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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.*

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### Neil's Notes

It's great to be back in our home pool after five weeks training at Carthage College. We are blessed to have a back-up pool to use for sure, but nothing beats the RAC.

With us hosting our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Sizzler this weekend, no practices will be held Friday and Saturday (June 19-20). It's a large meet with over 500 athletes taking to the waters. Good luck racing this weekend!

Boy, although the water temperature is perfect, the air temp, wind, and rain have been a real pain this week during AM practices. Looking at the 10-day forecast, it doesn't seem there's any improvement insight. Keeping our fingers crossed for summer to makes it return.

It's hard to believe, but we only have 5.5-weeks of the season left. Really what this means is we are beginning to step through the threshold of the championship portion of the season! Our Meet Schedule is now populated with all meet information links for the remainder of the season so please take a moment and forward your swimmers' intentions for the remaining meets on our schedule and let's get ready for some fast swimming!

Good news ... we got into the Michigan meet! Continue attending practice regularly so we can shine while racing in Holland!

We recently hired a new coach ... Bridget Fleser has stepped on deck this week and will be assisting with the Silver team. Bridget swam age-group and high school in Illinois and represented UW-Steven Points during college. She is excited to be on deck her at TEAM SEA giving back to the amazing sport of swimmers. Welcome to TEAM SEA Bridget we are blessed to have you on the pool deck!

Make a note ... beginning this Fall & Winter all swimmers will need to secure their USA Swimming Membership.

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).

### SEA Summer Sizzler Meet Information

This weekend we'll be hosting our annual Summer Sizzler in Pleasant Prairie (9900 Terwall Terrace).

Friday warm-ups for all swimmers run 3:00-4:00 PM, meet begins at 4:05 PM and is scheduled to finish at 9:27 PM.

Saturday warm-ups for 12&U run 8:00-9:00 AM, meet begins at 9:05 AM and is scheduled to finish at 1:23 PM.

Saturday warm-ups for Open run 1:23-2:23 PM, meet begins at 2:23 PM and is scheduled to finish at 6:18 PM.

Thank you in advance for another successful season of hosting meets. Roughly 50% of our operating expenses are supported by the meets we host annually. Thank you for supporting your swimmers' team and good luck this weekend TEAM SEA!

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
June 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	closed
June 26	Conference Meet LCM	closed
July 9-12	Speedo Sectionals	7/1
July 10-12	West Michigan Classic	closed
July 17-19	WI LSC Regionals	7/10
July 24-26	12&U State	7/19
July 28	Conference Champs	7/19
July 30-2	13&O State	7/19
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

### **Pirate Plunge Recap & Highlights**

Solid efforts during our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Plunge. As a team we posted 65% best times (207 of 318 swims) and ten DQs (three Butterfly, two each of Backstroke, Breaststroke, IM, and one Freestyle).

Harrison Yanke posted a Zones qualifying time in the 10&U 100 Freestyle, 1:12.82.

New long course State qualifying times were recorded by Julissa Gonzalez 8&U 50 Backstroke 56.34, Charlotte Gruettner 9-10 100 Breaststroke 1:48.88, 100 Freestyle 1:20.50, Hovan Karapetian 11-12 100 Breaststroke 1:38.82, Ellie Staniger 11-12 100 Freestyle 1:11.29, and Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 400 IM 6:14.93, 50 Backstroke 38.74.

Cracking into our Top Ten were Charlotte Gruettner 9-10 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 41.15, Evelyn Gruettner 8&U 100 Backstroke 1:52.42, Ashlyn Malzewski Senior 6<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:38.72, Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 4<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 6:14.93, Harrison Yanke 9-10 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:12.82, 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 36.86, AJ Phillips 8&U 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 2:30.88, and Asher Genduso 11-12 9<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 6:41.69.

Notching 100% best times included Jett Adams -38.59 200 IM, Zoey Aho -13.95 200 Freestyle, Aubrey Becker -25.79 200 Backstroke, Ireland Byrne -18.58 200 Breaststroke, Amalie Ehmcke -10.34 200 Freestyle, Sarina Foster -19.36 200 Backstroke, Julissa Gonzalez -29.08 100 Freestyle, Charlotte Gruettner -6.61 100 Freestyle, Evelyn Gruettner -12.91 100 Backstroke, Summer Gustafson-Binger -55.32, Miles Hoffman -13.24 200 Freestyle, Zachary James -10.44 200 Backstroke, Natalie Johnson -53.13 200 IM, Carter Justman -15.64 200 Freestyle, Hovan Karapetian -6.19, Delilah Kuhl -19.33 100 Freestyle, Emma Masaya -44.00 400 Freestyle, Evan Olson -32.16 200 Backstroke, Cashton Peterson -10.16 200 IM, Gavin Peterson -10.48 50 Freestyle, AJ Phillips -11.27 100 Backstroke, Braxton Rosemann -11.69 400 Freestyle, Claire Speers -86.78 400 Freestyle, Olivia Speers -31.23 400 Freestyle, Ellie Staniger -12.30 200 IM, Molly Staniger -30.39 200 Freestyle, Nate Steenrod -5.79 100 Backstroke, Zack Steenrod -12.41 100 Butterfly, Rhemy Thompkins -27.36 400 IM, Aubree Van Dyke -57.73 200 Butterfly,

Luke Waddle -21.40 400 Freestyle, John Westfall -78.02 400 Freestyle, Bria Widmar -9.43 50 Butterfly, Brynn Widmar -17.68 100 Backstroke, and Valeria Zavala-Lopez -5.07 200 Freestyle.

