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TRIPLE CROWN OF CHARITY SAILING TROPHY WINNER ANNOUNCED

October 25, 2020, Annapolis, MD — [Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating \(CRAB\)](#), [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), and [Hospice](#) organizations awarded the 2020 Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy sponsored by [Weems & Plath](#) on Thursday, October 22nd at The Market House in Annapolis.

The jointly promoted charity sailing races, respectively known as The Leukemia Cup, The CRAB Cup and The Hospice Cup, were held in August and September this year. Due to Covid 19 social distancing requirements, no post-race parties were held for any of the events. In 2018, the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy was created to promote greater skipper participation in all three charity races and to enhance fundraising support for the respective charities.

The skipper with the best finish in all three races who also raises the most money for each of the three charities is presented with the stunning, repurposed trophy formerly the Power Squadron of Baltimore's Navigation Trophy. Peter Trogdon, former CEO of Weems & Plath, found the trophy and took possession and responsibility for bringing it back to its former glory. Weems & Plath's, President & CEO, Michael Flanagan made the trophy presentation along with representatives of the three charities.

The competition this year was very intense with all three top finishers within two points of each other after three individually scored races. The winner for 2020 is Dan Flagler, skipper of *Flagfest*, a Pearson 31 with a score of 4 points. Dan also won the trophy in

2019. Runner-up is John Heintz, skipper of *Endurance*, a Harbor 20 with a score of 6 points. John won the trophy in the inaugural year of 2018. In third place was Tracey Golde, skipper of *Committed*, a J-22 with a score of 8 points. The three finalists were consistently in the top 10 of fundraising for each charity event except once.

A nice crowd of socially distanced sailors joined in congratulating the Triple Crown winners outdoors of The Market House. The trophy will be on permanent display in The Market House for all to see and admire this one of a kind trophy, memorializing this one of a kind competition.



IMAGE CAPTION: (L to R) John Heintz, Dan Flager, Tracey Golde and a member of Tracey's crew, were the 2nd, 1st, and 3rd place winners of this year's Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Awards.



IMAGE CAPTION: Dan Flager, this year's 1st place winner, poses with the Triple Crown of Charity Sailing Trophy (sponsored by Weems & Plath).

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About C.R.A.B.: [Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating \(C.R.A.B.\)](#) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit that has been providing the thrill, freedom, and therapeutic value of sailing to persons with disabilities, recovering warriors, and children from at-risk communities for nearly 3 decades in Annapolis, Maryland.

About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: [The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#), Maryland Chapter, is the largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding research, finding cures and ensuring access to treatments for blood cancer patients. For 31 years, the Leukemia Cup Regatta has helped individuals form fundraising teams through on-the-water races.

About The Hospice Cup: [The Hospice Cup, Inc.](#) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit whose mission is to raise funds for and awareness of hospice care in our region. Hospice Cup, Inc was founded 38 years ago and has continuously supported local and regional hospice programs ever since. The Hospice Cup is the largest charity regatta in the United States.

About Weems & Plath: [Weems & Plath](#) is a trusted manufacturer in quality navigation, time, weather and safety related products. Since 1928, the world renowned company has been headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland where, for over 90 years, they have produced innovative products that are rooted in tradition.

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