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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.

March 12, 2026

Neil's Notes

This weekend we'll host YMCA Sectionals! This is a fun meet and we have 93 TEAM SEA swimmers scheduled to race!! Good luck!!!

Thank you to all the families who stepped up to volunteer this weekend. TEAM SEA doesn't exist with our strong family support ... keep it up!

Tonight is the last night to make any changes to our YMCA Sectional entries. Additionally, the first draft of our YMCA State and National entries are posted. Please note, entries to both meets are subject to change depending on results posted during YMCA Sectionals and YMCA State (especially relays). Finalized YMCA State entries will be posted and emailed Sunday evening.

Please be sure to forward your RSVP for our upcoming Banquet scheduled for Tuesday, April 21.

We will be offering OST (off-season training) following the conclusion of YMCA State. Read all about this opportunity on page two of this newsletter.

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) our annual Team Banquet will take place on Tuesday, April 21st, 2) our final practice of the current Fall & Winter Season will be held on Friday, March 20th, and 3) 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).

YMCA Sectional Information

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

Warm-ups for both days for all swimmers run 8:30-9:30 AM, meet begins at 9:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 1:50 PM.

Time Trials are available for swimmers attempting to qualify for YMCA State or trying to secure their fourth or fifth YMCA State time.

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

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	3/12
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

Off-Season Training Scheduled

We will conduct Off-Season Training (OST) for four weeks during the time between the end of our current season and the beginning of the upcoming Spring & Summer Season.

OST represents an opportunity for our swimmers to “bridge the gap” between seasons. It allows them to keep a feel for the water during the off-season and affords them a chance to really focus on the little things that make for fast swimming (starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes). One stroke will be covered each week.

Fees for Bronze & Silver for all four weeks is \$120; Gold and Senior for all four weeks is \$160. Swimmers can al-a-carte which weeks they would like to attend (\$30 per week for Bronze & Silver, \$40 per week for Gold & Senior).

Freestyle will be covered March 23-26.

Backstroke will be covered March 30-April 2.

Breaststroke will be covered April 7-10.

Butterfly will be covered April 13-16.

Practice times for Bronze & Silver run 5:00-6:00 PM.

Practice times for Gold & Senior run 6:00-7:30 PM.

All practices will be held at Racine Aquatic Center.

Contact Coach Neil if you plan on attending. Forward payment to any coach when your swimmer beginning attending OST.

11-14 State Highlights & Recap

We finished 13th in Division 2 scoring 86-points (25th of the 60+ teams in our state) during last weekend’s 11-14 State meet while posting 46% best times and no DQs.

Vivi Yanke picked up another Zone cuts – this time in the 50 Butterfly, 27.99.

Olivia Speers 11-year-old 50 Backstroke 36.42 and Aubree Van Dyke 13-14 50 Freestyle 26.57 notched new YMCA State qualifying times.

Achieving some of the fastest times in our team’s history were Ellie Staniger 11-12 9th 500 Freestyle 5:50.41, 7th 1000 Freestyle 12:13.48, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 5th 500 Freestyle 5:30.47, 8th 100 Breaststroke 1:11.11, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 5th 100 Breaststroke 1:10.47, 8th 200 IM 2:18.19.

Asher Genduso went 100% best times during the three-day meet.

Slicing five or more seconds in a single event were Asher Genduso -5.53 200 IM, Ellie

Staniger -18.43 1000 Freestyle, and Evan Steenrod -5.61 200 Backstroke.

Great job TEAM SEA! Good luck this weekend during YMCA Sectionals!!

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		3
Hell	Adeline		3
Gruettner	Evelyn		2

Gold

Carlson	Sylvie		2
Gruettner	Charlotte		
Staniger	Ellie Molly		2
Karapetian	Hovan		3

Senior

Gutknecht	Evelyn Sophie		2
Carlson	Max		
Staniger	Kaylee		
Jansen	Levi		3

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
May 10	May 14-15
June 14	June 18-19
July 12	July 16-17

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.

March Birthdays

Nathan Breit, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Selah Isaacson, Timothy Isaacson, Zachary James, Keaula Licup, Bennett Menken, Brady Moore, Julia Nogueira, Pedro Nogueira, Rafaela Nogueira, Quinn Schmidt, Olivia Speers, Vivi Yanke.

Extended Calendar

March

14 No practice
 14-15 YMCA Sectionals
 20-22 YMCA State
 23 Off-Season Training begins
 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***