end paperwork, donations, and data tracking. If you haven't received an Annual Appeal letter yet there is a button at the end of the newsletter for viewing. The office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day...but we will be checking the mail.

The CRAB Board of Directors and Staff wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season while regaling your family and friends with your CRAB sailing tales.

## Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party



Board Member Steve Ritterbush (center) and his son Alex pose with Santa Claus (aka Matt Schaaf). Photo by Ken Tom





Skipper of the Year Phil Ourisson is presented his CRAB award and honors by Bo Bollinger, Executive Director. Photo by Ken Tom



(L-R) Paul Van Cleve, Fleet Director Walt Laird, CRAB Director of Development Debbie Daugherty and champion sailor Tim McGee enjoy the party. Photo by Ken Tom





CRAB Board President David Hankey (middle back) with his family and Santa.  
Photo by Ken Tom



Two Santas? Board Member Beth Rossman and "Admiral" Liz Bollinger choose the real Santa! Photo by Ken Tom



(L-R) Crew Maude Laurence, Santa, Skipper Carl Larsen, Carol Tabak, and Crew Donna Clapp raise a glass to celebrate a great 2021 at CRAB. Photo by Ken Tom

**THANK YOU Sponsors!**



# 2021 Sponsors

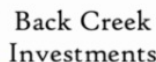
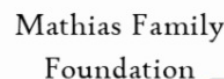
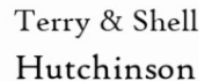
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Many Thanks to Brad LaTour



2021 marks the 6th and final year of service on the CRAB Board of Directors for Brad LaTour. Brad served for 4 years as Board President and was instrumental in the process of hiring a new Executive Director, conceptualizing the Adaptive Boating Center, acquiring the land for CRAB's future home, and signing the 40-year lease with the City. Among his early accomplishments for CRAB was the replacement of the 30-year old fleet with 6 brand new Beneteau F22A's. Brad's introduction of his four daughters to CRAB and service to others in need was very special and they are certain to be another lasting legacy.

THANK YOU Brad for all you have done for CRAB through your years of dedicated service.

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## Upcoming Events

**1/1/2022 - Happy New Year!**

**1/11/2021 - Off the Dock Happy Hour  
at Pussers - 5pm**

**April 2022 - Volunteer Training**

**More Events!**

New owners of a donated 1995 Cal 22

## 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!**

## Volunteers with 20+ Hours in 2021

John Enderle  
Maude Laurence  
Martin Lutsky  
Ed Riehl  
Carol Lazzaro  
Phil Ourisson  
Matt Schaaf  
Bill Levatino  
Peter Rowny  
Ange Brock  
Michael Manuzak  
Liz Bollinger  
Ed Morgan  
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Elizabeth Rossman  
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Vicki Niedenthal  
Stan Jasinski  
Joel McCord  
Linda Bitterfeld  
Catherine Schaaf\*  
Marie Richardson\*  
\*New in 2021

## Happy Birthday!

CRAB relies on our fabulous 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 **December:**

**Greg Shea**  
**Sheila Rowny**  
**John Cantrick**  
**Cindy Mexcur**  
**Tom Kreiner**  
**Jonathan Adams**  
**Athena Tsakos**  
**Nancy Fineberg**  
**Chris Heckard Grant**  
**Amy Harris**

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



## Adaptive Boating Center Update



**Oh what a successful year we enjoyed!**

A tremendous thank you to the 140 donors who have donated \$1,914,632 in support of the Adaptive Boating Center. This \$5M project would not have been possible without the private philanthropic support from CRAB volunteers, Board Members, families, and foundations who have shown their love for CRAB's mission and programs. Your generosity in support of CRAB's Adaptive Boating Center is unprecedented and on behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

CRAB recently received approval from the City Planning Commission for the site plan. The



next step is to get the grading and building permits from the city after approval of the myriad of building documents. With the Arthur & Patricia Edwards Family Marina completed, the focus will be leveling the existing structures, grading the property, and the construction of the Lawrence B. Taishoff ABC building, the Arthur Birney Sr. Pavilion, and the Captain Jeremy Hopkins Boathouse.

The Board has approved continued fundraising for a **\$500,000** ABC reserve fund in anticipation of future needs, equipment, and increased programmatic expenses at the new facility. Here's to 2022 and the ABC!

[More Info on the ABC](#)

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

**CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act** - all taxpayers may take a charitable deduction of up to \$300, even if you do not itemize. Plus, for those who do itemize, the law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as CRAB to be deducted by up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2021 calendar year.

**Donate any highly appreciated asset** - such as stock, bonds, and real estate, that you have held for a year or longer. You will avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation and can claim the full value of the assets as a charitable contribution.

**Donate Cryptocurrency** - Donating appreciated cryptocurrency is a great way to partially offset or eliminate your crypto taxes while supporting a cause that you care about. Donating crypto means you may end up paying no capital gains taxes on the appreciated crypto and get a fair market value deduction for what you donated.

**QMD-Qualified Minimum Distribution** - If you are 70½ or older and must take a required minimum distribution from your retirement account, you can ask the plan administrator to make a distribution directly from your account to CRAB. While you won't receive a charitable contribution deduction, the distribution won't be added to your taxable income.

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This year was a great one at CRAB, but we couldn't do it without your support. If you haven't received your Annual Appeal letter yet, you can receive it by clicking the button.

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[Annual Appeal Letter](#)



### **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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