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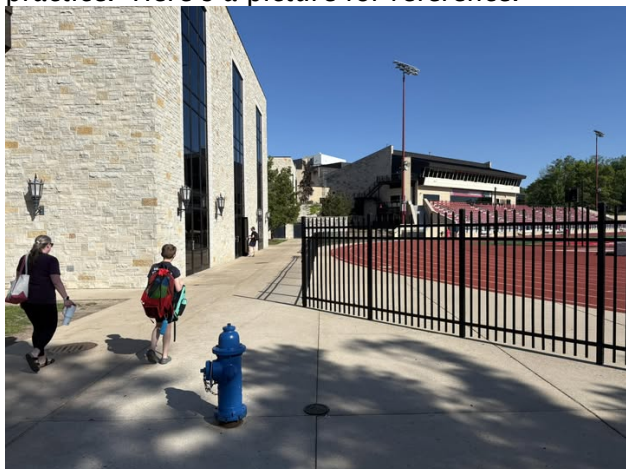
TEAM SEA's Mission:

To empower the youth of Southeastern Wisconsin in a safe and supportive environment to be champions in life through excellence in swimming.

May 29, 2026

Neil's Notes

Here's an update on where to enter Carthage College for practice ... use the doors closest to the football field around the corner to the right of the main lower-level doors. We were told yesterday that the doors would remain unlocked during the entirety of our practice. Here's a picture for reference.



Keep your fingers crossed ... we should be back in our home pool on Monday, June 15!

This Saturday and Sunday we'll be racing in one of the fastest meets of the long course season in Madison. Read the next section of the newsletter for warm-up times and good luck this weekend!

We will conduct practice for Gold and Senior tomorrow, Saturday May 30 at the Y, 8:00-9:30 AM.

The majority of the remaining meets on our schedule have entry due dates in the next two or three weeks. Be sure to crosscheck your calendars and sign-up for meets sooner rather than later!

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. We are getting close to filling all spots, but are weak on Sunday PM. Please take a moment and secure your volunteer spots. Thanks in advance for supporting your swimmers' team!

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).

BAC JPI Meet Information

We'll be racing in the Badger home pool next weekend, May 30-31 (Nicholas Recreation Center, 797 W. Dayton Street in Madison). View the meet landing page for parking options and heat sheets.

Please note, if your swimmer does not race until later in the meet, he or she may arrive 90-minutes prior to his or her heat start time (view the heat sheet online to find the event start time). The diving well will be open for the duration of the meet for warming up and warming down.

Saturday Prelim warm-ups for 13&O swimmers begin at 7:30 AM, meet begins at 8:50 AM and is schedule to end at 12:59 PM.

Saturday PM warm-ups for 12&U run 1:15-2:00 PM, meet begins at 2:05 PM and is scheduled to finish at 4:48 PM.

13&O swimmers moving on to Finals Saturday should check with Coach Neil on what time to return. Racing begins at 6:05 PM.

Sunday AM warm-ups for 12&U swimmers begin at 8:00 AM, meet begins at 8:50 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:27 AM.

Sunday PM warm-ups for 13&O swimmers run 11:30 AM-12:45 PM, meet begins at 12:50 PM and is scheduled to end at 5:40 PM.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
June 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	6/3
June 11-12	Zone Open Water	6/7
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/6
June 25	Great Lakes Open Water	6/19
June 26	Conference Meet LCM	6/14
July 9-12	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
July 10-12	West Michigan Classic	6/10
July 17-19	WI LSC Regionals	tba
July 24-26	12&U State	tba
July 28	Conference Champs	6/19
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

Conference Meet Recap & Highlights

Our small contingent of swimmers who raced in Lake Geneva last week did amazing! We posted 71% best times (10 of 14 swims) and no DQs.

Evelyn Gruettner notched three new State qualifying times for 8&Us: 25 Butterfly 21.28, 25 Breaststroke 25.34, and 25 Freestyle 17.81.

Evelyn also posted 100% best times along with Adeline Hell and Cashton Peterson (Cashton dropped 8.18 seconds in the 200 Backstroke).

Congratulations to Autumn Cress on racing in her first ever 100 Butterfly race and to Charlotte Gruettner on racing hard and just missing a PR in the 50 Freestyle by .01.

Don't forget to sign-up for our upcoming Pirate Plunge ... entries due June 3rd!

SSTY Distance & Sprint Recap & Highlights

Great swimming last weekend in Brown Deer where we posted 76% best times (45 of 59 swims) and no DQs.

Matilda Gutjahr (9-10) posted the 5th and 9th fastest times in our team's history for the 50 Breaststroke 44.82 and 50 Butterfly 40.07.

Achieving 100% best times included Carter Justman, Hovan Karapetian, and Cashton Peterson.

Dropping five or more seconds in an event were Ciara Fahy -41.12 200 Breaststroke, Carter Justman -24.45 50 Backstroke, and Hovan Karapetian -9.79 100 Breaststroke.

Congratulations to Maksin Rozzoni on racing in his first 50-meter meet of his life!

Gold Medalist: Matilda Gutjahr

Bronze Medalist: Hovan Karapetian, Braxton Rosemann

Don't forget to sign-up to race in our Pirate Plunge meet ... entries due June 3rd!

AM Outdoor Senior Practice

As in previous years, Senior athletes planning on training at the outdoor pool will need to secure a SCJ Community Pool membership. The Racine County resident fee is \$28, non-resident is \$38. Visit the Racine County government website or stop by the check-in desk at the park to secure your membership prior to attending practice.

Weather permitting, AM practice for Seniors will begin on Monday, June 15.

If practice needs to be canceled, notifications will be forwarded by 6:15 AM.

Upcoming RAC Closure

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 card (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 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

30-31 BAC JPI in Madison

June

5-7 11th Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
 15 AM outdoor practices begin for Seniors
 19 No practice (AM or PM)
 19-20 16th Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

July

3 No PM practice
 4 No practice, Independence Day
 29 Final practice to the season

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***