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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.

May 15, 2025

Neil's Notes

Good luck to everyone racing in Lake Geneva tomorrow night!

Our next team hosted meet is our 10th Annual Pirate Plunge, June 6-7 in Brown Deer. All swimmers are encouraged to race in this meet. Families need to secure four volunteer positions for this event ... thank in you advance for supporting your swimmers' team!

Please let us know if your family is planning on attending this summer's team travel meet to Appleton for the Bird Bath Invite, July 11-13. Deadline to declare your intentions is May 18. To date five swimmers expressed interest.

We have a few swimmers training who have not registered online or forwarded the first payment for swim tuition. Athletes should not be in the water if they are not currently registered for the season. Please ensure your swimmer is currently registered prior to attending the next practice.

Save the date! Monday, June 16th is our annual team picture date. Pictures begin at 5:00 PM ... all swimmers currently on the team or who raced last Fall & Winter are welcome to attend!

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).

Conference Meet Information

Tomorrow we'll head to the Lake Geneva YMCA (203 S Wells Street). Heat sheet is posted on the homepage of our website.

Warm-ups begin at 5:00 PM, racing begins at 6:00 PM and is scheduled to end at 8:15 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
May 16	Conference Meet	Closed
Jun 6-8	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/18
Jun 20-21	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/8
Jun 27	Conference Meet	6/19
Jun 28	CMSA Invite	Closed
Jul 10-13	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 18-20	WI LSC Regionals	TBA
Jul 25-27	12&U State	TBA
Jul 29	Conference Champs	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
Feb 20-22	Regionals	TBA
Feb 27-28	10&U State	TBA
Feb 28-1	Senior State	TBA
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	TBA
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	TBA

17th Annual Early Bird Recap & Highlights

The first long course meet of the new season is always special as our athletes have not raced in a 50-meter pool since June or July last year. More times than not, our swimmers drop an amazing amount of time and this is a director result of months of hard work and dedication to their sport.

As the waves settled early afternoon Sunday, we ended up posting 86% best times (261 of 304 swims) and only eight DQs (four Backstroke and two each for Butterfly and Breaststroke).

New State qualifying times were turned in by Matilda Gutjahr 10&U 50 Freestyle 37.20, 50 Breaststroke 47.24, 100 Breaststroke 1:48.90 and Kaylee Staniger 13-14 50 Freestyle 30.97.

Matilda Gutjahr was on a mission this past weekend breaking seven 8&U team records! 50 Freestyle 37.20 (old record was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 38.72), 50 Breaststroke 47.24 (old record was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 50.47), 200 Freestyle 3:06.42 (old record was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 3:17.31), 200 Breaststroke 3:42.84 (own from last summer, 4:18.03), 100 Freestyle 1:26.00 (old record was held by Rayann Jaryszak from 2006, 1:30.80), 100 Breaststroke 1:48.90 (old record was held by Kelli Klepel from 1992, 1:42.38), and 50 Butterfly 45.86 (old record was held by Katie Hansen from 1994, 46.40).

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Molly Staniger 8&U 8th 100 Freestyle 1:41.54, 4th 200 Freestyle 3:38.85, Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 4th 50 Backstroke 47.55, Nathaniel Foster 17-18 8th 50 Freestyle 25.72, Jordan Borzynski 11-12 6th 50 Freestyle 29.17, and Jack Borzynski 15-16 7th 200 IM 2:24.30.

Posting 100% best times were Jett Adams, Max Carlson, Eli Coughlin, Silas Coughlin, Hannah Daams, Amalia Ehmcke, Eli Ehmcke, Nicholas Foster, Julissa Gonzalez, Charlotte Gruettner, Matilda Gutjahr, Levi Jansen, Natalie Johnson, Ashlyn Malzewski, Emma Masaya, Allie Mertins, Tennyson Morey, Jocelyn Niebuhr, Evan Olson, Lily Rudoll, Evalyn Speers, Olivia Speers, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, Kennedy Thomson, Aubree Van Dyke, John Westfall, and Valeria Zavala Lopez.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event: Jett Adams -18.79 100 Backstroke, Ireland Byrne -6.41 50 Breaststroke, Max Carlson -7.18 200 Freestyle, Eli Coughlin -7.12 50 Backstroke, Silas Coughlin -15.10 50 Butterfly, Hannah Daams -22.42 200 Freestyle, Amalia Ehmcke -72.47 400 Freestyle, Eli Ehmcke -10.75 100 Breaststroke, Aisling Fahy -11.35 400 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -19.18 100 Freestyle, Nicholas Foster -16.75 200 Freestyle, Summer Gustafson-Binger -35.30 200 Freestyle, Matilda Gutjahr -42.88 200 Freestyle, Charlotte Horton -49.00 200 Freestyle, Julie Horton -21.89 200 Freestyle, Levi Jansen -10.28 200 Freestyle, Piper Jansen -25.25 200 Freestyle, Natalie Johnson -29.83 200 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -26.23 50 Backstroke, Fiona Marini -8.81 400 Freestyle, Emma Masaya -42.16 200 IM, Allie Mertins -16.32 400 Freestyle, Arya Morey -37.48 200 Freestyle, Evan Olson -34.84 400 Freestyle, Claire Speers -43.44 200 Freestyle, Evalyn Speers -53.63 400 Freestyle, Olivia Speers -33.65 200 IM, Ellie Staniger -64.70 400

Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -29.71 200 Freestyle, Molly Staniger -67.10 100 Breaststroke, Rhemy Thompkins -20.88 200 IM, Aubree Van Dyke -50.74 400 Freestyle, John Westfall -60.32 200 Freestyle, Vivienne Yanke -24.47 100 Backstroke, and Valeria Zavala Lopez -36.41 100 Freestyle.

Congratulations to the following athletes on racing in their first ever long course meet: Julissa Gonzalez, Charlotte Gruettner, Tennyson Morey, Jocelyn Niebuhr, Lily Rudoll, and Kennedy Thomson.

Our next week will take place on Friday, May 16 in Lake Geneva and is a yard meet. Entries are due Saturday, May 10. Congratulations swimmers!

Practice Moving To Bradford High School

We will lose use of RAC during the week of May 19 (the building will be closed for its annual cleaning). We have secured time at Bradford High School (Carthage is not available and the YMCA cannot accommodate our numbers). Here are the practice times for the week of May 19 (Monday-Friday):

Bronze: 5-6 PM

Silver: 5-6 PM

Gold: 5-6:30 PM

Senior: 6-8 PM

Please enter the building using door 5 (north fieldhouse doors). We hope to SEA you there!

Team Picture Scheduled for June 16

Our annual team picture is scheduled for Monday, June 16 at RAC. Pictures will begin at 5:00 PM. This event is for all TEAM SEA swimmers who were on the team last Fall & Winter and this Spring & Summer. Watch this section of the newsletter for additional information as we get closer to the date.

AM Training For Seniors

AM practice for Seniors will begin June 16 (weather permitting). Practices are conducted at the SCJ outdoor community pool, Monday-Friday, 7-9 AM. The decision to cancel practice will be made at 6:15 AM and pushed out via email and social media (Facebook and Instagram).

Swimmers will need to secure a membership to the pool, \$25 for the season. This pass can be purchased online or at the check-in desk at the facility.

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 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

Order By	Delivery On
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.

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Aram Buchaklian, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Coughlin, Emma Ebert, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Olivia Hayes, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, Makenna Menken, Alanna Peterson, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

Extended Calendar

May

- 16 Conference Meet
- 26 No practice, Memorial Day

June

- 6-8 10th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
- 16 AM practices begin for Seniors
- 16 Team Picture, 5:00 PM @ RAC
- 20-21 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler
- 22-29 13&O Training Trip
- 27 Conference Meet

July

- 4 No practice, 4th of July
- 10-13 Speedo Sectionals
- 18-20 WI LSC Regionals
- 25-27 12&U State
- 31-3 13&O State

August

- 7-10 14&U Zones
- 4-28 OST

September

- 22 Tryouts for new families
- 23 Fall & Winter Season begins

October

- 24 Annual Halloween Party

November

- 2 16th Annual SEA Pentathlon
- 15 WIAA Division 2 Girls State
- 16 WIAA Division 1 Girls State

December

- 13-14 Single Age State

January

10-11 20th Annual SEA Penguin Challenge

February

20 WIAA Division 2 Boys State

21 WIAA Division 1 Boys State

20-22 USA Regionals

March

14-15 YMCA Sectionals

20-22 YMCA State

April

20 Spring & Summer Season begins

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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Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve***