

## Serpent Times

newsletter for  
Southeastern Aquatics  
Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM  
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### TEAM SEA's Mission:

*To empower the youth of Southeastern Wisconsin in a safe and supportive environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.*

June 13, 2025

### Neil's Notes

We have a lot of information to cull through this week, please read carefully.

When we slotted the Bird Bath Invite into our meet schedule for this summer it was with an understanding that we would be invited back again this year. As it turns out, we were not invited back. We did reach out to the meet director and pled our case (we are only bringing eight swimmers to the meet), but to no avail. With that said, we will not be racing in this summer's Bird Bath Invite; please be sure to cancel your rooms.

Instead of attending the Bird Bath Invite, we will attend OZ's Fire "Quacker" Open, Friday-Sunday, July 11-13. This is a short course meet (takes place in a 25-yard pool) and will be held at Homestead High School in Mequon (distant events Friday and single session racing on Saturday and Sunday) ... take advantage!

Our team picture will take place this Monday beginning at 5:00 PM. Bronze & Silver swimmers' practices will be cut short, but will still end at 6:00 PM. All swimmers who were on the team last Fall & Winter and this Spring & Summer are encouraged to attend!

Our 13&O Training Trip is fast approaching. Please be sure to submit all paperwork and final payments by June 16<sup>th</sup> and secure your swimmers' USA Swimming Membership if they do not have a current one. Practice for Seniors not attending the Training Trip will be covered by Coach Kelli in the mornings and Coach Joanna in the evenings. Depending on the day of the week, Coach Kelli/Katie/Joanna will be covering Silver practices in the evening.

Senior AM practices are scheduled to begin this Monday, June 16. Practices run 7-9 AM and will be held regardless of rain or temperature. If there is lightening or thunder in the area, practice will be canceled. The decision to cancel practice will be made at 6 AM and disseminated via email and social media. Remember, all Senior swimmers need a membership to the pool (\$25 for the season).

Don't forget your water bottle, gear bag and sunscreen!

RAC will close in honor Juneteenth Day on Thursday, June 19. We have scheduled practice time for Bronze, Silver and Gold at the outdoor SCJ Community pool (athletes will not need a membership for this practice). Practice times for Bronze and Silver = 9-10 AM and Gold will practice 10-11:30 AM. There will be no PM practice this day, only AM. Take advantage!

Reminder, please ensure your swimmers carry a YMCA membership - either a youth membership or part of your family membership.

I can be reached at 262.994.3157 or [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com). Please contact me when you have any questions, concerns, or comments.

Are you social? TEAM SEA is - find us at Instagram (seaswimteam) and Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join).

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jun 20-21	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/18
Jun 27	Conference Meet	6/19
Jun 28	CMSA Invite	Closed
Jul 10-13	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 11-13	OZ Fire "Quacker" Open	6/29
Jul 18-20	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
Jul 25-27	12&U State	TBA
Jul 29	Conference Champs	TBA
Jul 31-3	13&O State	TBA
Aug 7-10	14&U Zones	TBA
Oct 10-12	OZ Fall Classic	TBA
Nov 2	SEA Pentathlon	10/19
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	12/28
Feb 20-22	Regionals	TBA
Feb 27-28	10&U State	TBA
Feb 28-1	Senior State	TBA
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	3/8
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	TBA
Mar 30-3	YMCA Nationals	TBA
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19

## **Pirate Plunge Recap & Highlights**

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Plunge is in the books and when the waves had settled Sunday afternoon, TEAM SEA finished with 79% best times (251 or 316 swims) and twenty DQs (nine Backstroke, four IM, three each Breaststroke and Butterfly, and one Freestyle).

This meet is the most difficult meet to host for our team because there are five sessions spread out over three days. Thank you to all the families who stepped forward and pulled their weight last weekend. We are fortunate to be in the position to host 12-days of meets a year to help us keep our swim tuition competitive compared to other teams throughout the state. The 12-days of meets we host throughout the year covers 50% of our operating budget and are huge teamwide fundraisers for our team. We only have one meet left to host this summer (please ensure you volunteer for three positions during our upcoming Summer Sizzler, June 20-21). Thanks in advance ... on to the recap and highlights!

