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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.

January 9, 2026

Neil's Notes

Welcome to 2026! What an amazing week of practice we have had so far. We have been busy since the holiday SEASON has come to an end and it's great to SEA.

This weekend 89 TEAM SEA swimmers are scheduled to race in our 20th Annual Penguin Challenge. Good luck!

Don't forget, RUSD has a new protocol to enter the aquatic center for 18+ swimmers, coaches, and parents. Every time you enter the building, please stop by the desk to can your government ID.

For those wondering, Coach Joanna will be back on deck tonight.

Please note, the information in our weekly newsletter changes from week-to-week. Dates and times for upcoming events are fluid and can change. Please ensure you are reading the latest newsletter so you are up-to-date!

I can be reached at 262.994.3157 or 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).

Penguin Challenge Meet Information

Saturday and Sunday we'll be hosting and racing at the Racine Aquatic Center.

Warm-ups for both days begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to finish at Noon.

Heat sheets are posted on the meet landing page.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	closed
Jan 18	Conference Meet	1/10
Jan 23-25	Chase Strong Invite	closed
Jan 25	J-HK 8&U All Star	1/16
Feb 8	Conference Champs	1/28
Feb 20-22	Regionals	tba

Feb 27-1	Senior State	tba
Feb 28-1	10&U State	tba
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	2/22
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	3/8
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	tba
Mar 30-3	YMCA Nationals	3/22
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	tba
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	tba

Swim for A Cause Scheduled for February 1st

Save the date for this season's Swim for a Cause, Sunday, February 1st at the Racine Aquatic Center. The event will begin at 1:00 PM. Information can be found on our website under MEMBERS/FUNDRAISING.

Canceled Practice Dates

We have a few dates scattered throughout the season where we lose pool time at RAC (usually for high school dual meets, college meets, and holidays) and cannot secure pool time at any of our back-up pools. We are unable to conduct practice on the following dates:

January 19, 27

February 13

Please watch this area of the newsletter for additional dates that may be added in the future.

Team Picture ... Save the Date

Our annual team picture is scheduled for Monday, March 9th beginning at 5:00 PM. Save the date! Options to order will be available closer to the date.

Annual Awards Banquet ... Save the Date

Our annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st beginning at 5:00 PM at Infusino's Banquet Hall. More information about this event can be viewed on our website at MEMBERS/ANNUAL BANQUET. We hope to SEA you there!

YMCA National Required Meets

Athletes qualified for, working towards, or may be attending as a relay swimmer will need to ensure they attend the following meets in order to race at YMCA Nationals which will take place in Greensboro, NC, March 30-April 3, 2026.

- 1) November 16, YMCA Invite
- 2) December 6-7 Y-Finalist (high school boys will need permission from their high school coach and athletic director)
- 3) March 15-16, YMCA Sectionals
- 4) March 21-23, YMCA State

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) - you can also read about PrestroPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment card (please email Coach Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com for the code) and registering for PrestroPay at least two days before placing your first order. DO NOT place your first order until the PrestroPay registration process is complete. PrestroPay 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
January 11	January 15-16
February 8	February 12-13
March 8	March 12-13

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.

January Birthdays

Ireland Byrne, Eli Coughlin, Amalia Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Asher Genduso, Julissa Gonzalez, Evelyn Gruettner, Fiona Marini, Ryan McGillis, Allison Mertins, Evan Olson, Ellie Staniger.

Extended Calendar

January

10-11 20th Annual SEA Penguin Challenge
18 Conference Meet
19 No practice
23-25 11th Annual Chase Strong Invite
25 J-HK 8&U All Star
27 No practice

February

8 Conference Champs
13 No practice
14 WIAA Boys Sectionals
20 WI D2 Boys State
21 WIAA D1 Boys State
20-22 Regionals
27-1 Senior State
28-1 10&U State

March

6-8 11-14 State
14-15 YMCA Sectionals
20-22 YMCA State
30-3 YMCA Nationals

April

20 Tryouts for new swimmers
21 Annual Banquet
22 Spring & Summer Season begins

May

2-3 17th Annual SEA Early Bird
25 No practice, Memorial Day

June

5-7 11th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
19-20 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

How to TEAM SEA

In this section of the newsletter, you'll be able to review some of the processes involved with TEAM SEA. If you need additional help in understanding anything TEAM SEA related after reading this section, please reach out to Coach Neil. *Please note this section is under construction and will be updated throughout the season.*

How do we sign-up our swimmers for meets?

To enter your swimmer in any meet on our meet schedule (which can be viewed online at MEMBERS/MEET SCHEDULE or earlier in this newsletter) simply email Coach Neil stating which meet you plan on having your swimmer race in (please include the day(s) you plan on

having your swimmer race if the meet is multiple days). 95% of our family's leave event selection up to the coaching staff (you are welcome to select your swimmer's events and if you do, please include them in the email you send).

Family's can view meet information, entries, meet fees, and final results online on the MEET SCHEDULE page. Families should view their escrow account via MEMBERS/ESCROW ACCOUNT throughout the season and forward meet fee payments via check (payable to SEA) or cash to any coach on deck.

How do we purchase TEAM SEA swim caps?

Coach Neil has TEAM SEA swim caps with him at practices and meets. Cost for silicone is \$20 and latex is \$5. What's the difference between the two caps ... basically, thickness. These days, most swimmers prefer silicone, but to each their own.

How many practices should my swimmer attend?

General rule of thumb: Bronze and Silver 2-3, Gold 4-5, and Senior 5-6.

How do I receive emails?

If you are currently not receiving weekly newsletter emails and other updates, please send an email to Coach Neil at south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com and he'll ensure your email is added to the database.

I submitted a check for escrow and/or swim tuition and it's not cashed yet, when will it?

Deposits are made at the end of each month.

*Caring * Honesty
Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve*