



GAY + LESBIAN ROWING FEDERATION

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Gay + Lesbian Rowing Federation to host booth at Nottingham National Rowing Championships in the United Kingdom.

Los Angeles, California – The Gay + Lesbian Rowing Federation (GLRF) is honored to host a booth in the Amateur Rowing Association Rowshow at the National Rowing Championships in Nottingham, England on July 17 and 18. This event marks the first time the federation has established a presence at a world-class, elite level of rowing competition.

GLRF will host a two part UK City Launch evening social programme built around the weekend championships as part of its year long ReadyAllBoats!2004 awareness campaign. The intention of this global initiative is to increase the awareness of GLRF among gay and lesbian rowers, and to energize them to organize boats for the 2006 Montreal World Outgames Regatta, which is sanctioned and calendared by the Federation International des Societes d’Aviron (FISA), and for the 2006 Chicago Gay Games Regatta. Socials are planned at the London Rowing Club on July 15 and @D2 pub in Nottingham on July 17.

Since most gay and lesbian rowers usually belong to their own local rowing clubs and boathouses, the goal of GLRF is to provide a worldwide forum and resource that will connect them with one another without taking them out of their existing clubs. Additionally, GLRF works to promote rowing within the gay and lesbian community, using the GLRF website to introduce and assure beginners that they are welcome in clubs around the world regardless of their sexual orientation.

By increasing the visibility and awareness of gay and lesbian rowers globally, GLRF strives to champion rowing as a leader in breaking down one of the most enduring barriers to full participation in society: homophobia in sports.

The Gay + Lesbian Rowing Federation is a worldwide umbrella organization for gay and lesbian rowers, promoting and supporting rowing in the gay and lesbian community with Web-based resources and information and serving as a liaison both within the community and with the larger international rowing world.

For more information about the Gay + Lesbian Rowing Federation, visit the website at <http://www.GLRF.info> For all media inquiries, contact Brian Todd at P2Dir@GLRF.info.

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