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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 13, 2025

Neil's Notes

Congratulations to our 11-14-year-olds who raced last weekend in Pleasant Prairie. Read the recap later in this newsletter and good luck this weekend!

Thanks to Joy Masaya for reaching out and beginning the process of becoming an official! We are always in need of parents to step-up and become an official. No experience necessary!

Our final practice of the Fall & Winter Season will be held Friday, March 21. Currently we have no additional Saturday practices until May 10. For those moving on to YMCA Nationals, practice will run Monday-Friday, 5:00-7:00 PM.

Don't forget to take advantage of the upcoming Off-Season Training. Read all about this opportunity later in the newsletter and bridge the gap between the end of this season and beginning of our Spring & Summer Season.

The finish line is getting closer ... we have finished up the USA Swimming portion of our season and the final YMCA meets of the season are lined up to begin this weekend when we host YMCA Sectionals at the Racine Aquatic Center.

Tonight is the last chance to enter your son or daughter in this weekend's meet (or make any changes to current entries). Heat sheets will be posted tomorrow afternoon on the meet landing page.

Thank you to all the families who secured volunteer spots for this weekend's team hosted meet! There remains one timer spot open for Sunday. If you are able to help out, please check in with the meet director when you arrive Sunday.

We have posted current YMCA State and National entries. Please be sure to look them over ... especially YMCA State where 52 of our members are slated to race (for YMCA State, relay only swimmers are allowed to race two individual events; athletes are slotted into events where the coaching staff feels they have the best opportunity to place). Additionally,

please note all relays for YMCA State are subject to change depending on results posted during YMCA Sectionals. Final entries will be posted Sunday evening at the earliest and/or Monday AM at the latest. If your swimmer is scheduled to swim at YMCA State and is not available to swim, please contact me as soon as you can so an alternate can be found.

For YMCA Nationals, relays are subject to change through the conclusion of YMCA State. Relays will be finalized Sunday, March 23.

Our TEAM SEA YMCA State clothing order will be due (we think), Sunday evening or Monday night. The shirt will include all the names of our swimmers racing during YMCA State. Mock-up is below. Link will be provided when received from the vendor. These will be available prior to YMCA State (or at the venue Friday night of YMCA State).

Front of shirt



Back of shirt



The 13&O Training Trip is fast approaching. We will conduct a meeting for all swimmers and at least one of their parents on Monday, May 12 beginning at 6:00 PM in the south bleachers at RAC. Please plan on attending!

If you are not current with your monthly swim tuition payments, please ensure you get caught up. Additionally, there are some families with outstanding escrow balances from the last season. I'm slowly working through those files, but you can take a look to see if you have any balances too. Thank you.

Reminder, please ensure your swimmers carry a YMCA membership - either a youth membership or part of your family membership.

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 Sectionals Meet Information

We are in the homestretch of the season with the YMCA championship portion of meets final beginning this weekend at our home pool.

Warm-ups begin at 8:30 AM both days and racing begins at 9:35 AM. The meet is scheduled to end at 1:30 PM Saturday and 2:00 PM Sunday.

Heat sheets, final entries, session reports and more can be viewed at the meet

landing page (heat sheets will be posted Friday).

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
Mar 15-16	YMCA Sectionals	3/11
Mar 21-23	YMCA State	3/16
Mar 31-4	YMCA Nationals	3/24
May 3-4	SEA Early Bird	4/20
Jun 6-8	SEA Pirate Plunge	TBA
Jun 20-21	SEA Summer Sizzler	TBA
Jul 18-20	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
Jul 25-27	12&U State	TBA
Jul 31-3	13&O State	TBA
Aug 7-10	14&U Zones	TBA
Oct 10-12	OZ Fall Classic	TBA
Nov 2	SEA Pentathlon	TBA
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	TBA

11-14 State Recap & Highlights

Another State meet in the books, this time our 11-14-year-olds raced. As a team, we finished 19th overall scoring 143-points, posted 59% best times (35 of 59 swims), 100% best times for our relays, and one DQ (Backstroke).

Bennett Menken was crowned state champion in the 11-12 50 Breaststroke with his effort of 32.68. He also podiumed in the 50 Butterfly finishing seventh with a time of 28.87.

Jordan Borzynski finished second in the 11-12 50 Freestyle touching in 25.63.

New State qualifying times were posted by Jordan Borzynski (13-14 50 Freestyle) and Kaylee Staniger (13-14 50 Freestyle 26.28).

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history were Jordan Borzynski 11-12 6th 200 Backstroke 2:24.62, 8th 50 Freestyle 25.49, Ireland Byrne 11-12 7th 200 Butterfly 2:41.63, 10th 100 Butterfly 1:08.60, and Bennett Menken 11-12 6th 100 Breaststroke 1:12.52, 6th 50 Breaststroke 32.68 and 8th 200 Breaststroke 2:47.11.

Vivienne Yanke posted 100% best times.

Our young squad gained valuable experience and the coaching staff is excited for what the future holds for this group.

