



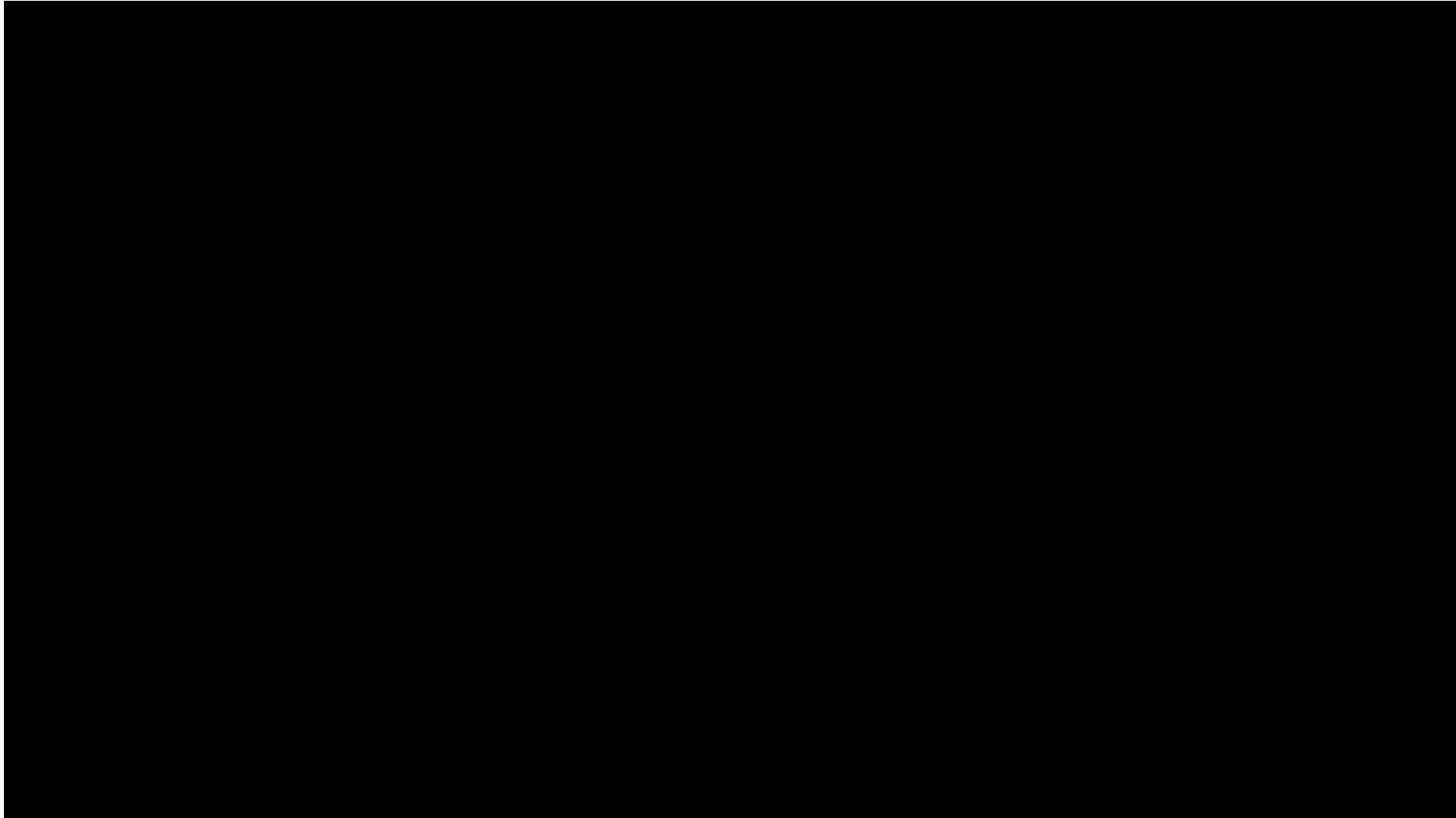
## **Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating**

*Bringing the thrill and freedom of boating to persons with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from at-risk neighborhoods for over 26 years.*

[www.crabsailing.org](http://www.crabsailing.org)



