

## 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.*

March 5, 2026

### Neil's Notes

Our team picture is scheduled for this Monday, March 9 beginning at 5:00 PM. Bronze and Silver practices will still end at 6:00 PM.

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 is March 8<sup>th</sup>. To date, 78 athletes are scheduled to race! Don't miss out on this great end of season event!!

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

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).

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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>.

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).

### 11-14 State Information

This weekend our attention shifts to the RecPlex (9900 Terwall Terrace) in Pleasant Prairie for this season's installment of 11-14 State. Our 13-14 athletes will swim this meet as a Prelim/Final event while our 11-12 swimmers will race in a timed final fashion.

#### 13-14 Warm-up Schedule

Friday 13-14 Prelim warm-ups run 7:00-7:25 AM, meet begins at 8:15 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:25 AM. Jordy and Aubree warm-up at 7:45 AM

Saturday 13-14 Prelim warm-ups run 7:25-7:50 AM, meet begins at 8:15 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:11 AM.

Sunday 13-14 Prelim warm-ups run 7:00-7:25 AM, meet begins at 8:15 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:36 AM. Kaylee, Aubree and Sophie warm-up at 7:45 AM.

Sunday 13-14 Final warm-ups (Braxton, Sophie, Vivi, Kaylee) begin at 4:30 PM, meet begins at 5:35 PM and is scheduled to end at TBD.

Athletes moving on to Finals should check with Coach Neil on what time to return for warm-ups.

#### 11-12 Warm-up Schedule

Friday 11-12 warm-ups begin at 10:45 AM, meet begins at 12:10 PM and is scheduled to end at 3:26 PM.

Saturday 11-12 warm-ups begin at 10:45 AM, meet begins at 11:45 AM and is scheduled to end at 3:35 PM.

Sunday 11-12 warm-ups begin at 11:30 AM, meet begins at 1:00 PM and is scheduled to end at 3:52 PM.

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 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

## Senior State Highlights & Recap

Not a bad showing for TEAM SEA during last weekend's Senior State in Brown Deer. Our small contingent of swimmers finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall in Division 2 scoring 201.50-points (19<sup>th</sup> overall of 60+ teams in the state), combined for 64% best times and no DQs

Nathaniel Foster posted the best finish for TEAM SEA touching 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50 Butterfly at 22.49 (just missed winning by .03).

Cracking into our team's Top Ten list included Jack Borzynski 17-18 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 52.39, Max Carlson 15-16 8<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 22.22, Ethan Eckel 15-16 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 48.34, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 22.35, and Ryan McGillis 17-18 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Backstroke 52.63, 6<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 1:58.02.

Don't forget to sign-up for YMCA Sectionals; entries are due Sunday, March 8.

## 10&U State Highlights & Recap

TEAM SEA had a strong showing during last weekend's 10&U State in Verona. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for Division 2 with 349-points (12<sup>th</sup> overall of 60+ teams in the state), combined for 64 best times and four DQs (three Backstroke, one Breaststroke).

Molly Staniger (8&U 100 Freestyle, 1:14.01) and Harrison Yanke (9-10 100 Breaststroke 1:18.95) won their events and were crowned State Champs.

Matilda Gutjahr punched her ticket to Zones in the 9-10 50 Breaststroke touching in 38.88.

New YMCA State qualifying times were notched by Charlotte Gruettner 10-year-old 100 Backstroke 1:22.53, 100 Breaststroke 1:32.24 and Bria Widmar 10-year-old 50 Butterfly 39.08.

Harrison Yanke broke our 9-10 team record in the 200 Freestyle finishing in 2:14.24 (old mark was held by Micah Eberle, 2:15.29 from all the way back in 1992).

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Molly Staniger 8&U 2<sup>nd</sup> 25 Freestyle 14.97, 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 33.94, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:14.01, 5<sup>th</sup> 25 Breaststroke 20.25, 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 46.24, Quinn Schmidt 8&U 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 43.28, Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 50 Breaststroke 8<sup>th</sup> 38.88, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 34.16, and Harrison Yanke 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:02.76, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 Breaststroke 36.29, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:18.95, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 IM 1:10.53.

Charlotte Gruettner dropped 5.56-seconds in the 100 Breaststroke.

Don't forget to sign-up for YMCA Sectionals; entries are due Sunday, March 8.

## 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 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! 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

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**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

**Senior**

Gutknecht	Evelyn Sophie		2
Carlson	Max		
Staniger	Kaylee		

**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 cord (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
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).

**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

- 6-8 11-14 State
- 9 Team Picture, 5:00 PM
- 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 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***