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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.*

April 27, 2026

### **Neil's Notes**

Welcome back TEAM SEA! We hope everyone had a great break and were able to enjoy some normal family dinner hours!!

We are hitting the ground running with our first hosted meet of the season scheduled for this weekend (May 2-3) in Brown Deer. The hard deadline to enter your swimmers into the meet is this Wednesday, April 29. Just forward an email to [south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com) to have your swimmer slotted into the meet; please state which day(s) you plan on racing. Additionally, please don't forget to sign-up to volunteer. Thanks in advance for supporting your swimmer's team!

**Today is the deadline to submit your order for Milaeger Monday.** You can buy in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. These work essentially like cash and can only be used for live plants. TEAM SEA received 17% of all orders! Simply email Shay Borzynski at [sborzynski@prairieschool.com](mailto:sborzynski@prairieschool.com). Orders will be ready for pick-up during this weekend's meet. Please forward payment (cash or check payable to SEA) to any coach on deck.

Please ensure you zero out your escrow balance from last season and register your swimmer for TEAM SEA prior to attending practice (and/or submit swim tuition payments to any coach at practice). We still have 35 families carrying a negative balance on their escrow accounts and over a dozen swimmers who have attended practice without registering online and/or dropping off their first monthly payment. Reach out to me if you need to make arrangements for payment. Thank you for your prompt attention.

During the off-season, the Aquatics Director at RAC resigned. RUSD has hired his replacement and we are excited to share that James Weslaski (swam with TEAM SEA 2005-2017) has been selected as RAC's new Aquatics Director. Congratulations James!

Communication is important here at TEAM SEA and families should never be confused about anything swim team related. If

you have a question, please contact me. We are here for our swimmers, but also our parents!

As we begin the new season, we would like to refresh everyone on some of our standard operating procedures.

- 1) Swimmers should never leave their belongings in the locker rooms (unless they are using a lock), please have your swimmers keep their items on the pool deck.
- 2) Locker rooms are not play areas. At the conclusion of practice, swimmers have 15-minutes to shower, change, and exit the locker rooms.
- 3) Family and friends can view practice from the spectator stands upstairs.
- 4) Do not drop off your swimmer at practice unless you are sure a SEA coach is on deck. In addition, please plan on picking up your swimmer no later than 8:15 PM.
- 5) TEAM SEA is a bully-free swim team and bullying of any kind will not be tolerated (whether physical or verbal).
- 6) Finally, your job as a parent is fairly simple – love, support, transport. Love your swimmer unconditionally, support them by ensuring they have everything they need and volunteering behind the scenes, and transport them to and from practices and meets. Leave the coaching to the paid professionals.

We are looking forward to a great season of fun and fast swimming!

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).

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Bird Meet Information**

This weekend we’ll host the first of three meets this season. Our Early Bird will be held in Brown Deer at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center (9240 North Green Bay Road).

Saturday warm-ups for all swimmers begin at 10:00 AM, meet begins at 11:05 AM and is scheduled to finish at 2:47 PM.

Sunday warm-ups for all swimmers begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to finish at 12:39 PM.

The meet landing page will be populated with heat sheets on Friday.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

**Upcoming Meets**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/29
May 15	Conference Meet	5/5
May 16-17	SSTY Distance/Sprint	5/3
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/24
June 11-12	Zone Open Water	tba
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/6
June 25	Great Lakes Open Water	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
Oct 16-18	OZ Fall Classic	tba
Oct 29	Sprint Time Trials	10/25
Nov 1	SEA Pentathlon	tba
Nov 12	Mid-Distance Time Trials	11/8
Nov 13	Conference Meet	tba
Nov 15	SSTY YMCA Invite	tba
Nov 20-22	Arena Mid-Season Showdown	tba
Dec 4-6	YMCA Finalist	tba
Dec 11-13	RA Distance Classic	tba
Dec 12-13	12&U Single Age State	tba
Dec 17	Distance Time Trials	12/13

**Upcoming RAC Closer**

The Racine Aquatic Center will close for its annual cleaning May 11 – June 12. We will transplant all practices to Carthage College during this shut down.

All practices will begin at 5:00 PM with Bronze and Silver finishing up at 6:00 PM, Gold at 6:30 PM, and Senior at 7:00 PM.

The days we will train at Carthage will be:

May 11-15

May 18-20 (no practice 21-22)  
 May 26-29 (no practice May 25)  
 June 1-4  
 June 8-12

**10&U State, February 2027**

The WI LSC reached out to our team last season and asked if we would be interested in hosting next year’s 10&U State meet. We said we would be able to host this event and during last weekend’s annual LSC meeting in Wisconsin Dells, TEAM SEA was selected to host the meet. This meet is a ways off, but please save the date! This meet will be held at the Racine Aquatic Center, Saturday-Sunday, February 27-28. More information will be shared in the coming months.

**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**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
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).

### **April Birthdays**

Juliana Aburto, Jett Adams, Johathan Aschenbrenner, David Binder, Evelyn Clasen, Aviana Gelden, Rowan Glassen, Emma Masaya, Tennyson Morey, Tovi Papillon, Eleni Schrik, Kylie Thomas, Luke Waddle, Brynn Widmar, Rosalie Zinnen.

### **Extended Calendar**

#### 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  
15 AM outdoor practices begin for Seniors  
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

#### October

16-18 OZ Fall Classic  
29 Sprint Time Trials

#### November

1 Pentathlon  
12 Middle Distance Time Trials  
13 Conference Meet  
15 SSTY YMCA Invite  
20-22 Arena Mid-Season Showdown

#### December

4-6 YMCA Finalist  
11-13 RA Distance Classic  
12-13 12&U Single Age State  
17 Distance Time Trials

#### January

9-10 Penguin Challenge  
17 Conference Meet  
22-24 ChaseStrong Invite  
24 J-HK 8&U All Star

#### February

7 Conference Champs  
19-21 WI LSC Regionals  
26-28 Senior State  
27-28 10&U State

#### March

5-7 11-14 State  
13-14 YMCA Sectionals  
19-21 YMCA State

#### April

19 Tryouts

20 Banquet  
21 Spring & Summer 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*