New long course State qualifying times were picked up by Jordy Borzynski 11-12 200 Backstroke 2:53.99, Ireland Byrne 11-12 50 Butterfly 35.19, Matilda Gutjahr 10&U 400 Freestyle 6:29.51, Molly Staniger 8&U 50 Backstroke 54.61, 100 Freestyle 1:38.75, and Harrison Yanke 10&U 100 Backstroke 1:30.71, 50 Backstroke 42.34, 100 Freestyle 1:22.74.

New team records were recorded by Matilda Gutjahr in the 8&U 400 Freestyle 6:29.51 (old mark was held by Matilda from 2024, 7:46.91), 100 Butterfly 1:44.78 (old mark was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 1:52.77, 100 Backstroke 1:37.26 (old mark was held by Rayann Jaryszak from 2006, 1:39.72), 50 Freestyle 36.36 (old mark was held by Matilda from earlier this season, 37.20), and 200 IM 3:26.07 (old mark was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 3:35.01).

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Ireland Byrne 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 6:28.51, Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 46.82, Harrison Yanke 9-10 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:30.71, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 35.40, 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:43.48, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 42.34, 8<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 46.61, Molly Staniger 8&U 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 43.51, 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:38.75, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 IM 4:14.22, Ryan McGillis 17-18 10<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:31.06, Jordy Borzynski 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:53.99, Jack Borzynski 17-18 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:02.08, 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Freestyle 2:06.19, Nathan Breit 17-18 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke, Kaylee Staniger 13-

14 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 3:12.22, Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 5<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 3:43.12, Evalyn Speers 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 3:52.26, and Amalia Ehmcke 11-12 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 4:17.84.

Athletes posted 100% best times during our meet were Jett Adams, Caleb Bergman, Eli Coughlin, Hannah Daams, Eli Ehmcke, Aisling Fahy, Nicholas Foster, Jessica Gonzalez, Charlotte Horton, Julie Horton, Natalia Johnson, Delilah Kuhl, Allison Mertins, Tennyson Morey, Eleni Schrik, Evalyn Speers, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Zack Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins, and Vivienne Yanke.

Slicing five or more seconds in a single event: Jett Adams -31.64 200 Backstroke, Ale Arteaga -7.52 200 Freestyle, Caleb Bergman -47.56 400 Freestyle, Jordy Borzynski -7.23 200 Breaststroke, Ireland Byrne -37.03 400 IM, Eli Coughlin -10.44 200 IM, Silas Coughlin -5.97 50 Breaststroke, Hannah Daams -23.51 200 IM, Amalia Ehmcke -12.19 100 Breaststroke, Eli Ehmcke -13.44 100 Backstroke, Aisling Fahy -30.46 200 Backstroke, Nathaniel Foster -6.42 100 Breaststroke, Nicholas Foster -8.68 100 Backstroke, Sarina Foster -16.06 100 Freestyle, Jessica Gonzalez -67.02 100 Backstroke, Julissa Gonzalez -5.04 100 Freestyle, Charlotte Gruettner -5.65 50 Breaststroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -37.79 200 IM, Matilda Gutjahr -77.40 400 Freestyle, Charlotte Horton -23.40 200 IM, Julie Horton -30.51 200 IM, Levi Jansen -10.19 200 Breaststroke, Natalia Johnson -89.31 400 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -29.53 100 Backstroke, Fiona Marini -14.14 200 Backstroke, Emma Masaya -39.77 200 Freestyle, Allie Mertins -15.89 200 IM, Arya Morey -76.42 400 Freestyle, Tennyson Morey -8.89 100 Backstroke, Evan Olson -7.70 200 Breaststroke, Eleni Schrik -22.59 100 Backstroke, Evalyn Speers -30.61 200 IM, Olivia Speers -19.56 100 Butterfly, Ellie Staniger -28.90 200 Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -30.51 200 Butterfly, Zack Steenrod -23.92 200 Breaststroke, Rhemy Thompkins -29.80 200 Freestyle, Aubree Van Dyke -12.00 200 IM, John Westfall -39.69 100 Breaststroke, Harrison Yanke -17.29 100 Backstroke, and Vivienne Yanke -13.91 200 IM

Congratulations to these swimmers on racing in the first long course meet ever! Aubrey Becker, Ethan Eckel, Aviana Gelden, Olivia Hayes, Hovan Karapetian, Rosie Nisiewicz, Alanna Peterson, Gavin Peterson, Lauren Schneider, Bizzy Strickling, and Bria Widmar.

