



CHARLES RIVER ALLIANCE OF BOATERS

The mission of the Charles River Alliance of Boaters (CRAB) is to encourage safe and accessible boating by the entire community on the Lower Basin of the Charles. This includes power boaters, sailors, rowers, paddlers, and others, working together to keep the Charles River a healthy resource for the enjoyment of boaters and park users alike.

Top Ten Reasons to Pay Annual CRAB Dues

10. Weekly notices to the river community
9. Activity calendar
8. CRAB and MIT Sea Grant Depth Chart
7. Remediate invasive plants
6. Fight intrusions into the river
5. Improve water quality
4. Be able to vote at CRAB meetings
3. Pay the expenses needed to run CRAB
2. Get free river traffic maps
1. Support the mission of CRAB

To elaborate ...

The CRAB calendar and the weekly activity announcements tell everyone on the river what is happening when and where.

The new depth chart, the first detailed chart since 1902, before the first dam to Boston Harbor was built, has allowed us to document the threat of sedimentation throughout the Lower Basin. The biggest impact is in Sunset Bay where Newton and Watertown Yacht Clubs are.

CRAB is working with the CRWA and the DCR to reduce the population of invasive plants, especially European milfoil, that have grown out of control in recent years.

CRAB has representatives on both the I-90 Task Force and the People's Pike group so that we can speak out about our concerns that the I-90 Allston project will intrude into the river and have an undesirable impact on river users. CRAB is also monitoring several other projects which may affect river users.

Much of what CRAB does happens due to dedicated volunteers, and our annual operating expenses are quite modest. But trying to meet our expenses without any annual dues, passing the hat when the need arose, is not the best way to support our mission in the long term. With everyone benefitting from our efforts, it is appropriate that every boathouse and river organization pay the modest dues of \$150 each year.

Please pitch in and help CRAB fulfill its mission to encourage safe and accessible boating by the entire community on the Lower Basin of the Charles.

Carl Zimba
President