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newsletter for Southeastern Aquatics Racine Family YMCA Swim TEAM est. 1984









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.

April 17, 2025

Neil's Notes

Welcome to the 2025 Spring & Summer Season! We are coming off a great Fall & Winter Season where we saw our team grow together and race tough throughout the season. We just hosted a World Record holder and we are excited to SEA where we can take our swimming to this season ... we won't have to wait long either as the first TEAM SEA hosted meet of the season is May 3-4! Deadline to sign-up is April 20 ... don't miss out!!



World Record holder and multiple Olympic Gold medalist Jason Lezak working with our 12&U swimmers last Saturday. So cool!

We will maintain our training schedule at RAC as we begin the season. Bronze & Silver 5:00-6:00 PM, Gold 6:00-7:30 PM, and Senior 6:00-8:00 PM.

Milaeger's Money team fundraiser is now! You can purchase happening denominations of \$15, \$25, and \$50. These will work like cash and can only be used for live plants. Our team will receive 17% of all orders! To place an order simply email Shay Borzynski at sborzynski@prairieschool.edu. Orders are due Monday, April 28. Orders will be available for pick-up during our Early Bird meet the weekend of May 3-4. Please forward payment to any coach during practice (checks payable to SEA or cash).

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!

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).

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet Entry Dead	lline
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

YMCA National Recap & Highlights

This year's YMCA National event boasted 166 teams with 1,191 swimmers racing. As a team, we finished with 50% best times during the meet and posted 31% best times during the time trial portion of the meet. No DQs during the five-day meet.

Athletes posting some of the fastest times in our team's history included: Gabi Peterman 17-18 4th 50 Freestyle 24.55, 100 Freestyle 9th 100 Freestyle 53.92, Nathaniel Foster 17-18 5th 50 Freestyle 21.62, 10th 100 Freestyle 48.33, 6th 100 Butterfly 52.15, 5th 500 Freestyle 4:54.17, Nathan Breit 17-18 50

Freestyle 21.97, 6th 100 Freestyle 47.66, 3rd 200 Backstroke 1:55.71, 2nd 100 Backstroke 52.53, and Jack Borzynski 15-16 2nd 200 Freestyle 1:44.02, 2nd 100 Butterfly 50.77.

Thank you to all the families who supported their sons and daughters during this year's meet. Attending this meet not only gives them an opportunity to see and race against some of America's fastest swimmers, it opens their eyes to what's beyond state level swimming.

Congratulations to all our athletes who raced in North Carolina during YMCA Nationals: Ale Arteaga, Ashlyn Malzewski, Gabi Peterman, Molly Warran, Jack Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Max Carlson, Ethan Eckel, and Nathaniel Foster!

Don't forget to sign-up for our upcoming Early Bird meet!

YMCA State Recap & Highlights

What an amazing meet we had last weekend. For those following along, last year we finished 8th overall with 1833-points. This year we finished 4th overall with 2298-points. This is a huge reflection of our dedication to the process of developing our athletes, having supportive parents who understand the role played as a sport parent (love, support, transport), having a strong stable of coaches who plug in regularly and care deeply for our swimmers, and finally, a team of swimmers who, from top to bottom, really want to see everyone excel. Our swimmers are inclusive of everyone on the team and it is easily viewed during any practice ... keep it up!

A small snapshot of our success last weekend includes crowning 24 State champions, two new YMCA National qualifying times, posting 62% best times (123 swims of 199), one team record, one zone cut, 11 new YMCA State qualifying times for 2026, and only eight DQs (two each for Freestyle and Relays, one each for Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly, IM).

New YMCA National qualifying times were turned in from the quartet of Gabi Peterman, Molly Warren, Ashlyn Malzewski, and Ale Arteaga who swam the 200 Freestyle Relay in 1:38.71 and Nathan Breit who went 1:55.25 in the 200 Backstroke.

Harrison Yanke punched his ticket to the 14&U Central Zone meet with his effort of 37.94 in the 9-10 50 Breaststroke.

Brady Moore broke our Senior 200 Freestyle record with his swim of 1:42.01 breaking Hugo Arteaga's mark of 1:42.31 from 2023.

Nathaniel Foster, Nathan Breit, Ethan Eckel, and Jack Borzynski combined to break the 15-16 800 Freestyle Relay team record with their swim of 7:09.92 (old mark was set in 1997 by Dave Bukacek, Greg Gedemer, Nate McDonald, and Micah Eberle, 7:17.68).

New YMCA State qualifying times for 2026 were achieved by Rowan Glassen 8-year-old 50 Breaststroke 55.66, Ashlyn Malzewski Open 100 Freestyle 55.56, Emma Masaya 11-year-old 50 Backstroke 36.37, 50 Freestyle 30.62, Tovi Papillon 11-year-old 50 Breaststroke 43.62, Ellie Staniger 11-year-old 100 IM 1:20.22, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 100 Freestyle 57.93, Evan Steenrod 12-year-old 50 Backstroke 33.27, 100 Backstroke 1:10.58, Nate Steenrod 10-year-old 50 Freestyle 33.92, and Vivienne Yanke 13-14 200 IM 2:24.47.

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 2nd 25 Freestyle 15.04, 3rd 50 Freestyle 33.75, 2nd 100 Freestyle 1:16.44, Ellie Staniger 9-10 8th 200 Freestyle 2:28.58, Vivienne Yanke 11-12 10th 100 Freestyle 58.40, 10th 50 Breaststroke 34.40, 4th 200 IM 2:24.47, Ale Arteaga 13-14 4th 100 Butterfly 1:01.28, 6th 200 IM 2:17.61, Harrison Yanke 9-10 6th 50 Breaststroke 37.94, 7th 100 Breaststroke 1:22.89, 8th 100 IM 1:15.21, 8th 200 IM 2:45.29, Bennett Menken 11-12 5th 50 Breaststroke 32.54, Brady Moore 17-18 2nd 50 Freestyle 20.95, 2nd 100 Freestyle 45.96, Jack Borzynski 15-16 4th 50 Freestyle 21.71, 4th 100 Freestyle 47.33, 3rd 500 Freestyle 4:49.49, 2nd 100 Butterfly 51.02, 2nd 200 IM 1:56.51, Nathaniel Foster 15-16 7th 50 Freestyle 21.96, 8th 100 Freestyle 48.77, 2nd 1650 Freestyle 17:02.96, 8th 200 Freestyle 1:47.37, and Nathan Breit 15-16 5th 100 Freestyle 47.97, 2nd 200 Backstroke 1:55.25.

Posting 100% best times were Jett Adams, Ale Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Amalia Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Aviana Gelden, Levi Jansen, Fiona Marini, Ryan McGillis, Allie Mertins, Brennan Meyer, Lila Rudoll, Ellie Staniger, Liam Sura, Rhemy Thompkins, and Luke Waddle.

Slicing five or more seconds in a single event were Nathaniel Foster -20.02 1650 Freestyle, Nicholas Foster -7.18 200 Breaststroke, Glassen -14.21 50 Rowan Breaststroke, Charlotte Gruettner -8.40 100 IM, Lillian Hilbrich -9.86 50 Freestyle, Zach James -23.43 1650 Freestyle, Levi Jansen -54.83 400 IM, Fiona Marini -29.78 200 Breaststroke, Allie Mertins -24.61 1650 Freestyle, Lila Rudoll -13.10 1000 Freestyle, Ellie Staniger -10.63 200

IM, Luke Waddle -9.46 200 IM, and Valeria Zavala Lopez -20.90 200 IM.

State Champions: Molly Staniger 7&U 50 Freestyle 38.39, Rowan Glassen 7&U 50 Breaststroke 55.66, Matilda Gutjahr 8-year-old 25 Freestyle 15.05, 50 Freestyle 33.75, 100 Freestyle 1:16.44, 25 Breaststroke 19.82, 50 Breaststroke 43.23, Ireland Byrne 11-year-old 50 Butterfly 30.28, 100 Butterfly 1:09.41, 100 Harrison Yanke 9-year-old Freestyle 1:06.14. 50 Breaststroke 37.94, 100 Breaststroke 1:22.89, 100 IM 1:15.21, 200 IM 2:45.29, Nate Steenrod 9-year-old 50 Butterfly 39.20, Evan Steenrod 11-year-old Backstroke 1:10.58, Jordan Borzynski 12-yearold 50 Backstroke 30.55, 100 IM 1:07.71, Bennett Menken 12-year-old 50 Breaststroke 32.54, Brady Moore Open 200 Freestyle 1:42.01, Jack Borzynski Open 500 Freestyle 4:49.49, 200 IM 1:56.51, Nathaniel Foster Open 1650 Freestyle 17:02.96, and the Open boys 800 Freestyle Relay 7:09.92 which included Nathaniel Foster, Nathan Breit, Ethan Eckel, Jack Borzynski.

Silver Medalist: Molly Staniger, Matilda Gutjahr, Aviana Gelden, Rowan Glassen, Vivienne Yanke, Nate Steenrod, Tovi Papillon, Harrison Yanke, Silas Coughlin, Evan Steenrod, Jordan Borzynski, Bennett Menken, Luke Waddle, Nicholas Foster, Brady Moore, Nathan Breit, Nathaniel Foster, Jack Borzynski, Ryan McGillis, Caleb Bergman, Ethan Eckel, Max Carlson.

Bronze Medalist: Molly Staniger, Rowan Glassen, Matilda Gutjahr, Aviana Gelden, Ellie Staniger, Emma Masaya, Olivia Speers, Amalia Ehmcke, Vivienne Yanke, Sophie Gutknecht, Kaylee Staniger, Ava Kerbawy, Ale Arteaga, Gabi Peterman, Harrison Yanke, Nate Steenrod, Tovi Papillon, Silas Coughlin, Evan Steenrod, Bennett Menken, Luke Waddle, Brady Moore, Nathan Breit, Jack Borzynski, Max Carlson, Ethan Eckel, Brennan Meyer, Zach James, Nathaniel Foster.

Congratulations TEAM SEA! Don't forget to sign-up for our upcoming Early Bird meet.

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, Kaylee Staniger, Aubree Van Dyke, Molly Warren

BOYS

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

CHAPERONES
Maria Peterman, Melissa Hohnl, Kim Wright
COACHES
Parker Palermo, Neil Wright
OPEN SPOTS

None at this time.

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 PrestroPay 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.aguatics@gmail.com for 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!

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Order By	Delivery On

May 11	May 15-16
June 9	June 12-13
July 13	July 17-18

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.

April Birthdays

Juliana Aburto, Jett Adams, Johathan Aschenbrenner, David Binder, Aviana Gelden, Rowan Glassen, Grayson Kirchenberg, Phoebe LaMothe, Emma Masaya, Tennyson Morey, Tovi Papillon, Eleni Schrik, Kylie Thomas, Finley Thompkins, Luke Waddle, Brynn Widmar.

Extended Calendar		
April		
28	First day of Spring & Summer practice	
<u>May</u>		
3-4	16 th Annual SEA Early Bird	
12	13&O Training Trip meeting, 6 PM	
<u>June</u>		
6-8		
	16 th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler	
<u>July</u>		
	WI LSC Regionals	
	12&U State	
31-3	13&O State	
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4-28		
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23	Tan a Times Season Segins	
<u>October</u>		
24	Annual Halloween Party	
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2	16 th Annual SEA Pentathlon	
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13-14	Single Age State	
<u>Januar</u>		
	20th Annual SEA Penguin Challenge	
<u>Februa</u>		
20-22	USA Regionals	

F.A.Q.

March

14-15 YMCA Sectionals 20-22 YMCA State

- 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 davs)

- 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
- 6) Got a question you need an answer to? Please reach out to Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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