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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.

December 11, 2025

Neil's Notes

We have a lot of swimming on tap this weekend with the team racing at our home pool during Single Age State and a nice sized squad heading to Germantown to race in RA's Distance Classic. Safe travels to everyone racing this weekend and good luck!

We are still planning on attending the Chase Strong Invite in January and this event will be a travel meet for our Senior athletes (we will take any and all Senior level athletes to the meet and have an experience similar to our 13&O Training Trip). We are still waiting for the host team to post 2026's meet information. If you are planning on sending your swimmer with the coaching staff to this meet, please let us know so we can begin planning. Thanks.

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).

Single Age State Information

This weekend (Saturday-Sunday) we'll be racing at the Racine Aquatic Center for 2025's version of Single Age State. This meet is huge with 800+ swimmers scheduled to race.

We have assigned warm-ups (please be on time). The meet landing page was shared with the weekly cheat sheet and newsletter emails (heat sheets will be posted there soon, if not already).

Saturday AM (girls) warm-ups run 7:30-7:55 AM in lane 3 of the competition pool. Racing gets underway at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to finish at 1:13 PM.

Saturday PM (boys) warm-ups run 1:30-1:55 PM in lane 2 of the competition pool. Racing begins at 3:05 PM and is scheduled to end of 6:11 PM.

Sunday AM (girls) warm-ups run 8:20-8:45 AM in lane 3 of the diving well. Racing begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 1:04 PM.

Sunday PM (boys) warm-ups run 1:15-1:40 PM in lane 3 of the diving well. Racing begins at 2:50 PM and is scheduled to end of 5:54 PM.

Coach Joanna will be on deck all weekend with Coach Ben on deck Sunday. Good luck TEAM SEA!

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

RA Distance Classic Information

Friday-Sunday we'll be racing at Germantown High School (W180N11501 River Lane).

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:30 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:00 PM.

Saturday and Sunday warm-ups are assigned (please be on time).

Saturday AM warm-ups (10&U) run in lane 6, 7:50-8:10 AM, meet begins at 8:30 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:38 AM.

Saturday PM warm-ups (11&O) run in lanes 7-8, 11:25-11:45 AM, meet begins at Noon and is scheduled to end at 4:15 PM.

Sunday AM warm-ups (10&U) run in lane 6, 7:50-8:10 AM, meet begins at 8:30 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:24 AM.

Sunday PM warm-ups (11&O) run in lanes 7-8, 11:10-11:30 AM, meet begins at 11:45 AM and is scheduled to end at 3:35 PM.

Heat sheets are posted on the meet landing page. Please note the following events will be deck seeded and are not included in the heat sheets: 400 IM, 500 Free, 1000 Free, and 1650 Free.

Coach Parker will be on deck for this event.

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Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Dec 12-14	RA Distance Classic	closed
Dec 13-14	Single Age State	closed
Dec 18	Distance Time Trials	12/16
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	12/28
Jan 18	Conference Meet	tba
Jan 23-25	Chase Strong Invite	12/20
Jan 25	J-HK 8&U All Star	1/16
Feb 8	Conference Champs	tba
Feb 20-22	Regionals	tba
Feb 27-1	Senior State	tba
Feb 28-1	10&U 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	3/22
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	tba
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	tba

YMCA Finalist Highlights & Recap

We had a great showing in Brown Deer last weekend. As a team, we finished second of 14 teams with 633.50-points, 52% best times (145 of 279 swims), relays were strong, and only eight DQs (three each for Breaststroke and IM and one each for Butterfly and Backstroke).

New Single Age State qualifying times were achieved by Summer Gustafson-Binger 11 50 Freestyle 30.95, Tovi Papillon 11 100 Breaststroke 1:34.29, and Rhemy Thompkins 12 50 Freestyle 28.75, 100 Breaststroke 1:22.41.

New USA State cuts were posted by Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 200 Freestyle 2:36.04, Ashlyn Malzewski Senior 100 Breaststroke 1:11.35, 200 Breaststroke 2:34.45, Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 50 Freestyle 28.75, 100 Breaststroke 1:22.41, and Aubree Van Dyke 13-14 50 Freestyle 26.95.

New YMCA State times were notched by Summer Gustafson-Binger 11 50 Freestyle 30.95, Ashlyn Malzewski Open 100 Breaststroke 1:11.35, 200 Freestyle 2:01.63, 200 Breaststroke 2:34.45, Bennett Menken 13-14 50 Freestyle 25.58, and Kaylee Staniger 13-14 200 Freestyle 2:06.11.

