

# CRAB CUP



Saturday, 17 August 2024

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY  
Eastport Yacht Club

CBYRA Sanction #313

## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

### ABOUT THE EVENT

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the thrill, freedom, and therapeutic value of sailing to people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and local youth from underserved communities. CRAB currently has a fleet of six (6) Beneteau First 22A sailboats modified to meet the needs of sailors with disabilities. They will be sailed by skippers with disabilities in the CRAB Cup. CRAB Cup brings skippers and crew with disabilities and the able-bodied sailors together to compete on the same course in a pursuit-style race. Additionally, Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) will manage a poker race for powerboaters.

The CRAB Cup is the second race of the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy, which will be awarded in October 2024. The Skipper with the best race results and highest fundraising for the Maryland Cures Cancer Regatta, CRAB Cup, and Hospice Cup events will be awarded the trophy.

### FUNDRAISING

The CRAB Cup is CRAB's largest fundraiser of the year. Aside from the boat registration fee, there is a Skipper's Challenge fundraising event. Skippers and even non-skippers are encouraged to raise funds for their team by soliciting friends and family members. The top five (5) fundraising teams receive recognition at the CRAB Cup party and are awarded a Helly Hansen jacket, engraved drink glasses, plus a top fundraiser embroidered CRAB logo hat. Go to the [CRAB](https://www.crabsailing.org) website to register your Skipper's Challenge team and have fun supporting CRAB. Raffle tickets will be sold at the party for fabulous prizes. Additionally, a live auction will be conducted for incredible trips and gifts. Every skipper raising \$500 or more will be presented with a handsome CRAB burgee to fly during the race. It's never too later to go to [crabsailing.org](https://www.crabsailing.org) to register and learn more about supporting the CRAB Cup.

### PARKING AT EYC

Parking in the EYC lot is restricted to EYC members who display a valid parking sticker; violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Guest parking is available across the street in the Yacht Haven lot after 1700 on Friday, on a first-come basis. Please do not occupy spaces reserved for handicapped parking. Additional parking is available on the surrounding streets.

### POST-RACE PARTY

Voted the best nonprofit fundraising party in Annapolis, the CRAB Cup Shore Party will be held at EYC following the conclusion of racing and is open to all – both competitors and the general public. Music and beverage service begins at 1600. The CAISO Steel Drum Band (DC's finest) will kick-off the party, followed by Misspent Youth, the best cover band in Maryland. Live music will continue until 2100. Food service is scheduled between 1700-1900.

Registration fees paid before 1200 on Friday, 02 August 2024, will receive one (1) extra Mount Gay hat and an official CRAB Cup T-shirt, to be included in the skipper's bag.

VIP tickets may be purchased for \$65 per person, before 1200 on Saturday, 03 August 2024, age 21 and older. Each VIP ticket includes entry fee, one (1) dinner ticket, two (2) drink tickets, and a \$11 donation to CRAB that is tax-deductible.





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Individual entry tickets are \$20; dinner tickets \$20; and drink tickets \$7. All available and will be available on-site. An entry ticket for a person under age 21 is available for \$20 and includes one (1) dinner ticket and (1) soft drink ticket.

After 03 August 2024, VIP tickets will increase to \$75 and individual entry tickets will increase to \$25.

Entry, food, & drink tickets will be available for purchase in advance beginning Saturday, 01 June 2024, at [crabsailing.org](http://crabsailing.org), or at the gate.

Back for 2024 is the competition for the Best Dressed Crew Award! Crews are encouraged to attend the party dressed to a theme and/or dressed to impress. Judging will occur prior to presenting the race results and will be based on audience applause, so be sure to bring your supporters to stack the vote in your favor!

The race awards will be presented after the live auction and raffle, and upon completion of scoring by the RC, or approximately 1830.

### DOCKAGE AT EYC

Competitors are welcome to tie-up along the outside bulkhead of A-dock and/or the very end of C-dock. These areas are outlined in blue in Figure 1. The outside bulkhead of C-dock highlighted in yellow is reserved for Race Committee vessels and is not available for docking. Competitors are solely responsible for safely securing their boat.

Out-of-town boats interested in a transient slip at EYC are encouraged to contact the EYC Waterfront Director as early as possible to make the necessary arrangements ([waterfront@eastportyc.org](mailto:waterfront@eastportyc.org); (410) 267-9549). Available space will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Competitors should not assume space will be available at EYC if they do not first coordinate with the Waterfront Director.

