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March 31st kicks off the Greenwich Crew spring racing season, and the unseasonable warm weather has teams all around the area excited to be back on the water training for the Greenwich Invitational.

The 9th Annual Greenwich Invitational will be held Saturday, March 31st in Greenwich Harbor. This regatta will kick-off the highly competitive spring racing season and bring together some of the top junior rowing programs from the tri-state area. The action-packed day spans a 1000-meter course, for over 600 athletes.

Greenwich Harbor provides a unique racing venue for competitors and spectators alike. It is unusual in the sport of rowing for spectators to be able to have the vantage point of watching the start of the race live. The Greenwich Invitational, with starting docks located near the ferry dock in the harbor, allows spectators to congregate around the start area and along the first 250 meters of the racecourse. This event traditionally welcomes over 1000 athletes and enthusiasts in each year. "The ability to see their fans and hear them cheering at the start really motivates all athletes to fight for the early lead, which gives everyone an exciting part of the race to watch," says Director of Rowing at Greenwich Water Club, Michael Wieneke.

Crews present include Cold Spring Harbor HS, Connecticut Boat Club, Greenwich Crew, Port Rowing, Iona Prep, Norwalk River Rowing, Pelham Community Rowing, Rye HS, Saugatuck Rowing, SoNo Rowing. Boats will go off in heats, with about six minutes between each race. The two fastest times from each of the Varsity heats will advance to a championship race in the afternoon. Racing is scheduled to start at 9am and the final awards ceremony should begin approximately 4pm. Don't miss this great event!

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WHAT: Ninth Annual Greenwich Invitational, A Kick off Spring Crew Regatta. Spectators welcome to watch 1,000-meter dual racing on Greenwich Harbor among regional rowers for a spirited day of fun and competition.

WHEN: Sat., March 31, 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine.

WHERE: Greenwich Harbor, I-95 Exit 3, between Steamboat Road and Roger Sherman Baldwin Park. Viewing from the park or along Steamboat Road footpath.