

## 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 way to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.*

January 25, 2022

### **Neil's Notes**

Amazing job hosting our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Penguin Challenge. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to help out!

Our final hosted meet of the season will be held on March 12-13. Volunteer sign-up will open by mid-February and if we are lucky, we'll be able to host the meet here in Racine at the new aquatic center ... time will tell - otherwise we will be at Aug Prep in Milwaukee.

Please note, I have been developing a document and system for tracking escrow checks (and other non-swim tuition payments) and I'm just about ready to roll it out. I do have some checks from August 2021 through January 2022 that will be deposited in the bank Monday, January 31 (my apologies for the delay). Moving forward, all checks forwarded to me at practice will be deposited at the end of the month in which it was received. Look for an escrow report soon (it will be emailed to you).

The meet schedule for the summer is now posted on the Meet Information page of our website (find it under the MEMBERS dropdown menu. We are scheduling a team travel trip the weekend after 4<sup>th</sup> of July (July 8-10) and we'll either end up in Appleton for the Bird Bath Invite or in Kentucky for the Lakeside Invitation. I will update which one we are attending when I hear back from the meet hosts. Both meets are outdoors! You can also view the upcoming meet schedule at the end of this newsletter document under the Extended Calendar section.

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), Facebook (SEA Swim Team - this page is set to private and you'll need to request to join), or Twitter (@SEAWisconsin).

### **Conference Meet Information**

We will be racing in Lake Geneva again this Sunday during our Conference meet.

Coach Neil will send an email later this week (Thursday or Friday) with all the meet information you'll need to have a stress-free meet experience. Watch your inboxes!

### **Penguin Challenge Highlights & Recap**

Solid efforts all around during our hosted meet weekend. As a team, 67% best times were achieved and many firsts happened (first meet of a swimmers life, first long course meet of a swimmers life, first 400 IM or 100 Freestyle of a swimmers life, and the list goes on and on ... so awesome).

New USA State qualifying times were achieved by Jack Borzynski in the 100 Butterfly and his brother Jordan in the 50 Butterfly, 50 Backstroke, and 50 Freestyle. We have a few swimmers just one second away from punching their tickets to State - keep training smart and working hard!

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Jordyn Tran 9<sup>th</sup> in the 13-14 100 Butterfly, Evan Steenrod (8&U) 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke, 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly, Jordan Borzynski 10<sup>th</sup> 9-10 50 Butterfly, and Jack Borzynski 10<sup>th</sup> 13-14 100 Butterfly.

Notching 100% best times in all of their events included Alessandra Arteaga, Allyce Fellion, Grace Gross, Marlie Haas-Uebe, Jorja Makovsky, Evan Olsen, Evan, Nate, and Zack Steenrod, Matthew Thornton, and Vinienne Yanke.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event were Alessandra Arteaga -23.15 100 Butterfly, Caleb Bergman -12.08 50 Butterfly, Jack Borzynski -6.70 100 Butterfly, Jordan Borzynski -17.94 200 Freestyle, Logan Buska -7.74 100 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -25.86 100 Freestyle, Maddie Cerny -17.38 400 Freestyle, Allyce Pellion -12.33 100 Backstroke, Grace Gross -6.12 100 Freestyle, Marlie Haas-Uebe -

10.52 50 Backstroke, Lindsey Hohnl -8.40 400 IM, Callie Klepp -20.13 100 Breaststroke, Jorja Makovsky -18.04 100 Freestyle, Sophia Marini -7.01 200 IM, Evan Olsen -15.12 50 Freestyle, Evan Steenrod -41.49 100 Breaststroke, Zack Steenrod -36.83 100 Breaststroke, and Vivienne Yanke -18.86 50 Freestyle.

We had a lot of swimmers racing in their first meet and/or their first long course meet (can be a nerve-racking experience). Everyone handle it just fine and we are so proud of moms and dads signing their sons/daughters up for the meet and for them swimming! Congratulations to Jett Adams, Savannah Allison, Hannah Daams, Charlotte Horton, Julie Horton, Luzia Jaime, Levi Jensen, Carter Justman, Ian Lopez, Ali Mertins, Arya Morey, Ellie Olson, Olivia Speers, Ellie and Kaylee Staniger, Nate Steenrod, Benji and Matthew Thornton, and Aubree Van Dyke.

Way to go TEAM SEA!

### Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Jan. 30	Conference Meet	Closed
Feb. 4-6	SSTY A+ Meet	Closed
Feb. 13	Conference Meet	2/4
Feb. 18-20	Regionals	2/8
Feb. 25-27	12&U State	2/20
Mar. 3-6	13&O State	TBA
Mar. 12-13	YMCA Regionals	TBA
Mar. 18-20	YMCA State	TBA
Mar. 28-1	YMCA Nationals	TBA

### National YMCA Top 16 Recognition

YMCA of the USA recently posted their national YMCA Top 16 Recognition for last long and short course seasons. If you missed what TEAM SEA did via the social media post, here's a list of certificates received:

Hugo Arteaga (14-year-old) - 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Butterfly 50.96, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Freestyle 47.09, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 21.74, 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 54.37

Mac Thomas (15-year-old) - 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 23.73, 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:05.54, 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 2:23.74, 13<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke long course 1:20.66

Megan Schultz (17-year-old) - 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:03.98, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 2:20.34

Joe Skantz (18-year-old) 16<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 51.40

Sofia Badillo, Megan Schultz, Natalia Badillo, and Mac Thomas (15-18-year-olds) 14<sup>th</sup> 200 Medley Relay 1:46.73, 16<sup>th</sup> 400 Medley Relay 3:58.13

Congratulation's swimmers!

### TEAM SEA Amazon Smile

TEAM SEA has had an Amazon Smile account for many years, but it has been a while since we have reached out to families for support.

If you would like to support TEAM SEA via purchases when ordering from Amazon Smile please go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1580537>. Once there, please click on the Start Shopping button to support TEAM SEA. Thank you for helping one of Racine's Hidden Gems.

### SCRIP Fundraising Information

SEA offers 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! SCRIP 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 SCRIP 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.

SCRIP 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 for Fall & Winter

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
January 23	January 28
February 20	February 25
March 13	March 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).

## January Birthdays

Sofia Badillo, Ireland Byrne, Nicholas Foster, Fiona Marini, Allison Mertins, Evan Olson, Ellie Staniger, and Jordyn Tran.

## Extended Calendar

### January

15-16 SEA Penguin Challenge  
22-23 SHOR meet  
30 Conference meet

### February

4-6 A+ meet  
13 Conference meet  
18-20 WI LSC Regionals  
25-27 12&U State

### March

3-6 13&O State  
12-13 Wisconsin YMCA Regionals  
18-20 YMCA State  
28-1 YMCA Nationals

### April

11 New swimmer tryouts  
25 First day of Spring & Summer practice

### May

7-8 SEA Early Bird meet  
14 Conference meet

### June

3-5 SEA Pirate Plunge meet  
11 Conference meet  
24-25 SEA Summer Sizzler meet

### July

8-10 Possible travel meet to Kentucky or to Appleton  
14-17 Speedo Sectionals  
15-16 Regionals  
22-23 12&U State  
28-31 13&O State

### August

1-5 Speedo Junior Championships  
4-7 14&U Zones

### September

19 New swimmer tryouts  
20 Fall & Winter Season begins

## F.A.Q.

- 1) Where can I get one of those awesome TEAM SEA swim caps and how much do they cost?
  - a. Coach Neil
  - b. \$15 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

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) Got a question you need an answer to? Please text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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Respect \* Responsibility  
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