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Greater Dayton Rowing Association

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GREATER DAYTON ROWING ASSOCIATION Junior Crew Captures Regatta Medals THREE BOATS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ON JUNE 9TH

DAYTON, OH—Members of the Greater Dayton Junior Crew competed at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships on May 19th and 20th and three varsity boats qualified for the US Rowing Youth National Championships slated for June 9th at Harsha Lake east of Cincinnati, OH. Six different Greater Dayton Rowing Assoc. crews won regatta medals.

The regatta was held at Harsha Lake in East Fork State Park in Bethel, Ohio. Races featured more than 370 boats from 35 rowing clubs. The field included teams from Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Cincinnati.

“This competition was intense,” remarked Charlie Doyle, Junior Rowing Coordinator. “We’re quite proud of how much work these young rowers have put in. They wanted to get to nationals—and they did.”

The following boats received medals at Harsha Lake and will compete again on June 9th rounding out a successful spring season for GDRA Junior Crew.

* Woman’s Varsity Quad (sculling): Bronze Medal: Becky Wenzke (Oakwood, Oakwood HS), Lindsey Titus (Englewood, Northmont HS/Valedictorian), Jen Hartel (Oakwood, Oakwood HS) and Lauren Sobol (Oakwood, Oakwood HS).

* Men’s Varsity Double (sculling): Silver Medal: Brandon Walz (Oakwood, Oakwood HS) and David Crooke (Oakwood, The Miami Valley School).

* Woman’s Varsity Double (sculling): Bronze Medal: Becky Wenzke and Lindsey Titus.

Three other Greater Dayton Rowing entries were also awarded medals. However, these events do not progress to the national regatta.

Men's 2nd Varsity Double (sculling): **GOLD MEDAL**: Jon Wittoesch (Oakwood, Oakwood HS) and Dan Craft (Kettering, Kettering HS).

Woman's 2nd Varsity Double (sculling): Silver Medal: Jen Hartel and Haley Bohachek (Oakwood, Oakwood HS)

Woman's 2nd Varsity Double (sculling): Bronze Medal: Lauren Sobol and Meredith Snead (Oakwood, Oakwood HS)

GDRA offers rowing programs for area residents from preteen to senior adult. Many rowers of different ages compete while others learn to row for health and recreation. Programs are now forming for high school students who want to row in the fall season. No prior experience is necessary. Visit daytonjuniorrowing.com. Other summer programs, including Rowing Camp for high school beginners, Rookie Rowers for all junior high ages and adult Learn-to-Row programs, are also forming. Visit daytonrowing.org for more information.