

Changing lives One Sail at a Time



Guest Luke Waller enjoys sailing with his family on a CRAB sailboat on a beautiful day in May

# **May Newsletter**

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends & Supporters

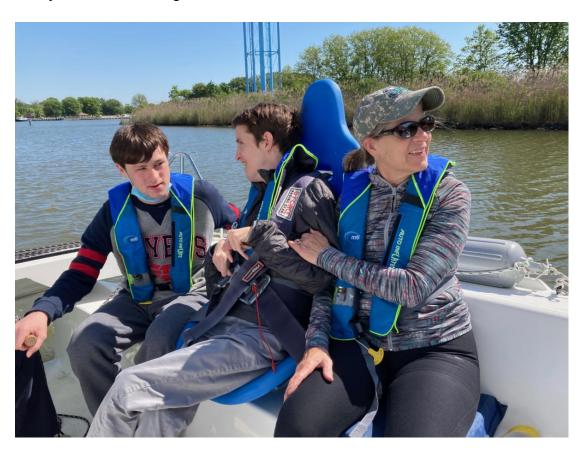
It is great to finally be reporting on sailing and showing pictures of our wonderful, smiling guests and volunteers in boats. We are now in full operational mode with multiple sails a week. Since the last newsletter we held a Sailing Clinic, several Groups Sails, the Spring Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta, and a Family Sail. In just three weeks we have served over 100 guests - 1/4 of our total for last year! Enjoy the pictures below and more posted on Facebook for each event.

CRAB's new Covid protocols still require everyone to wear masks while on land and the dock, but once on board, guests and crew who have been vaccinated may remove their

masks. Out of an abundance of caution and recognizing that many CRAB guests and some volunteers are considered in high-risk categories, we are moving slowly to lessen Covid safety protocols. Reservations are still required for Family Sails and the number of guests is carefully monitored.

The Sailing Clinic was successful with new sailors and salty veteran guests like Kevin Detwiler. The weather and wind conditions were great for both days, and the mini regatta on the last day was competitive and put newly learned skills to the test. The Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta was challenged by light winds and strong tides. The first and second races were competitive. The third ended up being called by the Race Committee due to a lack of wind and all boats floating down the Bay. The RWSR was sponsored by Move United and the US Dept. of Veterans Affairs. A delicious lunch was generously donated by Mission BBQ and the medal ceremony found USNA All-American sailor Rear Admiral (ret) Tim McGee on top of the podium. His team's lock on the regattas is receiving widespread commentary from CRAB skippers and guests!

The Family Sail supported 42 guests in just 3 hours with sunny skies and a pleasant wind. The 12 CRAB volunteer skippers and crew were anxious to get out on the water on such a beautiful day with our elated guests.



Tommy Shawhan (center) is excited to sail with brother Kirk and mom Mary.

The Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta is always a favorite for warriors and their families



It was a crowded starting line for the second race at the Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta



#### **Upcoming Events**

6/7 - CRAB Chat

6/12 - Don Backe Memorial Regatta

6/23-24 - City of Annapolis Police Kids Camp

6/27 - Family Sail Sunday

**More Events!** 



#### **Get your 30th swag HERE!!**

#### **CRAB Turns 30!**

Over the course of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year CRAB will be celebrating with special events, including a photo contest for a Boatyard Bar & Grill gift card. To learn more about the anniversary schedule follow CRAB on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Facebook</u> and check our website-<u>www.crabsailing.org</u> - for updates.









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#### **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!**



## **Adaptive Boating Center Update**



Bids for the new ABC marina are being accepted until May 27th.

**More Info on the ABC** 

## **Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta**



(L-R) Dee Perry, CRAB volunteer skippers Walt Laird and Peter Rowny, with warrior Jay Streit at the helm looking to win one race at the regatta



Rear Admiral (ret) Tim McGee steers while CRAB volunteers Pam Corwin, Dillon Hale, and Paul Van Cleve work the boat like a Stradivarius



CRAB Executive Director Bo Bollinger with the 3rd place winners (L-R) CRAB volunteer Clotilde Enel Rehel, Roger Payton, Patrick Payton, and Fleet Director Dan Pendergast



Bo with the 2nd place team (L-R) CRAB volunteer Peter Rowny, Dee Perry, Jay Streit, and Fleet Director Walt Laird

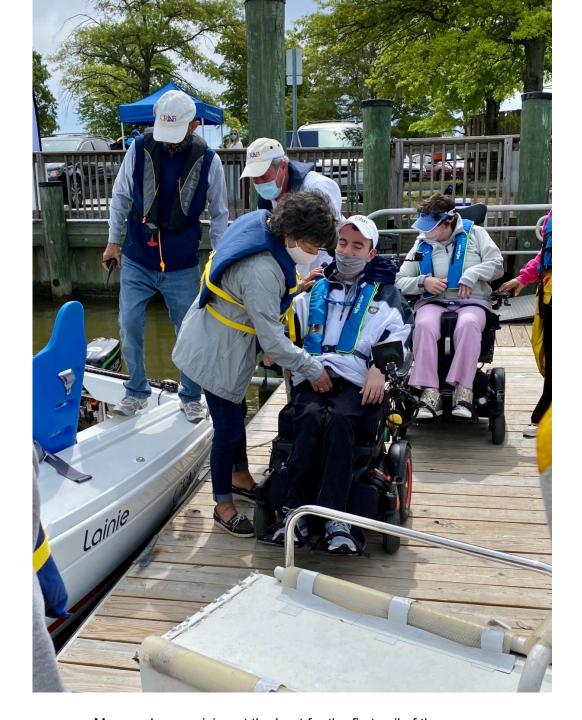


Bo with the 1st place team (L-R) volunteer Dillon Hale, volunteer Pam Corwin, RADM (ret) Tim McGee, and volunteer Paul Van Cleve

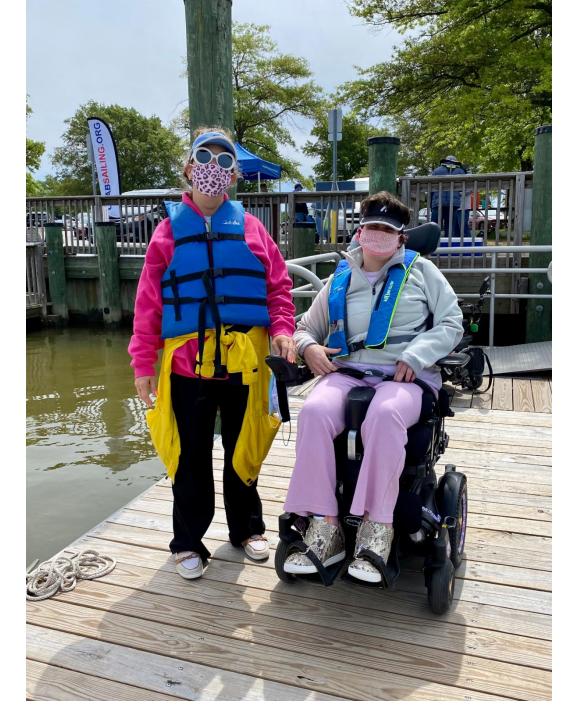


A super patriotic group of warriors and volunteers celebrate the Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta!

### **Family Sail Sunday**



Mom and son arriving at the boat for the first sail of the season



Mom and daughter pose for a dock pic prior to boarding their boat



Out on downwind run enjoying the wind, water, and sun



The Banks family had a blast on their first sail with CRAB



Friends Amber and Sean finally get to sail together again

### **General Donation**

Please consider making a donation in support of CRAB's mission which allows us to offer sailing programs FREE of charge.



**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?

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