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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.

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Neil's Notes

Regionals last weekend was amazing! Read all about our successes on page two of this newsletter ... congratulations TEAM SEA!

Good luck to everyone racing in Brown Deer and Verona this weekend during Senior and 10&U State!!

We are conducting practice Friday and Saturday this week. Take advantage!

The next "BIG" meet for our team is YMCA Sectionals. All TEAM SEA swimmers should race in this team hosted meet. Deadline to sign-up if March 8th.

Fire sale on TEAM SEA towels. \$20 per towel. Get one before they are gone.

As we close in on the end of our 42nd Fall & Winter Season, please ensure you zero out your escrow accounts and make final payments for swim tuition if you are paying monthly. Spring & Summer Season begins April 22 and registration is open (be sure to register prior to attending the first practice you plan on attending in the new season).

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 1st of 2025 will be the age the athlete will race for these two meets. Weird, yes, but it is what it is.

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

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).

Senior State Information

Beginning tomorrow we'll head to Brown Deer to race in Senior State. Visit the meet landing page for heat sheets and additional information. Warm-ups are assigned. Please be on time.

Friday Prelim warm-ups for events 1-12 run 7:50-8:15 AM, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to conclude at 12:59 PM. Ryan @ 9:00 AM and Molly @ 10:00 AM.

Saturday Prelim warm-ups for events 13-26 run 7:00-7:25 AM, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to conclude at 12:22 PM. Molly & Ashlyn @ 9:00 AM, Ethan & Max @ 9:45 AM.

Saturday Final warm-ups for the 200 Freestyle Relay (Nathan, Jack, Nathaniel, Max) begin at 4:00 PM, meet begins at 5:05 PM.

Sunday warm-ups for events 29-42 run 7:25-7:50 AM, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to conclude at 12:03 PM. Ryan & Max @ 8:30 AM, Ashlyn @ 9:00 AM, and Molly @ 9:30 AM.

Sunday Final warm-ups for the 200 Medley Relay (Ryan, Nathaniel, Jack, Nathan) begin at 4:00 PM, meet begins at 5:05 PM.

Those moving on to Finals should check with Coach Neil on when to return for warm-ups.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

10&U State Information

Saturday and Sunday we'll head up to Verona (234 Wildcat Way) for this year's installment of 10&U State.

Warm-ups are assigned, please be on time.

Saturday warm-ups for boys run 9:50-10:10 AM, meet begins at 10:30 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:48 PM.

Saturday warm-ups for girls run 1:45-2:05 PM, meet begins at 3:05 PM and is scheduled to end at 5:47 PM.

Sunday warm-ups for boys run 8:00-8:20 AM, meet begins at 9:00 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:04 PM.

Sunday warm-ups for girls run 12:50-1:10 PM, meet begins at 1:30 PM and is scheduled to end at 4:06 PM.

Visit the meet landing page for heat sheets and additional information.

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Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Feb 27-1	Senior State	closed
Feb 28-1	10&U State	closed
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	closed
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

WI LSC Regional Highlights & Recap

Wow. What a weekend of amazing swimming. As a team we finished second with 4670.50-points, three new team records, a ton of new State qualifying times, 71% best times (297 of 420 swims), and only eight DQs (three Freestyle, two Backstroke, and one each for IM, Breaststroke, and relay).

Quinn Schmidt 43.97, Rowan Glassen 51.87, Molly Staniger 41.99, and Brynn Widmar 44.50 broke our team record for the 8&U 200 Medley Relay finishing in 3:02.33 (old mark was held by Kruse, Bollendorf, Pennings, and Collen from 2008, 3:24.24).

Molly Staniger 35.53, Rowan Glassen 39.34, Quinn Schmidt 40.29, and Allie Balk 40.20 broke our team record for the 8&U 200 Freestyle Relay touching in 2:35.36 (old mark was held by Pennings, Collen, Pham, and Kruse from 2009, 3:03.18).

Braxton Rosemann 28.41, Sophie Gutknecht 32.33, Vivi Yanke 27.53, and Kaylee

Staniger 24.82 broke our team record for the 13-14 200 Medley Relay cruising to 1:53.09 (old mark was held by Kinzie Reischl, Natalia Badillo, Nadya Muzyka, and Maya Frodl from 2017, 1:54.29).

New 14&U Zone qualifying times were achieved by Braxton Rosemann 13-14 50 Backstroke 28.41, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 50 Freestyle 25.41, Harrison Yanke 10&U 200 Freestyle 2:17.93, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 50 Breaststroke 32.40.