Congratulations on racing in your first long course meet ever! Evelyn Clasen and Logan Masaya.

Great job TEAM SEA!

### **BAC JPI Meet Recap & Highlights**

Great racing last weekend in Madison! We finished 15<sup>th</sup> with 376.50-points, posted 86% best times (68 of 79 swims), and no DQs.

Congratulations to Brady Moore on breaking three Senior team records during the course of the meet. Brady raced to 23.92 in the 50 Freestyle to slip under Hugo Arteaga's record of 23.96 set in 2023, touched in 51.98 in the 100 Freestyle to break Hugo's record of 52.22 set in 2023, and finished the 200 Freestyle in 1:56.56 to break his own record set earlier this season, 1:57.57.

New long course State qualifying times were achieved by Asher Genduso 11-12 200 IM 2:58.09, 200 Freestyle 2:29.83, 100 Butterfly 1:17.95, Hovan Karapetian 11-12 50 Breaststroke 45.50, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 200 Backstroke 2:35.46, Molly Staniger 9-10 50 Freestyle 37.87, Rhemy Thompkins 11-12 50 Breaststroke 42.47, 200 IM 2:58.21, 50 Butterfly 34.84, 100 Breaststroke 1:33.91, and Vivi Yanke 13-14 50 Butterfly 31.77.

Cracking into our top ten list were Jordan Borzynski 13-14 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:10.00, 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 59.47, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 27.07, Asher Genduso 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 40.09, 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:29.30, 9<sup>th</sup> 200 Freestyle 2:29.83, 10<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:17.95, Braxton Rosemann 13-14 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:11.52, 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:35.46, Kaylee Staniger 13-14 10<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 3:04.62, Zack Steenrod 13-14 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:18.85, Harrison Yanke 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Breaststroke 40.57, 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 38.46, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:33.23, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 Freestyle 2:42.66, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:28.51, and Vivi Yanke 8<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:14.75.

Posting 100% best times included Jordan Borzynski, Asher Genduso, Sophie Gutknecht, Hovan Karapetian, Brady Moore, Braxton Rosemann, Ellie Staniger, Rhemy Thompkins, Aubree Van Dyke, and Vivi Yanke.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event included Asher Genduso -12.92 200 IM, Summer Gustafson-Binger -11.59, Sophie Gutknecht -22.86 200 Breaststroke, Hovan Karapetian -19.89 100 Freestyle, Braxton

Rosemann -12.99 200 Backstroke, Ellie Staniger -9.51 100 Butterfly, Zack Steenrod -15.45 200 Backstroke, Rhemy Thompkins -7.84 200 IM, Harrison Yanke -6.89 100 Butterfly, and Vivi Yanke -5.03 100 Butterfly.

Gold, Silver, Bronze medalist: Harrison Yanke

Podium finishes: Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Asher Genduso, Brady Moore, Braxton Rosemann, Zack Steenrod, Harrison Yanke

Way to go TEAM SEA!

### **Off-Season Training in August**

Off-Season Training (OST) will be offered between the end of the Spring & Summer Season and the beginning of the Fall & Winter Season.

OST is an opportunity for our athletes to “bridge the gap” between seasons. It allows them to keep a feel for the water during the off-season and affords them the opportunity to really focus on the little things that make for fast swimming (starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes). Also, they get to hangout with their friends which is really great!

OST will be offered for four weeks Monday-Wednesday, August 3-26. Gold and Senior will swim 7:00-8:30 AM and Bronze and Silver will swim 8:30-9:30 AM with each week covering starts, breakouts, turns, and finishes for one stroke (the order by weeks is Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly).

The cost for Gold and Senior is \$160 for all four weeks or \$40 per week.

The cost for Bronze and Silver is \$120 for all four weeks or \$30 per week.

All practices will be held at the outdoor SCJ Community pool and all participants will need a membership to the pool (secure at the front desk at the facility, \$28). There will be no refunds or “make-up days” for inclement weather/canceled practices.

If practice needs to be canceled because of thunder or lightening, a Facebook notification will be posted at 6:00 AM for Gold and Senior practice and 7:00 AM for Bronze and Silver.

If you plan on attending, simply attend the week(s) you would like to train at and forward payment to any coach on deck when you arrive. Take advantage!

### **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>
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).

### **June Birthdays**

Max Carlson, Eli Chentnik, Evelyn Gutknecht, Logan Masaya, Arya Morey, AJ Phillips, Bizzy Strickling, Aubree Van Dyke.

### **Extended Calendar**

#### June

19 No practice (AM or PM)  
19-20 16<sup>th</sup> 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](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***