

## Serpent Times

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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.*

July 3, 2025

### Neil's Notes

Happy early 4<sup>th</sup> of July TEAM SEA. Please remember, no practices tomorrow. Back in action Saturday at the Y for Gold and Senior swimmers. Hope to SEA you there!

We have a very packed remainder of the season. During our final four weeks we will attend eight meets! Please forward your intentions to have your swimmer(s) entered in the remaining meets as soon as you can. ALL TEAM SEA athletes can race during Regionals and Conference Champs (all other meets swimmers will need qualifying times to attend).

Our bi-annually 13&O Training Trip went off without a hitch. Our largest group ever (27 swimmers)! Thank you to Melissa Hohnl, Eric Mertins, and Kim Wright for tagging along to chaperone. Additionally, the Foster family was in attendance and helped out too ... thanks! Congratulations to Coach Parker for making the trip down and doing a great job. Our next trip will take place in June of 2027.

Thank you to all the families who made it a point to volunteer during our final meet of the Spring & Summer Season a few weeks ago. Your volunteerism goes a long way in what we are able to bring to our athletes and families throughout the year. We now get to enjoy the next four months of not hosting a meet! We will host our next meet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Families can secure their volunteer spot now if they like.

Sorry I have not made many practices this week. I came down with a nasty bug that laid me out pretty good. I will be back at practice on Saturday morning.

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](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

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jul 10-13	Speedo Sectionals	Closed
Jul 11-13	OZ Fire "Quacker" Open	Closed
Jul 18-20	WI LSC Regionals	7/13
Jul 23-26	TYR Futures	7/15
Jul 25-27	12&U State	7/20
Jul 29	Conference Champs	TBA
Jul 31-3	13&O State	7/20
Aug 7-10	14&U Zones	TBA
Oct 10-12	OZ Fall Classic	TBA
Oct 30	Sprint Time Trials	10/28
Nov 2	SEA Pentathlon	10/19
Nov 7	Conference Meet	TBA
Nov 13	Mid Distant Time Trials	11/11
Nov 16	YMCA Invite	TBA
Nov 21-23	Areana Mid Season Showdown	TBA
Dec 5	Conference Meet	TBA
Dec 6-7	YMCA Finalist	TBA
Dec 12-14	RA Distance Classic	TBA
Dec 13-14	Single Age State	TBA
Dec 18	Distant Time Trials	12/16
Jan 10-11	SEA Penguin Challenge	12/28
Jan 18	Conference Meet	TBA
Jan 23-25	ChaseStrong Invite	12/20
Jan 25	J-HK 8&U All Star	TBA
Feb 8	Conference Champs	TBA
Feb 20-22	Regionals	TBA
Feb 27-1	Senior State	TBA
Feb 28-1	10&U State	TBA
Mar 6-8	11-14 State	TBA
Mar 14-15	YMCA Sectionals	3/8
Mar 20-22	YMCA State	TBA
Mar 30-3	YMCA Nationals	TBA
May 2-3	SEA Early Bird	4/19
Jun 5-7	SEA Pirate Plunge	TBA
Jun 19-20	SEA Summer Sizzler	TBA

### Summer Sizzler Recap & Highlights

Solid efforts during our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Sizzler! As a team, we posted 61% best times (207 of 342 splashes) and only nine DQs (three each IM and Breaststroke, two Backstroke, and one Freestyle).

New State qualifying times were recorded by Ireland Byrne 11-12 50 Freestyle 32.97 and 100 Butterfly 1:23.66, Matilda Gutjahr 10&U 50 Butterfly 43.80, Molly Staniter

8&U 50 Butterfly 56.72, and Harrison Yanke 10&U 200 IM 3:14.88, 400 Freestyle 6:10.72.

