

## Serpent Times

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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.*

February 19, 2026

### Neil's Notes

With the conclusion of the high school boys swim season, we are able to resort back to our normal practice times. Please note, beginning Monday, February 23 our practices will run:

Bronze & Silver, 5:00-6:00 PM

Gold, 6:00-7:30 PM

Senior, 6:00-8:00 PM

We have a great meet on tap this weekend as we race in our home pool during WI LSC Regionals. We are so excited to take to the blocks to strive for best times, state cuts, zone cuts and race our hearts out! Go SEA!!

Good luck to our high school boys who will be racing in WIAA State tomorrow and Saturday. Rock the blocks boys!

Remember, YMCA Sectionals and YMCA State use December 1, 2025 as the age-up date. What does that mean? However old the athlete is on December 1<sup>st</sup> of 2025 will be the age the athlete will race for these two meets. Weird, yes, but it is what it is.

Additionally, we have a few important dates you'll want to save: 1) Team Picture will take place on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM, 2) our annual Team Banquet will take place on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 3) our final practice of the current Fall & Winter Season will be held on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and 4) the first day of practice for the upcoming Spring & Summer Season is Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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](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).

### WI LSC Regional Meet Information

Beginning tomorrow we'll be racing in our home pool during this season's WI LSC Regional Meet.

Friday warm-ups begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:35 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:13 PM.

Saturday & Sunday AM warm-ups are assigned (please be on time) for 12&U swimmers run 7:00-7:30 AM, meet begins at 8:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:25 AM both days.

Saturday & Sunday PM warm-ups for 13&O swimmers begin at 11:15 AM, meet begins at 12:35 PM and is scheduled to end at 3:15 PM Saturday and at 3:25 PM Sunday.

Time Trials will be offered at the conclusion of the PM sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Athletes who may need to time trial include swimmers going for their first State qualifying time, their fifth State cut, and/or striving for a Zone cut. The link to sign-up for time trials should be on the meet landing page soon. \$10 fee.

12&U swimmers who win any event 200-yards or shorter will be able to swim that event at State (regardless if the State qualifying standard is met or not).

View the meet landing page for heat sheets.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Feb 20-22	Regionals	closed
Feb 27-1	Senior State	2/22
Feb 28-1	10&U State	2/22
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	2/22
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	3/8
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	3/15
Mar 30-3	YMCA Nationals	3/22
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19
May 15	Conference Meet	tba
May 16-17	SSTY Distance/Sprint	tba
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/24
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	tba
June 26	Conference Meet LCM	tba
July 9-12	Speedo Sectionals	tba

July 10-12	West Michigan Classic	tba
July 17-19	WI LSC Regionals	tba
July 24-26	12&U State	tba
July 28	Conference Champs	tba
July 30-2	13&O State	tba
Aug 6-9	14&U Zones	tba

### 10&U USA State Hotel Information

We have a block of rooms secured at the Staybridge Suites (2916 Hardrock Road in Fitchburg). These are king rooms (double queens were not available - there's a lot going on in and around Verona the weekend of 10&U State). The rate is \$169 per night plus everyone's favorite taxes and fees. The reservation agent said to call back beginning January 30 to see if you can switch from a king room to a double queen as a lot of block reservations drop on January 30. The deadline to reserve your room is January 30. Reserve online [at this link](#) or call 608.616.5664.

### SEA Towels Available for Purchase

We have a few TEAM SEA towels available for purchase. Each towel is \$40. Contact Coach Neil if you would like one.

### 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:

February 20, 21  
March 14

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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! Below is the current list of families attending:

<b>Bronze</b>			

<b>Silver</b>			
<b>Family</b>	<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>4&amp;U</b>	<b>5&amp;O</b>
Balk	Allie	0	3

<b>Gold</b>			

<b>Senior</b>			
Gutknecht	Evelyn Sophie	0	2

### 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-v.org/scrip](http://www.sea-v.org/scrip)) - you can also read about PrestroPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) by use the SEA enrollment card (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
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](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

#### February Birthdays

Kealey Aalderks, Allie Balk, Autumn Cress, Maddy Genduso, Jessica Gonzalez, Charlotte Horton, Maddie Kaminskis, Sophia Marini, Zoe Pomeroy, Lila Rudoll, and Lily Rudoll.

#### Extended Calendar

##### February

20 WI D2 Boys State  
20-21 No practice  
20-22 Regionals  
21 WIAA D1 Boys State  
27-1 Senior State  
28-1 10&U State

##### March

6-8 11-14 State  
9 Team Picture  
14 No practice  
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 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Early Bird  
25 No practice, Memorial Day

##### June

5-7 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pirate Plunge  
19-20 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

##### July

4 No practice

##### August

6-9 14&U Zones

##### September

21 Tryouts

22 Fall & Winter Season begins

#### 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](mailto: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*