



Exciting news for those attending the 2011 Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta!

Greater Dayton Rowing Association has partnered with Five Rivers MetroParks to offer a fun-filled weekend. This year the Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta will be one of the featured outdoor activity demonstrations of MetroParks' annual GearFest presented by Subaru festivities.

Those wishing to join in the fun can camp for free at Eastwood MetroPark or stay at one of many nearby hotels. GearFest activities begin on Friday night, September 30 with hours from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The regatta is held on Saturday, October 1, on Island MetroPark, which is only 5 miles from Eastwood. GearFest admission and parking is free. The regatta has free parking and free admission for all spectators.

From its humble beginnings, GearFest presented by Subaru has exploded into a multi-day event, featuring not only outdoor gear, but camping, competitions, regional music acts, high-flying demos, a Friday and Saturday night beer garden, and much more! GearFest offers something for everyone, from the budding weekend warrior to the hardcore outdoor enthusiast. With over 10,000 visitors during the 2010 event, GearFest is one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest.

For those of you who have never attended a rowing competition, the Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta is a real treat. It brings together nearly a thousand rowers from high school, college club, and masters rowing teams to compete in 2000-meter races. The magnificent Island MetroPark venue allows spectators to view rowing up close. Come join in the spectacle and cheer on all the teams!

For more information about this exciting opportunity this year go to:

<http://www.metroparks.org/gearfest/>, www.daytonrowing.org and Greater Dayton Rowing Association on Facebook