Matilda Gutjahr broke the following team records for the 8&U Girls: 200 Backstroke 3:34.66 (old mark set by Matilda in 2024, 4:12.10), 100 Breaststroke 1:46.44 (old mark set by Matilda earlier this season, 1:48.90), 50 Butterfly 43.80 (old mark set by Matilda earlier this season, 45.86), 100 Butterfly 1:42.75 (old mark set by Matilda earlier this season, 1:44.78), and 200 IM 3:25.90 (old mark set by Matilda earlier this season, 3:26.07).

Swimmers posting some of the fastest times in our team's history included Molly Staniger 8&U 2<sup>nd</sup> 400 Freestyle 8:22.39, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200 Breaststroke 5:01.69, 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 56.72, Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 46.51, Claire Speers 9-10 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Breaststroke 4:58.58, Ireland Byrne 11-12 4<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 3:26.01, Harrison Yanke 9-10 7<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 34.77, 5<sup>th</sup> 400 Freestyle 6:10.72, 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 44.37, 9<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:40.55, 10<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 40.69, 6<sup>th</sup> 200 IM 3:14.88, Nate Steenrod 9-10 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 Backstroke 3:39.91, John Westfall 11-12 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 4:44.41, Nathan Breit 17-18 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:27.00, Jack Borzynski 17-18 10<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 2:29.77, 8<sup>th</sup> 400 IM 5:13.71, and Nathaniel Foster 17-18 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Butterfly 2:34.36.

Achieving 100% best times were Jessica Gonzalez, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, and Harrison Yanke.

Slicing five or more seconds in an event included Jett Adams -17.65 100 Breaststroke, Ale Arteaga -12.17 400 IM, Aubrey Becker -5.25 200 Backstroke, Ireland Byrne -7.73 100 Backstroke, Sylvie Carlson -18.17 100 Breaststroke, Eli Coughlin -11.04 200 Backstroke, Silas Coughlin -28.22 200 Freestyle, Hannah Daams -8.88 100 Breaststroke, Amalia Ehmcke -12.71 400 Freestyle, Ciara Fahy -84.07 400 Freestyle, Nicholas Foster -24.36 400 Freestyle, Sarina Foster -41.20 400 Freestyle, Jessica Gonzalez -76.81 400 Freestyle, Julissa Gonzalez -8.57 100 Freestyle, Matilda Gutjahr -37.44 200 Backstroke, Natalie Johnson -42.53 200 Backstroke, Carter Justman -70.10 100 Breaststroke, Hovan Karapetian -7.72 100 Freestyle, Delilah Kuhl -11.15 200 Freestyle, Allie Mertins -22.91 400 IM, Alanna Peterson -9.15 100 Backstroke, Gavin Peterson -5.74 50 Freestyle, Lauren Schneider -24.17 100 Freestyle, Claire Speers -24.77 200 IM, Evalyn Speers -21.75 200 Backstroke, Olivia Speers -56.66 400 Freestyle, Molly Staniger -17.68 400 Freestyle, Evan Steenrod -20.05 200 IM, Nate Steenrod -49.55 100 Breaststroke, Zack

Steenrod -60.38 400 IM, Rhemy Thompkins -56.56 400 Free, Aubree Van Dyke -45.13 400 IM, John Westfall -8.95 200 Backstroke, Harrison Yanke -18.72 200 IM, and Vivi Yanke -10.43 400 Free.

Congratulations to Zoey Aho and Tatum Walker on racing in their first 50-meter meet!

Gold Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Ireland Byrne

Silver Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Nathan Breit, Ireland Byrne

Bronze Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Nathaniel Foster, Kaylee Staniger, Harrison Yanke

Don't forget to sign-up for the upcoming WI LSC Regionals and Conference Champs meets!

### **Conference Meet Recap & Highlights**

We sent a small crew to Janesville for this summer's long course Conference Meet. Pretty decent results ... 50% best times (7 of 14 efforts) and only one DQ (Breaststroke).

Matilda Gutjahr broke her team record in the 8&U 100 Freestyle touching in 1:23.58 (old mark was 1:26.00 from earlier this season) and also picked up 10&U State cut in the event. Matilda also attempted her first open water meet last Thursday at Lake Andrea. She finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 10&U 1K event.