New USA State qualifying times were posted by Jordy Borzynski 13-14 200 Freestyle 2:00.26, 100 Freestyle 53.58, Asher Genduso 11-12 200 IM 2:37.32, 50 Freestyle 28.63, 200 Freestyle 2:14.90, 100 Butterfly 1:13.16, Rowan Glassen 8&U 25 Backstroke 21.48, Julissa Gonzales 8&U 25 Butterfly 20.26, Bennett Menken 13-14 50 Backstroke 29.71, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 400 IM 5:03.67, 50 Butterfly 28.47, Quinn Schmidt 8&U 25 Butterfly 18.85, 50 Breaststroke 52.93, 25 Breaststroke 23.42, 50 Butterfly 47.79, Olivia Speers 11-12 200 Breaststroke 3:04.46, Ellie Staniger 11-12 200 IM 2:30.19, 50 Backstroke 33.25, 400 IM 5:24.87, 1000 Freestyle 12:31.91, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 200 Freestyle 2:03.07, 50 Butterfly 29.02, Evan Steenrod 11-12 200 IM 2:37.25, 500 Freestyle 6:07.75, 200 Freestyle 2:16.52, 100 IM 1:14.41, Nate Steenrod 9-10 500 Freestyle 6:57.70, 100 Breaststroke 1:39.90, 100 Freestyle 1:12.54, 100 IM 1:21.12, Zack Steenrod 13-14 400 IM 4:53.52, 1650 Freestyle 19:01.90, Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 200 IM 2:37.11, 50 Butterfly 31.70, 400 IM 5:36.02, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 100 Freestyle 57.60.

New YMCA State qualifying times were notched by Zoey Aho 10-year-old 50 Backstroke 39.78, Carter Alcala 7&U 50 Backstroke 1:01.90, Allie Balk 8-year-old 25 Butterfly 23.16, 25 Breaststroke 27.80, 50 Freestyle 42.96, Jordy Borzynski 13-14 200 Freestyle 2:00.26, 100 Freestyle 53.58. 100 Breaststroke 1:12.64, Ash Fahy Open 1000 Freestyle 11:48.37, Asher Genduso 11-year-old 500 Freestyle 6:13.86, Rowan Glassen 8-year-old 100 Freestyle 1:35.38, Charlotte Gruettner 10-year-old 50 Freestyle 33.26, Evelyn Gruettner 8-year-old 50 Freestyle 42.48, Summer Gustafson-Binger 11-year-old 100 Backstroke 1:13.56, Sophie Gutknecht 13-14 100 Butterfly 1:06.63, AJ Phillips 7&U 50 Backstroke 59.21, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 400 IM 5:03.67, 100 Butterfly 1:06.18, Lila Rudoll Open 1000 Freestyle 11:43.36, Quinn Schmidt 8-year-old 25 Butterfly 18.85, 50 Breaststroke 52.93, 100 Freestyle 1:32.78, 50 Butterfly 47.79, 100 IM

1:42.49, Olivia Speers 11-year-old 50 Butterfly 34.51, Ellie Staniger 11-year-old 100 Breaststroke 1:28.94, 50 Breaststroke 41.92, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 100 Butterfly 1:06.22, Evan Steenrod 12-year-old 200 IM 2:37.25, 500 Freestyle 6:07.75, 200 Freestyle 2:16.52, 50 Breaststroke 39.60, Nate Steenrod 10-year-old 100 Breaststroke 1:39.90, 100 Freestyle 1:12.54, 100 IM 1:21.12, Zack Steenrod 13-14 100 Backstroke 1:04.23, Rhemy Thompkins 12-year-old 50 Butterfly 31.70, Aubree Van Dyke Open 1000 Freestyle 11:45.82, Vivi Yanke 13-14 100 Freestyle 57.60, and Rosalie Zinnen 7&U 25 Butterfly 27.80.

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Molly Staniger 8&U 5th 100 Backstroke 1:33.55, 8th 50 Freestyle 35.06, 6th 200 IM 3:26.04, 3rd 500 Freestyle 8:01.38, Rowan Glassen 8&U 9th 100 Backstroke 1:40.62, Ellie Staniger 11-12 8th 1000 Freestyle 12:31.91, 7th 400 IM 5:24.87, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 10th 50 Freestyle 25.41, Lila Rudoll 17-18 5th 1000 Freestyle 11:43.36, 7th 1650 Freestyle 20:22.72, Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 5th 100 Breaststroke 1:25.73, Vivi Yanke 13-14 5th 100 Butterfly 1:01.43, and Harrison Yanke 9-10 3rd 200 Freestyle 2:17.93, 3rd 500 Freestyle 6:11.74, 3rd 400 IM 5:40.66.

Achieving 100% best times included Hannah Daams, Ciara Fahy, Jessica Gonzalez, Sophie Gutknecht, Miles Hoffman, Maddie Kaminskis, Ava Kerbawy, Delilah Kuhl, Fiona Marini, Arya Morey, Braxton Rosemann, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Speers, and Nate Steenrod.

Slicing five or more seconds in an event: Aubrey Becker -16.49 50 Breaststroke, Jordy Borzynski -6.90 200 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -42.13 1000 Freestyle, Evelyn Clasen -17.29 50 Backstroke, Victoria Domnikova -27.72 1000 Freestyle, Ash Fahy -18.28 1000 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -57.09 1000 Freestyle, Asher Genduso -11.78 500 Freestyle, Jessica Gonzalez -81.25 500 Freestyle, Charlotte Gruettner -1336 200 Freestyle, Evelyn Gruettner -20.38 100 Freestyle, Summer Gustafson-Binger -5.42 100 Backstroke, Sophie Gutknecht -6.58 100 Butterfly, Adeline Hell -29.73 100 IM, Miles Hoffman -12.64 200 IM, Natalie Johnson -12.91 200 Freestyle, Maddie Kaminskis -6.41 200 Backstroke, Ava Kerbawy -67.87 1650 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -9.87 200 Freestyle, Fiona Marini -8.28 200 IM, Tennyson Morey -33.23 25 Butterfly, Cash Peterson -5.10 200 Breaststroke, AJ Phillips -6.01 50 Backstroke, Braxton Rosemann -9.59 400 IM, Lila Rudoll -13.69 1000 Freestyle, Quinn Schmidt -15.86 25 Butterfly, Claire Speers -28.99 100 Butterfly, Evalyn Speers -9.05 400 IM, Olivia Speers -

12.73 200 Breaststroke, Ellie Staniger -128.07 1000 Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -11.18 1000 Freestyle, Molly Staniger -12.89 100 Backstroke, Evan Steenrod -20.58 500 Freestyle, Nate Steenrod -43.93 500 Freestyle, Zack Steenrod -29.09 1650 Freestyle, Rhemy Thompkins -9.17 400 IM, Aubree Van Dyke -30.33 1000 Freestyle, Bria Widmar -21.25 200 Freestyle, Harrison Yanke -43.56 500 Freestyle, and Vivi Yanke -53.31 1650 Freestyle.

High Point Award winners were 8&U 1st Quinn Schmidt 153-points, Molly Staniger 2nd 105-points, 3rd Evelyn Gruettner and Rowan Glassen 102-points, AJ Phillips 3rd 99-points, 9-10 Charlotte Gruettner 3rd 96-points, 11-12 Ellie Staniger 1st 138-points, Evan Steenrod 1st 142-points, 2nd Asher Genduso 2nd 138-points, and 13-14 1st Braxton Rosemann 109-points, Zack Steenrod 1st 128-points.

Gold Medalist: Jordy Borzynski, Asher Genduso, Rowan Glassen, Lindsey Hohnl, Bennett Menken, Braxton Rosemann, Quinn Schmidt, Olivia Speers, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, Zack Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke, Molly Warren, Vivi Yanke, Valeria Zavala Lopez, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Tovi Papillon, Hovan Karapetian, Sophie Gutknecht, Ava Kerbawy, Sophia Marini, Miles Hoffman, John Westfall

Silver Medalist: Jordy Borzynski, Ash Fahy, Asher Genduso, Rowan Glassen, Julissa Gonzalez, Evelyn Gruettner, Sophie Gutknecht, Hovan Karapetian, AJ Phillips, Braxton Rosemann, Lila Rudoll, Quinn Schmidt, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, Zack Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke, Bria Widmar, Harrison Yanke, Vivi Yanke, Zoey Aho, Charlotte Gruettner, Aviana Gelden, Claire Speers, Carter Alcalá, Timothy Isaacson, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Olivia Speers

Bronze Medalist: Carter Alcalá, Allie Balk, Ireland Byrne, Victoria Domnikova, Ash Fahy, Ciara Fahy, Rowan Glassen, Charlotte Gruettner, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Ava Kerbawy, Cash Peterson, AJ Phillips, Lila Rudoll, Quinn Schmidt, Olivia Speers, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke, Molly Warren, Vivi Yanke, Rosalie Zinnen, Jordy Borzynski, Zack Steenrod, John Westfall

Great efforts last weekend TEAM SEA! Good luck during the upcoming USA State meets!! Go SEA!!!

SEA Towels Available for Purchase

We have a few TEAM SEA towels available for purchase. Each towel is \$20. 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:

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 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! Please consider making a donation in support of this event on the night of the event. Below is the current list of families attending:

Bronze

Silver

Family	Swimmer	4&U	5&O
Balk	Allie	0	3
Hell	Adeline		3

Gold

Carlson	Sylvie		2

Senior

Gutknecht	Evelyn Sophie	0	2
Carlson	Max		

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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 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

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.

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

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 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

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 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***