# Video Highlights of Mission & Programs

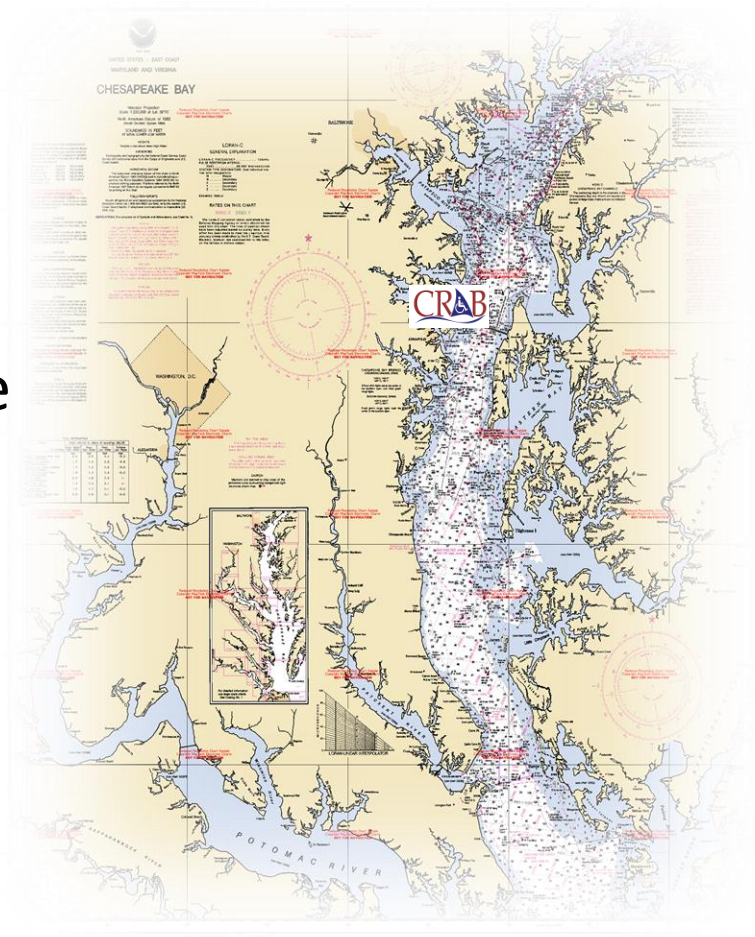




## Where & Who We Serve

- The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the US and the greatest natural resource in the State of Maryland and region.
- Annapolis is considered the “Sailing Capital of the United States”
- The metropolitan region from Baltimore to DC has over 8 million people and an estimated 1+ million with some type of disability.

***CRAB is the primary provider of access to Chesapeake Bay for persons with disabilities.***





## Providing Quality to Life

- Food, shelter, and jobs are the foundation of human existence, but there is more to life...
- Life is about experiences both physical and mental that integrate the human body, mind, and spirit into society...
- CRAB provides a strong sense of accomplishment, friendship, and respect while sailing.

[“The \*\*quality of life\*\* is determined by its activities.”](#)

Aristotle (384-322 BC)



# CRAB What CRAB Means to Our Guests

- Guests learn leadership and decision-making skills.
- Guests enjoy physical and cognitive behavioral therapy activities.
- Guests have socialization opportunities on and off of the water.
- Guests develop confidence and a love of sailing.

*“Thank you for taking me the farthest I have ever been from my wheelchair, and the memory of the accident that put me in it.”*

*Guest statement to CRAB Skipper in Sept. 2017*







## Our Programs

- **SailFree Sundays** – One day per month is open for any family to enjoy sailing with members who have a disability
- **Group Sails** – 17 organizations representing persons with disabilities were provided exclusive sailing two days per week in 2017
- **Sailing Clinics** – Two-day sailing clinics for youth and warriors to basic sailing and racing
- **Regattas** – Four regattas a year are hosted for recovering warriors and persons with disabilities



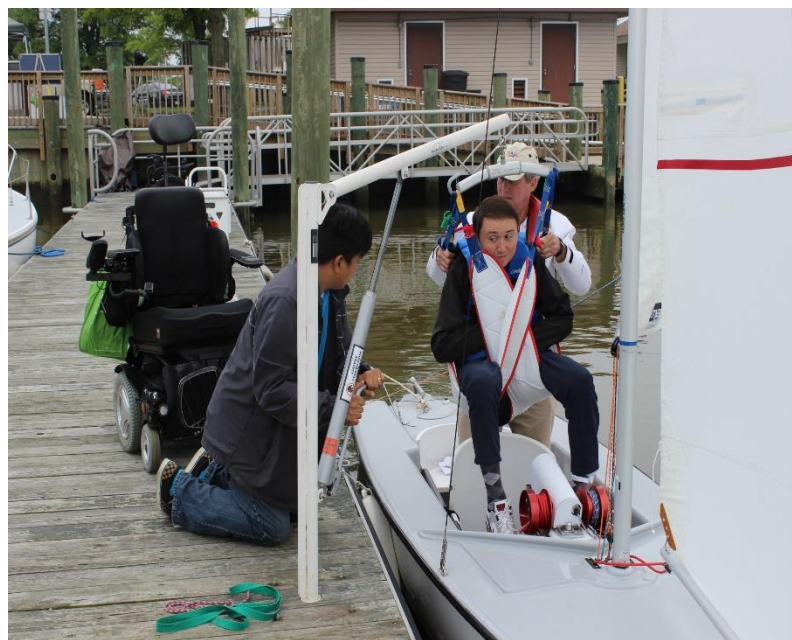
***In 2017, 90 CRAB Volunteers donated over 2,000 hours in 6 months!***



## Our Current Fleet

- Six Beneteau First 22A's (A for Adaptive)
- One Martin 16 with sip & puff steering
- One canoe
- One kayak
- One 12' Zodiac
- One 18' Bayliner

*Acquiring a new 25' pontoon boat in 2018*

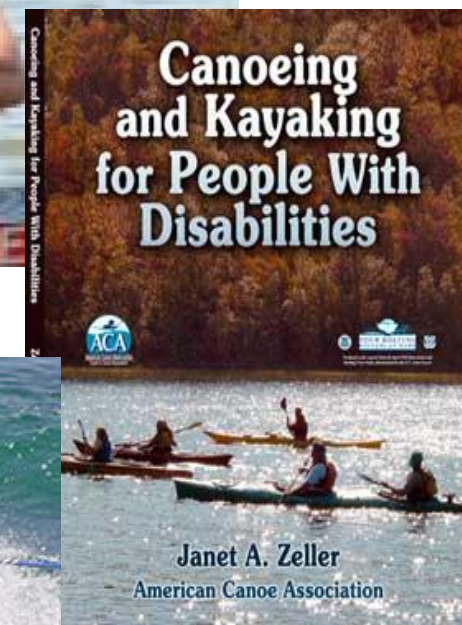






# Our Goal – Create an Adaptive Boating Center

- Adaptive Sailing/Boating
- Adaptive Rowing
- Adaptive Paddle Boarding
- Adaptive Canoeing
- Adaptive Kayaking
- No limit to adaptive boating activities







# Our Challenges & Goal

- Crowding and closure of Sandy Point State Park on weekends in the summer restricts access by CRAB guests
- Traffic at the Bay Bridge backs up and blocks access to SPSP exit
- Dock facilities at the park are limited to current fleet of six sailboats
- Lack of publically accessible ADA docks in Annapolis restricts operations



***Create an Adaptive Boating Center in Annapolis to provide sailing and boating for persons with disabilities and local youth without limitations***



# Jobs for Local Youth & Adults

- The Adaptive Boating Center will offer jobs for local youth and adults in support of all boating programs.
- Training provided to local employees will be applicable to work and jobs at marinas or trades in the area.
- Summer intern programs offered to area youth.

A great place to learn, work, and grow!





# State Funding Solution - 1

## **Solution 1 – Program Open Space Funding**

- Established under the Department of Natural Resources in 1969
- A portion of Program Open Space Stateside funds are used to acquire high priority recreational sites providing key Chesapeake Bay access points and in-holdings

**AACO unencumbered POS balance of \$1.3M; and, at this point in the budget process slated to receive an additional \$6.3M in FY19\***

**City of Annapolis share from POS is \$900,000**

**\* Source: Maryland Department of Natural Resources**



## State Funding Solution - 2

### **Solution 2 - Waterway Improvement Fund**

- Created in 1966 to support the development, enjoyment and use of Maryland's waters for the benefit of the general boating public.
- Matching Grants Provide up to 50% in Waterway Improvement Funds to local, state, and federal agencies to plan, engineer, construct, dredge, and maintain public boating facilities, as well as acquire marine fire/rescue boats and equipment.
- 100% Interest Free Tax District Loans - A local governing body may borrow interest free funds for a maximum 25 year term for waterway improvement projects within a Waterway Improvement Tax District

**Provides funding for floating docks**





# Acquire a Marina for an Adaptive Boating Center



A Letter of Intent has been signed with the owners of a marina located on Back Creek





# Annapolis Needs an Adaptive Boating Center!