Congratulations to Ale Arteaga, Sophie Gutknecht, Ava Kerbawy Evan Steenrod, Luke Waddle, and the rest of the team on all their great efforts last weekend and good luck to everyone racing this weekend during YMCA Sectionals!

Become an Official – no experience needed

One of the important cogs in TEAM SEA operations is maintaining a strong stable of parents who are officials.

No experience is necessary and TEAM SEA reimburses any expenses associated with becoming certified.

Please contact Coach Neil if you are willing to step-up and become an official and he'll help get you started.

World Record Holder Jason Lezak on His Way

Save the date! Saturday, April 12 world record holder Jason Lezak will conduct a swim clinic for all TEAM SEA swimmers. Jason was USA's anchor leg of the unbelievable 400 Freestyle Relay during the Beijing Olympics where the USA men came from behind to touch out the French team and smash the world record by four seconds (the record still stands today). We hope to SEA all TEAM SEA swimmers and parents in attendance for this amazing opportunity to learn from one of the greats!

2025 13&O Training Trip

Since 1999, every two years all athletes' 13&O are extended the opportunity to attend a week-long training trip with their teammates and TEAM SEA.

Our next trip is tentatively scheduled for June 22-29. A minimum of 14 athletes must attend this trip for it to take place. This year's trip is "sold out."

The trip has averaged out to \$1200-\$1500 per swimmer over the years and we usually drive, stay, and train in the Panama City Beach, FL area.

Attending (if you have not yet, please forward \$100 for the down payment) includes:

GIRLS

Kealey Aalderks, Hannah Daams, Ash Fahy, Jessica Gonzalez, Lindsey Hohnl, Fiona Marini, Sophia Marini, Ashlyn Malzewski, Allie Mertins, Morgan Pankow, Gabi Peterman, Kylie Thomas, Kaylee Staniger, Aubree Van Dyke, Molly Warren

BOYS

Caleb Bergman, Jack Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Max Carlson, Nathaniel Foster, Nicholas Foster, Levi Jansen, Grayson Kirchenberg, Ryan McGillis, Brennen Meyer, Brady Moore, Zack Steenrod

CHAPERONES

Maria Peterman, Melissa Hohnl, Kim Wright

COACHES

Parker Palermo, Neil Wright

WAITLIST

At this time there are no additional spots open.

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>
March 17	March 20-21

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.

OST (Off-Season Training)

OST will be offered between the end of the Fall & Winter Season and the beginning of the Spring & Summer Season (March 24-April 17, 2025).

OST represents an opportunity for our athletes to "bridge the gap" between seasons. It allows them to keep a feel for the water during the off-season and affords them a change to really focus on the little things that make for fast swimming (starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes).

OST will be offered for four weeks (Monday-Thursday, March 24-April 17) and lead by Coach Joanna and Coach Parker. Bronze and Silver will swim 5:00-6:00 PM and Gold and Senior will swim 6:00-7:30 PM with each week

covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke each week (the order by weeks is Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly).

The fee for Bronze and Silver is \$120 for all four weeks or \$30 per week. The fee for Gold and Senior is \$160 for all four weeks or \$40 per week. Swimmers can al-a-carte which weeks they would like to attend.

To attend, simply email Coach Neil stating which week(s) your swimmers plan on attending and forward payment on the first practice they attend.

All practices will be held at the RAC.

Attending includes Amelia and Eli Ehmcke, Sarah Hackenbracht.

March Birthdays

Nathan Breit, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Selah Isaacson, Zach James, Zach Kopsea, Sadie Luburich, Bennett Menken, Brady Moore, Julia Nogueira, Pedro Nogueira, Rafaela Nogueira, Gabi Peterman, Coco Saigh, Olivia Speers, Vivienne Yanke.

Extended Calendar

March

15-16 YMCA Sectionals
21-23 YMCA State
24 Tryouts, 5:30-6:30 PM @ RAC
24 OST begins (runs through April 17)
31-4 YMCA Nationals

April

12 Jason Lezak swim clinic
28 First day of Spring & Summer practice

May

3-4 16th Annual SEA Early Bird
12 13&O Training Trip meeting, 6 PM

June

6-8 10th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
20-21 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

July

18-20 WI LSC Regionals
25-27 12&U State
31-3 13&O State

August

4-28 OST

September

22 Tryouts for new families
23 Fall & Winter Season begins

October

24 Annual Halloween Party

F.A.Q.

- 1) Where can I get one of those awesome TEAM SEA swim caps and how much do they cost?
 - a. Coach Neil

- b. \$20 for silicone, \$5 for latex
- 2) How do I sign-up my swimmer for a meet?
 - a. Email Coach Neil and let him know you would like your swimmer entered in "x" meet (please indicate what days of the meet if it takes place on multiple days)
- 3) I'm new to the team ... how many practices should my swimmer attend per week?
 - a. Bronze and Silver = 2-3
 - b. Gold = 4-5
 - c. Senior = 5-6
- 4) I'm not receiving emails; how can I be placed on the email list? Contact Coach Neil and he'll be happy to add your email address to the list.
- 5) Where do I sit if I plan on sticking around during practice? Please sit in the stands.
- 6) Got a question you need an answer to? Please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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