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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.*

March 19, 2026

### **Neil's Notes**

What an amazing SEASON of swimming we have been living and this weekend we'll turn things "up to eleven" as we put all our hard work and dedication on the line during YMCA State. Please carefully review the information in the next section as it includes all the last-minute details about this weekend's competition. If you ordered TEAM SEA State t-shirts, they are scheduled to arrive today. If they are not here prior to practice, they will be available at the meet.

We had a great YMCA Sectionals last weekend! Read all about our success later in this newsletter.

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

We were notified this week that RAC will augment their operating hours during Easter Break. We will not be able to run OST the week of April 6. Please review the updated OST information on page two of this newsletter (the Freestyle portion of OST has been deleted).

As we close in on the end of our 42<sup>nd</sup> 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).

We have a few important dates you'll want to save: 1) our annual Team Banquet will take place on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2) our final practice of the current Fall & Winter Season will be held on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and 3) 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).

### **YMCA State Information**

Friday-Sunday we'll be racing in Brown Deer (9240 North Green Bay Road) during this year's YMCA State Championships.

Please note, it will be crowded. We advise families to arrive early if they can.

Parking on the campus of Schroeder is \$5. Free parking is available way left and way right of Pick 'n Save (view the map on the meet landing page). Do not park behind Pick 'n Save.

Athletes racing the 1000 and 1650 Freestyle will need to supply their own timers.

Awards need to be picked up during the meet by the swimmers. Awards will not be bagged and/or mailed.

Heat sheets are posted on the meet landing page and will not be available for purchase at the venue.

Doors open at 7:45 AM for the 10&U Sessions.

Friday warm-ups (events 1-12) begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:30 PM and is scheduled to end at 7:56 PM.

Saturday 10&U warm-ups (events 13-44) are assigned and will take place in the South pool (lanes 1-2), 8:25-8:50 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:28 AM.

Saturday Mid-Session 11&O warm-ups (events 45-66) are assigned and will take place in the North pool (lanes 3-6), 12:05-12:30 PM, meet begins at 12:45 PM and is scheduled to end at 2:55 PM.

Saturday PM 11&O warm-ups (events 67-88) begin at 1:30 PM, meet begins at 3:05 PM and is scheduled to end at 6:19 PM.

Sunday 10&U warm-ups (events 89-122) are assigned and will take place in the South pool (lanes 1-2), 8:25-8:50 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:32 AM.

Sunday Mid-Session 11&O warm-ups (events 123-144) are assigned and will take place in the North pool (lanes 3-6), 12:05-12:30 PM, meet begins at 12:45 PM and is scheduled to end at 3:14 PM.

Sunday PM 11&O warm-ups (events 145-160) begin at 2:00 PM, meet begins at 3:30 PM and is scheduled to end at 4:55 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	closed
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 \$90; Gold and Senior for all four weeks is \$120. Swimmers can al-a-carte which weeks they would like to attend (\$30 per week for Bronze & Silver, \$40 per week for Gold & Senior).

Backstroke will be covered March 23-26.

Breaststroke will be covered March 30-April 2.

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.

### YMCA Sectionals Highlights & Recap

We had a great YMCA Sectionals last weekend. When the waves settled, we finished first overall scoring 4,846-points, 69% best times (345 of 501 swims), and only nine DQs (three each Backstroke and IM, two Butterfly, one Breaststroke).

New YMCA National qualifying times were recorded by Jack Borzynski 500 Freestyle 4:46.78 and Nathaniel Foster 500 Freestyle 4:47.21, 100 Backstroke 53.11.

Harrison Yanke picked up another Zone qualifying time - this time in the 9-10 200 IM 2:34.17.

New YMCA State qualifying times were posted by Allie Balk 8-year-old 100 Freestyle 1:33.42, Jordy Borzynski 13-14 200 IM 2:21.28, Lilly Dolezal 8-year-old 25 Breaststroke 26.99, Ethan Eckel Open 100 Backstroke 56.82, 500 Freestyle 5:05.98, Amalia Ehmcke 11-year-old 100 Breaststroke 1:29.62, Nathaniel Foster Open 200 Breaststroke 2:20.83, Charlotte Gruettner 10-year-old 100 Freestyle 1:12.87, 100 IM 1:20.94, Evelyn Gruettner 7&U 25 Butterfly 23.28, Summer Gustafson-Binger 11-year-old 100 IM 1:17.71, 200 IM 2:46.89, Sophie Gutknecht 13-14 200 Breaststroke 2:40.53, 200 IM 2:24.42, Zachary James Open 1000 Freestyle 11:09.57, Maddie Kaminskis 12-year-old 50 Backstroke 32.38, Hovan Karapetian 11-year-old 100 IM 1:19.77, Ashlyn Malzewski Open 100 Backstroke 1:01.81, 200 Backstroke 2:13.28, Ryan McGillis Open 100 Freestyle 50.47, 200 Freestyle 1:50.49, 500 Freestyle 5:06.23, Cash Peterson 12-year-old 50 Backstroke 33.72, 50 Butterfly 33.88, 50 Breaststroke 39.63, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 200 Breaststroke 2:45.69, Olivia Speers 11-year-old 200 IM 2:45.42, 50 Freestyle 30.72, and Brynn Widmar 8-year-old 50 Freestyle 42.87.

Molly Staniger broke/set a few 8&U team records: 500 Freestyle 7:09.19 (old mark was held by Matilda Gutjahr from 2025, 7:19.20), 200 Butterfly 3:53.69 (set the mark), and 400 IM 6:52.65 (set the mark).

New meet records were set by Harrison Yanke 9-10 200 IM 2:34.17, Nathaniel Foster Open 100 Backstroke 53.11, 200 IM 1:59.42, 1650 Freestyle 17:16.99, Ireland Byrne 11-12 50 Butterfly 30.02, 100 Butterfly 1:05.89, and Jack Borzynski Open 500 Freestyle 4:46.78.

Posting Top Ten times in our team's history included Quinn Schmidt 8&U 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 41.54, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:33.44, 9<sup>th</sup> 25 Butterfly 17.68, Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:07.41, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:24.78, 9<sup>th</sup> 200 IM 2:45.75, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200 Breaststroke 3:03.87, Ireland Byrne 11-12 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:05.89, Molly Staniger 8&U 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 Freestyle 2:51.06, 2<sup>nd</sup> 1000 Freestyle 16:12.31, 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 3:54.03, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 IM 3:15.18, Ellie Staniger 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 1650 Freestyle 21:17.04, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:01.03, Ashlyn Malzewski 17-18 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:01.81, 5<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:13.28, Sophie Gutknecht 13-14 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:10.95, Lindsey Hohnl 17-18 10<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 2:38.40, Harrison Yanke 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:34.17, 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 3:03.50, Ethan Eckel 15-16 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 22.31, Jack Borzynski 17-18 3<sup>rd</sup> 500 Freestyle 4:46.78, Nathaniel Foster 17-18 4<sup>th</sup> 500 Freestyle 4:47.21, 3<sup>rd</sup> 1650 Freestyle 17:16.99, 6<sup>th</sup> 1000 Freestyle 10:30.15, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 53.11, 8<sup>th</sup> 200 IM 1:59.42, Evan Steenrod 11-12 8<sup>th</sup> 1000 Freestyle 12:40.89, 8<sup>th</sup> 1650 Freestyle 21:21.33, Asher Genduso 11-12 9<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 5:31.88, and Nate Steenrod 9-10 7<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 6:34.01.

Achieving 100% best times were Hannah Daams, Santiago Davalos, Sebastian Davalos, Ethan Eckel, Amalia Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Jessica Gonzalez, Charlotte Horton, Selah Isaacson, Zachary James, Levi Jansen, Carter Justman, Kealaula Licup, Quinn Lowrey, Ryan McGillis, Allie Mertins, Rosie Nisiewicz, Evan Olson, Alanna Peterson, Cashton Peterson, Gavin Peterson, Braxton Rosemann, Lila Rudoll, and Claire Speers

Slicing five of more seconds in a single event included Jett Adams -12.88 200 Back, Zoey Aho -9.24 50 Butterfly, Carter Alcalá -6.83 50 Freestyle, Aubrey Becker -11.32 200 Breaststroke, Jordy Borzynski -5.94 200 IM, Eli Chentnik -14.71 100 Freestyle, Evelyn Clasen -22.46 100 Freestyle, Autumn Cress -23.92 200 IM, Hannah Daams -7.97 200 Breaststroke, Ethan Eckel -11.79 500 Freestyle, Amalia Ehmcke -12.68 200 IM, Eli Ehmcke -24.95 200 IM, Ciara Fahy -11.65 500 Freestyle, Nathaniel Foster -9.52 200 Breaststroke, Nicholas Foster -7.11 100 Butterfly, Sarina Foster -9.79 200 IM, Aviana Gelden -16.16 100 Freestyle, Asher Genduso -32.54 400 IM, Stella Glassen -34.91 200 IM, Jessica Gonzalez -18.40 200 IM, Charlotte Gruettner -9.90 100 Butterfly, Evelyn Gruettner -7.18 25 Butterfly, Summer Gustafson-Binger -11.74 200 IM, Matilda Gutjahr -6.66 200 IM, Sophie Gutknecht -8.37

200 Breaststroke, Olivia Hayes -12.06 100 Freestyle, Charlotte Horton -8.98 200 IM, Julie Horton -38.04 200 Freestyle, Selah Isaacson -23.71 100 Backstroke, Zachary James -9.36 1000 Freestyle, Levi Jansen -9.72 200 IM, Carter Justman -25.74 200 Breaststroke, Maddie Kaminskis -22.44 500 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -6.29 200 IM, Ashlyn Malzewski -20.03 200 Backstroke, Ryan McGillis -14.09 500 Freestyle, Allie Mertins -10.10 200 Backstroke, Arya Morey -16.31 500 Freestyle, Tennyson Morey -16.57 100 Freestyle, Rosie Nisiewicz -20.52 100 IM, Evan Olson -40.18 200 Freestyle, Tovi Papillon -10.05 100 IM, Alanna Peterson -9.88 100 Freestyle, Cashton Peterson -11.51 200 IM, Gavin Peterson -6.55 100 Freestyle, Braxton Rosemann -15.11 200 Breaststroke, Eleni Schrik -8.83 100 Freestyle, Claire Speers -5.99 100 Breaststroke, Olivia Speers -10.87 500 Freestyle, Molly Staniger -171.41 1000 Freestyle, Nate Steenrod -74.07 400 IM, Rhemy Thompkins -23.24 100 Butterfly, Luke Waddle -8.50 200 IM, Molly Warren -5.19 500 Freestyle, Bria Widmar -9.82 100 Butterfly, Brynn Widmar -6.32 100 IM, Harrison Yanke -7.37 200 IM, and Rosalie Zinnen -16.94 100 Freestyle.

Congratulations to Lilly Dolezal and Regan Scheck on racing in their first meet ever!

Gold Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Ethan Eckel, Amalie Ehmcke, Nathaniel Foster, Asher Genduso, Charlotte Gruettner, Evelyn Gruettner, Matilda Gutjahr, Sophie Gutknecht, Hovan Karapetian, Ashlyn Malzewski, Cashton Peterson, AJ Phillips, Braxton Rosemann, Quinn Schmidt, Olivia Speers, Ellie Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Zack Steenrod, John Westfall, Harrison Yanke

Silver Medalist: Carter Alcalá, Jack Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Nathaniel Foster, Nicholas Foster, Asher Genduso, Charlotte Gruettner, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Matilda Gutjahr, Lindsey Hohnl, Zachary James, Hovan Karapetian, Ashlyn Malzewski, Sophia Marini, Allie Mertins, Cashton Peterson, AJ Phillips, Quinn Schmidt, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Rhemy Thompkins, John Westfall, Harrison Yanke

Bronze Medalist: Allie Balk, Ethan Eckel, Amalia Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Asher Genduso, Rowan Glassen, Charlotte Gruettner, Sophie Gutknecht, Zachary James, Levi Jansen, Maddie Kaminskis, Ryan McGillis, Cashton Peterson, AJ Phillips, Lila Rudoll, Quinn Schmidt, Ellie Staniger, Molly Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, Rhemy Thompkins

Good luck this weekend during YMCA State!

## 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! 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
Schmidt	Quinn		1
Peterson	Alanna Gavin		2
Hoffman	Miles		1
Isaacson	Selah Timothy		2

### **Gold**

Carlson	Sylvie		2
Gruettner	Charlotte		
Staniger	Ellie Molly		2
Karapetian	Hovan		3
Yanke	Harrison		2
Genduso	Asher		2

### **Senior**

Gutknecht	Evelyn Sophie		2
Carlson	Max		
Staniger	Kaylee		
Jansen	Levi		3
Yanke	Vivi		
Rosemann	Braxton		3
Genduso	Maddy		

## 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**

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](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

## March Birthdays

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

## Extended Calendar

### March

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 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.

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Respect \* Responsibility  
Build \* Promote \* Achieve*