Great job swimmers! Don't forget to sign-up to race in our upcoming Summer Sizzler!

### Team Picture Scheduled for June 16

Our annual team picture is scheduled for Monday, June 16 at RAC. Pictures will begin at 5:00 PM. This event is for all TEAM SEA swimmers who were on the team last Fall & Winter and this Spring & Summer. Watch this section of the newsletter for additional information as we get closer to the date.

### AM Training For Seniors

AM practice for Seniors will begin June 16 (weather permitting). Practices are conducted at the SCJ outdoor community pool, Monday-Friday, 7-9 AM. The decision to cancel practice will be made at 6:15 AM and pushed out via email and social media (Facebook and Instagram).

Swimmers will need to secure a membership to the pool, \$25 for the season. This pass can be purchased online or at the check-in desk at the facility.

### RaiseRight Fundraising Information

SEA offers RaiseRight (formally SCRIP) sales as a fundraising option for our families. This has proven to be an easy way for many families to meet their fundraising requirement! RaiseRight offers gift cards for many favorite merchants and restaurants, including Kohl's, Walmart, Pick 'n Save, Target, Kwik Trip, Starbucks, Amazon, iTunes, and many more. They make great gifts and are easy for families to use for personal use while fundraising. Take a look at the list, watch for specials, and see how easy it is to raise funds while you shop. Read the "how to" pages linked on our RaiseRight webpage ([www.sea-y.org/scrip](http://www.sea-y.org/scrip)) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com) for the code) and registering for PrestoPay at least two days before placing your first order. DO NOT place your first order until the PrestoPay registration process is complete. PrestoPay is safe, simple and the only payment method accepted by SEA.

RaiseRight delivery is in the pool balcony/bleachers, but individual arrangements can also be made. You may also take advantage of re-load and ScripNow options in between deliveries. Thank you for shopping!

#### Order Dates

Order By	Delivery On
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July 13

July 17-18

If you have any questions or need help, please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157 or at [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

### June Birthdays

Nolan Barrett, Gennie Bruzas, Max Carlson, Eli Chentnik, Evelyn Gutknecht, Arya Morey, Bizzy Strickling, Aubree Van Dyke.

### Extended Calendar

#### June

16 AM practices begin for Seniors  
16 Team Picture, 5:00 PM @ RAC  
19 RAC closed, only AM practice for all  
20-21 No practice  
20-21 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Summer Sizzler  
22 Last day of Spring Season  
22-29 13&O Training Trip  
27 Conference Meet

#### July

4 No practice, 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
10-13 Speedo Sectionals  
11-13 Bird Bath Invite  
18-20 WI LSC Regionals  
25-27 12&U State  
30 Last practice for the season  
31-3 13&O State

#### August

7-10 14&U Zones  
12 Annual Banquet  
4-28 OST

#### September

22 Tryouts for new families  
23 Fall & Winter Season begins

#### October

24 Annual Halloween Party

#### November

2 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pentathlon  
15 WIAA Division 2 Girls State  
16 WIAA Division 1 Girls State

#### December

13-14 Single Age State

#### January

10-11 20<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Penguin Challenge

#### February

20 WIAA Division 2 Boys State  
21 WIAA Division 1 Boys State  
20-22 USA Regionals

#### March

14-15 YMCA Sectionals  
20-22 YMCA State

#### April

20 Spring & Summer Season begins

#### May

2-3 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Early Bird  
25 No practice, Memorial Day

## **F.A.Q.**

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- 1) Where can I get one of those awesome TEAM SEA swim caps and how much do they cost?
  - a. Coach Neil
  - b. \$20 for silicone, \$5 for latex
- 2) How do I sign-up my swimmer for a meet?
  - a. Email Coach Neil and let him know you would like your swimmer entered in "x" meet (please indicate what days of the meet if it takes place on multiple days)
- 3) I'm new to the team ... how many practices should my swimmer attend per week?
  - a. Bronze and Silver = 2-3
  - b. Gold = 4-5
  - c. Senior = 5-6
- 4) I'm not receiving emails; how can I be placed on the email list? Contact Coach Neil and he'll be happy to add your email address to the list.
- 5) Where do I sit if I plan on sticking around during practice? Please sit in the stands.
- 6) Got a question you need an answer to? Please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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***Respect \* Responsibility***  
***Build \* Promote \* Achieve***