Cracking into our Top Ten list included Jack Borzynski 17-18 9th 100 Butterfly 52.85, Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 8th 100 Breaststroke 1:27.41, and Ashlyn Malzewski 17-18 8th 200 Breaststroke 2:34.45.

Posting 100% best times were Aubrey Becker, Jordy Borzynski, Victoria Domnikoua, Eli Ehmcke, Sarina Foster, Aviana Gelden, Stella Glassen, Kylie Greiner, Delilah Kuhl, Bennett Menken, Allie Mertins, Kaylee Staniger, and John Westfall.

Knocking five or more seconds in a single event: Aubrey Becker -29.14 500 Freestyle, Hannah Daams -14.08 500 Freestyle, Eli Ehmcke -55.90 500 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -16.36 500 Freestyle, Sarina Foster -9.49 100 Freestyle, Aviana Gelden -5.61 50 Breaststroke, Stella Glassen -14.34 100 Breaststroke, Kylie Greiner -9.65 100 Backstroke, Evelyn Gruettner -14.90 100 IM, Summer Gustafson-Binger -5.87 100 Butterfly, Matilda Gutjahr -7.16 200 Freestyle, Adeline Hell -7.36 50 Freestyle, Fiona Marini -5.62 100 Butterfly, Bennett Menken -7.72 200 Freestyle, Allie Mertins -7.19 100 Breaststroke, Brennan Meyer -21.27 100 Butterfly, Tovi Papillon -6.42 100 Freestyle, Braxton Rosemann -6.29 200 IM, Evalyn Speers -26.35 400 IM, Kaylee Staniger -8.97 200 Backstroke, Aubree Van Dyke -6.48 200 IM, John Westfall -7.66 100 Butterfly, and Brynn Widmer -6.90 50 Freestyle.

Congratulations to Victoria Domnikoua on racing in her first TEAM SEA meet and to Miles Hoffman who successfully raced a legal 100 IM and graduates to the Silver training group!

Gold Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Matilda Gutjahr, Molly Staniger, Harrison Yanke

Silver Medalist: Ireland Byrne, Nathaniel Foster, Asher Genduso, Matilda Gurjahr, Ashlyn Malzewski, Bennett Menken, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, Harrison Yanke

Bronze Medalist: Ireland Byrne, Asher Genduso, Matilda Gutjahr, Sophie Gutknecht, Braxton Rosemann, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, Rhemy Thompkins, Harrison Yanke

Good luck this weekend at RAC and Germantown High School!

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:

December 23, 24, 25, 31
January 1

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

December 16 Practice at Carthage College

We will practice at Carthage College on Tuesday, December 16. All practices will begin at 5:00 PM. Bronze and Silver practice ends at 6:00 PM, Gold at 6:30 PM, and Senior at 7:00 PM. 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

Chase Strong Invite Senior Trip

We have been attending the Chase Strong Invite for the past three years. It's a great meet at a newer facility on the campus of Center Grove High School (a suburb of Indianapolis) and the competition is such that most of our Senior swimmers who have attending were able to score second swims.

We are attending the meet again this year (weekend of January 23-25, 2026) and all swimmers are welcome to attend.

New year this, our Senior level athletes can attend the meet as a travel meet and travel to and from the meet with Coach Neil (additional coaches will attend depending on the number of swimmers planning on attending).

The cost is yet to be worked out, but as of today includes \$60 entry fee (we will need to figure our lodging, there will be no cost for travel).

Watch this section for more information! To add your name to the list, please contact Coach Neil by October 31st! This is a new idea for TEAM SEA, but can be viewed similar to our bi-annual training trip (without all the training and the beautiful emerald coast beaches).

Planning on attending include Aubree VanDyke.

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 PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at 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

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
December 14	December 18-19
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.

December Birthdays

Ale Arteaga, Caleb Bergman, Logan Buska, Hannah Daams, Sebastian Davalos, Nathaniel Foster, Ava Kerbawy, Delilah Kuhl, Quinn Lowrey, Brennan Meyer, Rosie Nisiewicz, Cashton Peterson, John Westfall.

Extended Calendar

December

- 12-14 RA Distance Classic
- 13-14 Single Age State
- 16 Practice at Carthage College
- 18 Distance Time Trials
- 23 No practice, no pools available
- 24-25 No practice, Merry Christmas

31 No practice, Happy New Year's Eve

January

1 No practice, Happy New Year
10-11 20th Annual SEA Penguin Challenge
18 Conference Meet
23-25 11th Annual Chase Strong Invite
25 J-HK 8&U All Star

February

8 Conference Champs
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).

Families 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.

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Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve***