



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, 2026

Neil's Notes

Great job hosting our first meet of the Spring & Summer Season. We beat the timeline both days and our swimmers swam very well considering how early it was in the season for our squad. Read all about our highlights later in this newsletter.

Our next meet we will host is our 11th Annual Pirate Plunge the weekend of June 5-7. Volunteer sign-up is live on our website. As a favor to our meet director, please sign-up as soon as you can. Thanks in advance for supporting your swimmers' team!

This weekend we'll be racing in Lake Geneva and Brown Deer for the first Conference Meet of the season and SSTY's Distance/Sprint meet. Good luck!

Although the pool deck is a lot hotter than RAC, Carthage College has been okay for our training purposes (honestly, we are just lucky and blessed to have a back-up pool to train at while RAC is down). We head back to RAC on Monday, June 15.

This summer (hopefully) we'll be racing at the Holland Aquatic Center in Michigan for our team travel meet. We say hopefully because we need to ensure our entries are submitted when the host team begins accepting visiting teams' entry files. As of today, the host team has not published the meet information. We check every day and will notify everyone when it's posted and the deadline to attend. In the meantime, we have secured hotels near the facility. Check the weekly newsletter email for the hotel link (deadline to reserve a room is June 10).

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.

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. 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

Tonight we'll be racing in Lake Geneva (203 Wells Street) in our first installment of our Conference Meets for this Spring & Summer.

Warm-ups run 4:50-5:20 PM and the meet begins at 5:30 PM and will finish by 7:00 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

SSTY Distance/Sprint Meet Information

Saturday and Sunday we'll be racing in Brown Deer (9240 N. Green Bay Road).

Saturday warm-ups begin at 9:00 AM, meet begins at 10:00 AM and is scheduled to finish at 12:49 PM.

Sunday warm-ups are assigned and run in lane 6, 9:00-9:25 AM, meet begins at 10:05 AM, and is scheduled to end at 1:33 PM.

Visit the meet landing page to view heat sheets.

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Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
May 15	Conference Meet	closed
May 16-17	SSTY Distance/Sprint	closed
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/24
June 11-12	Zone Open Water	6/7
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/6
June 25	Great Lakes Open Water	tba
June 26	Conference Meet LCM	6/14

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

17th Annual Early Bird Recap & Highlights

As per usual, our best time percentage was super high during our first long course meet of the new season having not raced in a long course pool since last July (85% or 257 of 303 swims). We only posted three DQs (two backstroke, one butterfly).

Long course State qualifying times were posted by Max Carlson Senior 50 Freestyle 26.16, Charlotte Gruettner 9-10 50 Freestyle 37.50, 100 Backstroke 1:38.12, 50 Breaststroke 49.54, 50 Backstroke 44.15, EJ Gruettner 8&U 50 Freestyle 46.92, 50 Backstroke 50.01, Ellie Staniger 11-12 50 Freestyle 32.75, Kaylee Staniger 200 Breaststroke 3:06.37, and Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 50 Freestyle 33.19, 100 Freestyle 1:12.41.

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Matilda Gutjahr 9-10 9th 50 Freestyle 34.33, 2nd 400 Freestyle 6:08.94, 6th 50 Breaststroke 45.53, 5th 100 Breaststroke 1:37.44, 6th 100 Butterfly 1:32.94, 4th 200 IM 3:10.89, Molly Staniger 8&U 2nd 50 Freestyle 38.12, 2nd 100 Freestyle 1:26.85, 6th 50 Backstroke 48.19, 5th 100 Breaststroke 2:03.73, 4th 100 Butterfly 2:02.92, EJ Gruettner 8&U 6th 200 Freestyle 4:06.46, 9th 50 Backstroke 50.01, Quinn Schmidt 9-10 3rd 200 Backstroke 3:47.59, Max Carlson 15-16 9th 50 Freestyle 26.16, and Harrison Yanke 9-10 5th 50 Freestyle 33.02, 7th 50 Backstroke 40.91, 6th 100 Backstroke 1:28.11, 7th 50 Butterfly 38.76, 8th 100 Butterfly 1:35.40.

Notching 100% best times included Aubrey Becker, Jordan Bozynski, Max Carlson, Autumn Cress, Lilly Dolezal, Ciara Fahy, Asher Genduso, Maddy Genduso, Charlotte Gruettner, Sophie Gutknecht, Adeline Hell, Miles Hoffmann, Selah Isaacson, Timothy Isaacson, Evan Olson, Cashton Peterson, Quinn Schmidt, Claire Speers, Olivia Speers, Molly Staniger,

Zack Steenrod, John Westfall, Bria Widmar, and Brynn Widmar.

Slicing five or more seconds off their previous best times: Aubrey Becker -26.21 200 IM, Eli Chentik -34.04 100 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -13.80 200 IM, Sarina Foster -12.15 200 Freestyle, Asher Genduso -9.86 200 IM, Maddy Genduso -7.74 100 Backstroke, Charlotte Gruettner -16.13 100 Backstroke, Matilda Gutjahr -20.57 400 Freestyle, Sophie Gutknecht -27.27 200 IM, Charlotte Horton -13.27 200 Freestyle, Julie Horton -29.54 100 Breaststroke, Zachary James -12.58 200 IM, Evan Olson -20.96 200 Breaststroke, Claire Speers -36.26 200 IM, Olivia Speers -11.40 200 IM, Ellie Staniger -30.26 400 Freestyle 4:34.54, Kaylee Staniger -7.13 50 Backstroke, Molly Staniger -10.97 100 Backstroke, Zack Steenrod -14.88 50 Butterfly, Aubree Van Dyke -20.35 400 Freestyle, John Westfall -21.50 100 Butterfly, Bria Widmar -14.89 100 Backstroke, Brynn Widmar -7.43 50 Breaststroke, and Harrison Yanke -7.36 100 Butterfly.

Congratulations to this list of swimmers on racing in their first long course meet of their lives ... Autumn Cress, Lilly Dolezal, EJ Gruettner, Adeline Hell, Miles Hoffman, Selah Isaacson, Timothy Isaacson, Kealaula Licup, Cashton Peterson, AJ Phillips, Wesley Polack, and Quinn Schmidt.

Gold Medalist: Braxton Rosemann, Kaylee Staniger

Silver Medalist: Zachary James, Braxton Rosemann, Kaylee Staniger

Bronze Medalist: Jordan Borzynski, Max Carlson, Zachary James, Kaylee Staniger, Zack Steenrod

Great start to the long course season. Continue attending practice regularly and sign-up for meets (we only 12-weeks remaining of the season ... take advantage of all the great opportunities to race).

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

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

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

May Birthdays

Jack Borzynski, Sylvie Carlson, John Connell, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Olivia Hayes, Carter Justman, Alanna Peterson, Braxton Rosemann, Maksim Rozzoni, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

Extended Calendar

May

21-22 No practice, no pools available
25 No practice, Memorial Day

June

5-7 11th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
15 AM outdoor practices begin for Seniors
19-20 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

July

4 No practice, Independence Day

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 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***