

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

February 7, 2026

### Neil's Notes

The next "big" meet to sign-up for is WI LSC Regionals. This meet will be held at the Racine Aquatic Center (we are not hosting) and ALL our swimmers should enter! This is the final meet of the season to achieve USA State qualifying times. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, February 15. The entire coaching staff is hoping for a very high percentage of our athletes' race in this meet!!

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>.



We had a great Swim for a Cause event this past Sunday. The 31 swimmers who participated (ages 7-15) swam a combined 62-miles in the hour! We were able to donate \$3,239.91 to Safe Families for Children (Racine & Kenosha)!! Thank you to all the families who took part, to the moms and dads who helped count laps, to our coaching staff for attending, and to the Racine Aquatic Center for allowing us to host this event in their pool. We met our

goal and raised a bit north of \$6,000. Those interested in shaving my head can meet on deck this Monday, February 9 at 6:25 PM. Below is the list of swimmers who swam and the yards they covered in the hour. Great job TEAM SEA!

Evan 4450	Aubree 4400	Kaylee 4400
Ireland 4300	Ciara 4250	Ellie 4250
Valeria 4250	Aubrey 4200	Harrison 4100
Asher 4100	Evalyn 4100	Emma 4050
Eli 4000	Olivia 3850	Rhemy 3850
Amalia 3800	Maddy 3800	Claire 3500
Nate 3400	Cash 3250	Summer 3100
Molly 3000	Arya 2900	Alanna 2800
Gavin 2800	Logan 2800	Julia 2750
Quinn 2500	Carter 2200	Rosalie 2050
Tennyson 1400		

Wednesday-Thursday, February 11-12 we will practice at Cartahge College. All practices will begin at 6:00 PM with Bronze and Silver ending at 7:00 PM, Gold at 7:30 PM, and Senior at 8:00 PM. We hope to SEA you there!

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).

### Conference Champs Information

Tomorrow, Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> we'll travel back to Lake Geneva (203 Wells Street) to participate in the final Conference Meet of the season - Conference Champs.

Warm-ups are assigned and we'll have the entire pool 8:15-8:35 AM, meet begins at 9:00 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:53 PM.

Heat sheets were emailed and are also available on the homepage of our website.  
Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry	Deadline
Feb 8	Conference Champs		closed
Feb 20-22	Regionals		2/15
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
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge		5/24
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler		tba

### ChaseStrong Highlights and Recap

We had an outstanding showing at last weekend's Indiana meet. When the waves settled Saturday evening, TEAM SEA finished 6<sup>th</sup> of the 25 teams in attendance with 702-points, posted 56% best times (106 of 190 splashes) and no DQs.

New USA State qualifying times were posted by Ellie Staniger 11-12 50 Butterfly 31.69, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 500 Freestyle 5:32.84, 400 IM 5:03.51, 1000 Freestyle 11:44.09, 200 IM 2:20.04, 1650 Freestyle 19:21.63, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 100 Butterfly 1:02.90, 200 Breaststroke 2:37.08, 200 IM 2:19.97.

New YMCA State qualifying times were posted by Ireland Byrne 12-year-old 500 Freestyle 5:58.41, Asher Genduso 11-year-old 100 Butterfly 1:19.67, Ashlyn Malzewski Open 500 Freestyle 5:33.82, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 400 IM 5:13.26, 200 IM 2:25.72, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 1000 Freestyle 11:44.09, 200 IM 2:20.04, 1650 Freestyle 19:21.63, Zack Steenrod 13-14 200 Freestyle 2:05.16, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 500 Freestyle 5:41.71, 400 IM 5:08.27, 100 Butterfly 1:02.90, 50 Freestyle 26.32.

Athletes breaking into our Top Ten list included Kaylee Staniger 13-14 5<sup>th</sup> 500 Freestyle 5:32.84, 1650 Freestyle 6<sup>th</sup> 19:21.63, Ashlyn Malzewski 17-18 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 2:34.06, 8<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 4:56.36, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:02.90.

Aubrey Becker posted 100% best times.

Slicing five or more seconds in a single event were Aubrey Becker -25.20 400 IM, Ireland Byrne -18.18 500 Freestyle, Victoria Domnikova -9.94 500 Freestyle, Ash Fahy -9.13 500 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -12.52 400 IM, Asher Genduso -5.65 100 Butterfly, Maddy Genduso -24.95 500 Freestyle, Summer Gustafson-Binger

-20.31 200 IM, Sophie Gutknecht -36.68 500 Freestyle, Ashlyn Malzewski -15.03 400 IM, Emma Masaya -5.61 200 Freestyle, Bennett Menken -10.16 200 IM, Allie Mertins -14.83 1650 Freestyle, Cash Peterson -13.52 200 Freestyle, Braxton Rosemann -15.89 500 Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -57.81 1000 Freestyle, Evan Steenrod -10.95 500 Freestyle, Zack Steenrod -26.38 1650 Freestyle, Aubree Van Dyke -31.47 1000 Freestyle, John Westfall -29.45 400 IM, and Vivi Yanke -18.11 400 IM.

Gold Medalist: Kaylee Staniger

Silver Medalist: Ashlyn Malzewski, Braxton Rosemann

Bronze Medalist: Ireland Byrne, Ash Fahy, Ashlyn Malzewski, Kaylee Staniger

Don't forget to sign-up to race during Conference Champs and WI LSC Regionals!

### J-HK 8&Under All-Star Highlights and Recap

Five of our 8&U swimmers last in Whitewater last Sunday and did great. As a team, we finished with 45% best times (9 or 20 splashes) and only one DQ in the Breaststroke.

Congratulations to Quinn Schmidt on picking up the USA 8&U 25 Freestyle State cut with her swim of 17.83 and her 8-year-old YMCA State cut in the 25 Breaststroke, 26.69.

Molly Staniger finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the High Point race scoring 81-points while finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> or better in all of her events.

Allie Balk sliced 5.39-seconds off her 25 Butterfly best time.

Evelyn Gruettner went 3 of 4 for best times and AJ Phillips PRed in the 25 Freestyle.

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### 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 13, 20

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!

### 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](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 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**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
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](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

8 Conference Champs  
11-12 Practice is at Carthage College  
13 No practice  
14 WIAA Boys Sectionals  
20 No practice  
20 WI D2 Boys State  
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  
14-15 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).

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](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.

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