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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 1, 2024

### Neil's Notes

On behalf of our meet directors, thank you to all the families who helped run our meet last weekend. Thanks also to Jose Arteaga for organizing our officials, Pat and Roger Lewno who continue to serve as our AO and our timing system operator (even though it's been 19-years since they last had a swimmer on TEAM SEA), and to Kelly Jansen who has taken over our Concession & Hospitality role and is doing a great job!

Tomorrow is the deadline to sign-up for our first Conference Meet of the season (this is one of only two short course meets this season). If you would like your swimmer to participate in this meet, please send an email.

Two weeks ago, Coach Joanna attended the annual Central States Coaching Conference in Chicago. She has been attending this conference fairly regularly for the past three years. This year she had the opportunity hear lectures from Bob Bowman, Anthony Nesty, Mark Schubert, David Marsh (all past Olympic level coaches), along with psychologists, and Olympic level swimmers. We are proud of Coach Joanna and her commitment to learning more about the sport of swimming to help our athletes reach their maximum potential in the pool!

Don't forget our annual Swim for a Cause event is scheduled on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Y beginning at 4:00 PM. A lot of great prizes available this year! We will need a handful of parents to assist with counting our swimmers' laps. Dinner will be served for all in attendance. If your swimmer has raised \$50 or more so far, please forward the desired t-shirt size to me as soon as you can. This event is for all athletes who swam with TEAM during this past Fall & Winter Season and who are currently training with the team now. Take advantage!

We are transplanting to Park High School beginning this Monday, May 13. We are scheduled to train at Park through June 7. Fingers crossed everything goes well during the RAC cleaning period.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for the end of this month, May 31-June 2, our annual Pirate Plunge in Brown Deer. This meet averages 700 athletes annually! We'll need all hands-on deck in order to run a quality meet. Please sign-up to volunteer by Sunday, May 19 so our meet directors can work on filling any gaps we may have. Thanks in advance for all your help and support for your swimmer's team!

We are scheduled to begin AM practices for Senior swimmers on June 12. Please note we will only begin training outside when the water temperature reaches 78-degrees. All swimmers planning on training in the mornings will need to secure a pass for the Johnson Aquatic Center (\$25 for the season). Check the Racine County website for more information or simply stop by and purchase a pass.

If morning practice needs to be canceled because of thunder and/lightening, a message will be out at 6:15 AM (will go out via email and postings on Facebook and Instagram).

Below is a "cheat sheet" for the next two weeks. Read it to stay on top of the day-to-day happenings here at TEAM SEA.

May 10, practice at RAC, deadline to sign-up for Conference Meet	May 11, practice at the Y for Senior & Gold
May 12 - a day of rest	May 13, practice at Park
May 14, practice at Park	May 15, practice at Park, Atlanta Classic
May 16, practice at Park, Atlanta Classic	May 17, practice at Park, Atlanta Classic
May 18, practice at the Y, deadline to sign-up to race in our Pirate Plunge, Atlanta Classic	May 19, Conference Meet, Swim for a Cause
May 20, practice at Park	May 21, practice at Park
May 22, practice at Park	May 23, practice at Park

Our Annual Team Picture is scheduled for Monday, June 24 at the Racine Aquatic

Center beginning at 5:00 PM. ALL athletes who are currently on the team and/or swam with TEAM SEA last Fall & Winter Season are welcome to attend. The process is simple. VIP will take an individual picture of all our swimmers/coaches and composite those pictures into a team picture. Additionally, VIP will take individual posed pictures for all families interested (can be sibling or friend pictures too). Families will be able to order pictures online ... information will be shared when received.

Save the date ... our annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13. More information can be found on our website.

Please ensure your swimmer is registered for our current season ... either signed up online through our website and/or have submitted the first payment. Additionally, all out athletes need to carry a YMCA membership while training with TEAM SEA.

If you have a Facebook account, please considering joining TEAM SEA. We use Facebook to send out reminders and post pics from the meets and events we attend. Joining will help you stay in the loop with all things TEAM SEA related.

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).

### Upcoming Meets

<i>Date</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Entry Deadline</i>
May 15-18	Atlanta Classic	Closed
May 19	Conference Meet	5/10
May 31-2	SEA Pirate Plunge	5/18
Jun 21-22	SEA Summer Sizzler	6/7
Jun 28	Conference Meet	6/14
Jul 11-14	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
Jul 12-14	Bird Bath Invite	TBA
Jul 19-21	Regionals	TBA
Jul 23-27	Junior Nationals	TBA
Jul 26-28	12&U State	TBA
Jul 30	Conference Champs	TBA
Aug 1-4	13&O State	TBA
Aug 8-11	14&U Zones	TBA

### Early Bird Recap & Highlights

It's been roughly nine months since our last long course swim meet and what was amazing to witness last weekend were all the major time drops our athletes posted. The huge time drops our athletes made represent

countless hours of training over the past nine months. The dedication necessary for this type of growth and development is a reflection of our athletes' hard work and budding understanding of delayed gratification. As a team, we achieved 90% best times (251 of 280 swims) and only nine DQs (four Backstroke, three Butterfly, two Breaststroke).

We added another Winter Junior Nationals qualifier to the squad when Brady Moore finished the 50 Freestyle in 24.57 slipping under the cut time of 24.59.

Matilda Gutjahr became the first 8&U swimmer in our team's history to swim the 200-meter Breaststroke setting the team record in the process, 4:18.03.

Notching Speedo Sectional qualifying times included Jack Borzynski in the 50 Freestyle 25.03 and Gabi Peterman also in the 50 Freestyle 28.08.