### ENVIRONMENT

This is a Clean Regatta, rated at the Platinum level in 2022 and 2023. All competitors are encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information, contact [race.committee@eastportyc.org](mailto:race.committee@eastportyc.org).



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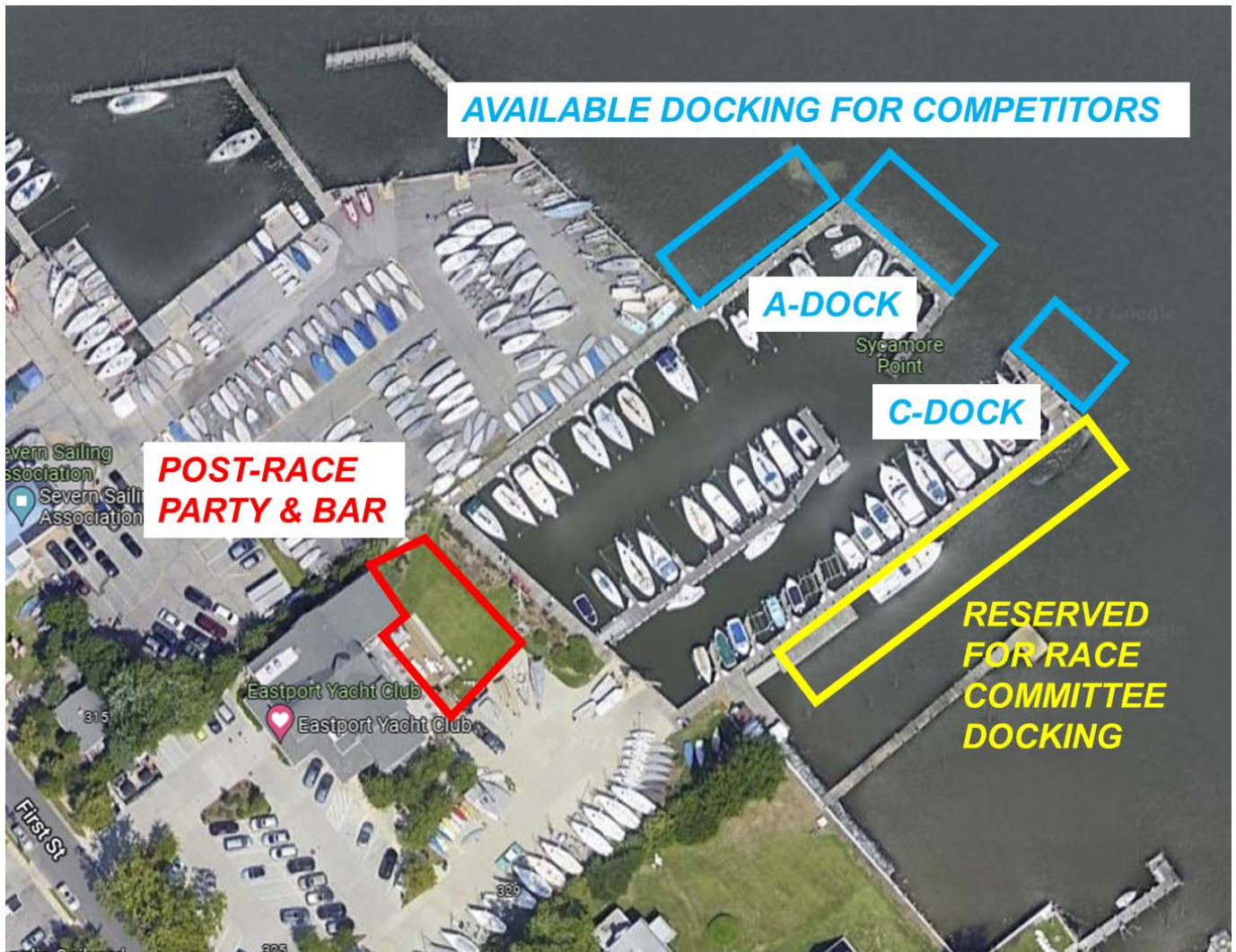


Figure 1. Post-Race Party & Available Docking

