



Changing lives One Sail at a Time



2021 Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta Skippers, Crew, and Race Committee at the beautiful Annapolis Yacht Club Sailing Center

June Newsletter

Staying in Touch with CRAB's Friends & Supporters

Welcome to sunny June in Maryland, where the weather is perfect for sailing one day and pouring rain the next! We have been able to host 3 Group Sails (nonprofits) and 3 Family Sails (6 families per date) even with 3 cancellations due to inclement weather. With 15 groups scheduled so far this year and the continuation of the weekday family sails, CRAB volunteer Skippers & Crew are happy and very busy teaching guests how to sail on Chesapeake Bay.

The 22nd Annual Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta was hosted on Saturday, June 12th by the very hospitable and gracious Annapolis Yacht Club. Six skippers with a disability competed for their chance to take home some silver. Three extremely competitive races were held in the morning with Tim McGee and Jay Streit tied for the lead. After lunch the

wind started to die and racing became more challenging with the traffic in the harbor and the bridge openings. However, Tim McGee and his All-Star crew of Paul Van Cleve, Pam Corwin, and Cedric Lewis hit their stride with a closing second place finish and a bullet.

Also joining CRAB's fleet in the harbor was Impossible Dream captained by Will Rey. She sailed up from Miami to host several CRAB VIPs and join in the festivities at the regatta. The Annapolis Yacht Club provided a lovely reception for the awards ceremony and we were joined by the exemplary Race Committee Chaired by Peter Gordon, AYC tacticians, and the CRAB Board of Directors. Pictures of the winners are posted below and on the CRAB Facebook page.

The CRAB Cup is right around the corner on August 21st. Please make sure you mark your calendar and join the fun! Over 30 sponsoring companies have confirmed their support to make the event a success. With the State of Maryland opening up on July 1st, we look forward to seeing hundreds of CRAB friends and supporters at the fabulous Eastport Yacht Club. Tickets will go on sale July 1, and the Skippers Challenge virtual fundraiser will kickoff on July 12th. The funds raised from the annual event are nearly a quarter of the CRAB operating budget and serve to keep our sailing programs free of charge for our guests. We appreciate your ongoing support!



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Upcoming Events

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

6/27 - Family Sail Sunday

7/4 - Happy Independence Day!

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CRAB Turns 30!

Over the course of our 30th 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 **Instagram** and **Facebook** and check our website- **www.crabsailing.org** - for updates.



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Adaptive Boating Center Update



The marina contract has been awarded to John H. Norris & Sons Inc.

More Info on the ABC

22nd Don Backe Memorial CRAB Regatta



(L-R) Skippers Kevin Detwiler, Tom Ostrye, CRAB Past President Brad LaTour, and Rob Klein making bets before the races begin



The Don Backe Regatta featured a very congested harbor with a mix of boats coming and going to make it interesting for the CRAB Skippers and AYC tacticians



Skipper Jay Streit, AYC tactician and CRAB volunteer Jon Slabaugh, and crew Dee Perry enjoy the race



Impossible Dream (sporting a Bay Beard) hosted several CRAB VIPs such as Backe Regatta past champion Lance Hinrichs and CRAB President David Hankey, and Board Members Steve Ritterbush, and Beth Rossman



Skipper Jay Streit checks his sail shape while steering out of Spa Creek with girlfriend/crew Dee Perry



(L-R) CRAB President David Hankey, CRAB Volunteer Jon Slabaugh, crew Dee Perry, Skipper Jay Streit, and AYC PRO Peter Gordon present third place trophies



(L-R) CRAB President David Hankey, CRAB volunteer Scott Gitchell, Skipper Kevin Detwiler, crew Maude Laurence, and AYC PRO Peter Gordon proudly accepting second place trophies



(L-R) Nancy McGee, AYC tactician Cedric Lewis, CRAB President David Hankey, CRAB Volunteer Paul Van Cleve, Skipper Tim McGee, crew Pam Corwin, and AYC PRO Peter Gordon presenting first place trophies and the beautiful perpetual trophy!

Mid-Year Appeal

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