Molly Staniger posted the 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 2:06.33 and 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 54.24 fastest times in our team's history for 8&U.

Ellie Staniger won the 12&U 50 Butterfly and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 Backstroke.

Luke Waddle swam the 400 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly in long course for the first time!

Annabel Muller raced in the first meet of her life!

Way to go TEAM SEA!

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### **CMSA Invite Recap & Highlights**

After a long week of doubles and a few dryland practices, our group of 13&O athletes headed over to Alabama for some friendly competition. We posted 48% best times (36 of 75 swims) and no DQs.

Cutting five or more seconds in an event were Caleb Bergman -7.90 50 Breaststroke, Jessica Gonzalez -21.08 50 Freestyle, Zachary James -5.52 200 Freestyle, Grayson Kirchenberg -10.60 200 Breaststroke, Zack Steenrod -6.71

400 Freestyle, and Aubree Van Dyke -24.51 200 Breaststroke.

Congratulations to Kealey Aalderks on swimming in her first ever long course meet!

Gold Medalist: Caleb Bergman, Jack Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Nathaniel Foster, Grayson Kirchenberg, Brennan Meyer, Brady Moore, Gabi Peterman.

Silver Medalist: Nathan Breit, Nathaniel Foster, Lindsey Hohnl, Zachary James, Grayson Kirchenberg, Ashlyn Malzewski, Ryan McGillis, Gabi Peterman, Molly Warren

Bronze Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Hannah Daams, Ryan McGillis, Brennan Meyer, Kaylee Staniger

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### Annual Awards Banquet

Our annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12 at Infusino's Banquet Hall (3201 Rapids Drive), 5:00-8:30 PM. Registration form is on our website under MEMBERS/ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET. Don't miss out!

#### 2025 Attendees

Family	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Senior	Parents
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### 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

Order By	Delivery On
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](mailto:south.eastern.aquatics@gmail.com).

### July Birthdays

Ethan Eckel, Ciara Fahy, Sarah Hackenbracht, Julie Horton, Anna James, Jocelyn Niebuhr, Ethan Rudolph, Evan Steenrod.

### Extended Calendar

#### July

4 No practice, 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
10-13 Speedo Sectionals  
11-13 OZ Open  
18-20 WI LSC Regionals  
23-26 TYR Futures Championships  
25-27 12&U State  
30 Last practice for the season  
31-3 13&O State

#### August

7-10 14&U Zones  
12 Annual Banquet  
12 High school girls swim begins  
4-28 OST

#### September

22 Tryouts for new families  
23 Fall & Winter Season begins

#### October

17-19 OZ Fall Classic  
24 Annual Halloween Party  
30 Sprint Time Trials

#### November

2 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pentathlon  
7 Conference Meet  
8 WIAA Girls Sectionals  
13 Middle Distant Time Trials  
15 WIAA Division 2 Girls State  
16 WIAA Division 1 Girls State  
16 YMCA Invite  
21-23 Arena Mid Season Showdown

#### December

6 Conference Meet  
6-7 YMCA Finalist  
12-14 RA Distance Classic  
13-14 Single Age State  
18 Distant Time Trials

### January

- 10-11 20<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Penguin Challenge
- 18 Conference Meet
- 23-25 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ChaseStrong Invite
- 25 J-HK 8&U All Star

### February

- 8 Conference Champs
- 20 WIAA Division 2 Boys State
- 21 WIAA Division 1 Boys State
- 20-22 WI LSC Regionals
- 27-1 Senior State
- 28-1 10&U State

### March

- 6-8 11-14 State
- 14-15 YMCA Sectionals
- 20-22 YMCA State
- 30-3 YMCA Nationals

### April

- 20 Spring & Summer Season begins

### May

- 2-3 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Early Bird
- 25 No practice, Memorial Day

### June

- 5-7 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Pirate Plunge
- 19-20 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SEA Summer Sizzler

### F.A.Q.

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- 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*