Achieving new State qualifying times were Jack Borzynski 50 Freestyle, Jordan Borzynski 11-12 100 Backstroke 1:23.04, 100 Freestyle 1:11.21, Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 50 Freestyle 44.76, 50 Breaststroke 58.06, 50 Backstroke 55.61, Brady Moore Senior 100 Backstroke 1:05.92, and Gabi Peterman Senior 50 Freestyle.

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Jules Horton 7<sup>th</sup> 8&U 200 Freestyle 4:25.23, Matilda Gutjahr 6<sup>th</sup> 8&U 100 Backstroke 1:56.85, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 2:04.54, Piper Jansen 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10 200 Breaststroke 4:28.52, Ciara Fahy 5<sup>th</sup> 11-12 200 Butterfly 4:52.05, Gabi Peterman 2<sup>nd</sup> 15-16 50 Freestyle, 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:02.94, Jordan Borzynski 9<sup>th</sup> 11-12 200 Backstroke 2:58.33, Eli Ehmcke 6<sup>th</sup> 11-12 200 Butterfly 4:20.05, Brady Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> 17-18 50 Freestyle, 7<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke, and Jack Borzynski 3<sup>rd</sup> 15-16 50 Freestyle, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 55.58, 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:06.54.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event were Mathilde Angeline -22.34 100 Breaststroke, Ale Arteaga -20.36 200 Backstroke, David Binder -19.70 50 Butterfly, Jordan Borzynski -5.01 100 Freestyle, Ireland Byrne -19.16 100 Breaststroke, Silas Coughlin -25.61 100 Freestyle, Hannah Daams -9.88 100 Freestyle, Amalia Ehmcke -5.11 50 Freestyle, Eli Ehmcke -10.44 50 Breaststroke, Aisling Fahy -25.16 400 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -26.07 100 Breaststroke, Jack Gerszewski -20.87 50 Breaststroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -30.10 100 Freestyle, Matilda Gutjahr -37.86 50 Backstroke, Evelyn Gutknecht -44.31 50 Butterfly, Sophie Gutknecht -31.91 100 Breaststroke, Lindsey Hohnl -5.70 50 Backstroke, Charlotte Horton -11.99 50

Breaststroke, Jules Horton -39.02 100 Freestyle, Levi Jansen -26.22 50 Butterfly, Piper Jansen -12.54 100 Backstroke, Natalie Johnson -23.96 100 Backstroke, Ava Kerbawy -46.61 100 Breaststroke, Fiona Marini -55.29 200 Freestyle, Emma Masaya -10.46 50 Freestyle, Brady Moore -19.35 200 IM, Arya Morey -21.84 50 Breaststroke, Evan Olson -24.92 200 Breaststroke, Gabi Peterman -17.55 50 Butterfly, Evalyn Speers -44.52 100 Breaststroke, Olivia Speers -34.16 100 Freestyle, Ellie Staniger -18.32 100 Freestyle, Kaylee Staniger -14.86 100 Breaststroke, Molly Staniger -19.65 50 Backstroke, Rhemy Thompkins -26.92 100 Breaststroke, Aubree Van Dyke -23.92 100 Backstroke, and John Westfall -21.02 100 Freestyle.

These swimmers posted 100% best times ... Mathilde Angeline, David Binger, Ireland Byrne, Eli Chentnik, Amalia Ehmcke, Eli Ehmcke, Aisling Fahy, Ciara Fahy, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Matilda Gutjahr, Evelyn Gutknecht, Adriana Hotchkiss, Levi Jansen, Piper Jansen, Natalie Johnson, Ava Kerbawy, Delilah Kuhl, Fiona Marini, Emma Masaya, Brady Moore, Evan Olson, Gabi Peterman, Claire Speers, Evalyn Speers, Ellie Staniger, Kaylee Staniger, Molly Staniger, and Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke.

Racing in their first TEAM SEA swim meet were Ashlyn Malzewski and William Martin.

Gold Medalist - Gabi Peterman, Mac Thomas

Silver Medalist - Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Ciara Fahy, Gabi Peterman

Bronze Medalist - Jordan Borzynski, Ciara Fahy, Brady Moore, Gabi Peterman

### **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 card (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 for Spring & Summer**

<i>Order By</i>	<i>Delivery On</i>
May 12	May 16-17
June 9	June 13-14
July 14	July 18-19

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, David Binder, Grayson Kirchenberg, Andy Krug, Emma Masaya, Tennyson Morey, Eleni Schrik, Kylie Thomas, Finley Thompkins, Luke Waddle.

### **May Birthdays**

Jack Borzynski, Sylvie Carlson, Haylee Clouse, Ezra Coughlin, Emma Ebert, Aisling Fahy, Sophie Gutknecht, Adriana Hotchkiss, Carter Justman, William Martin, Makenna Menken, Molly Staniger, Zack Steenrod.

### **Extended Calendar**

#### May

13 Begin practicing at Park High School  
 19 Swim for a Cause  
 27 No practice, Memorial Day  
 31-2 SEA Pirate Plunge

#### June

11 Last day of school (RUSD)  
 12 AM practice begins for Seniors  
 21-22 SEA Summer Sizzler  
 24 Team Picture, 5 PM at RAC

#### July

4 No practice, Happy Independence Day  
 11-14 Speedo Sectionals  
 19-21 Regionals  
 26-28 12&U State  
 31 Last day of Spring & Summer practice

#### August

1-4 13&O State  
 8-11 14&U Zones

- 13 Annual Awards Banquet
- 13 High School girls swimming begins
- September
- 23 Tryouts
- 23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter

#### **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 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 text Coach Neil at 262.994.3157.

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