

## Serpent Times

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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 30, 2025

### Neil's Notes

Outstanding racing last weekend in Brown Deer during 12&U State. Congratulations swimmers!

Good luck to our 13&O swimmers who will be racing at the RecPlex the next four days during 13&O State!

Please note, Senior practice will conclude at 7:30 PM tonight, Wednesday, July 30.

Our annual awards banquet is Tuesday, August 12! Please RSVP by this Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will need 15 families to bring one or two dozen cupcakes or something similar for dessert. To date, Steenrod, Staniger and Masaya have volunteered to help. Email me if you are willing to showcase your culinary expertise!

We are offering Off-Season Training during August for those swimmers interested in staying in the water another month (read all about this opportunity on page two).

It's simply amazing how fast our Wisconsin summer's go and with that, our Spring & Summer Season. We still have 13&O State, Zones, OST, and our annual Banquet on tap, but there's not much swimming left for the summer of 2025. We are so blessed to continue to have a strong stable of caring coaches who plug in here at TEAM SEA. Joanna, Parker, Kelli, Frank, Steve, and Katie do a great job training out athletes up ... thanks for making TEAM SEA your home to share your knowledge and passion of competitive swimming with our swimmers.

Our first day of practice for the upcoming Fall & Winter Season is Tuesday, September 23. In the meantime, we hope everyone has a great final month of summer and we are looking forward to SEAing everyone back in the water September 23!

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).

### 13&O State Information

Another 13&O State meet is on tap for this weekend beginning tomorrow and running through Sunday evening. We'll be racing at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie.

Thursday Prelim warm-ups run 7:50-8:15 AM in lane six, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 10:26 AM.

Friday Prelim warm-ups run 7:00-7:25 AM in lane six, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 12:17 PM.

Saturday Prelim warm-ups run 7:25-7:50 AM in lane six, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:37 AM.

Sunday Prelim warm-ups run 7:50-8:15 AM in lane six, meet begins at 8:35 AM and is scheduled to end at 11:23 AM.

Swimmers moving on to race in Finals should check with Coach Neil on what time to return for warm-ups. Final racing gets underwater at 5:05 PM Thursday-Saturday and at 4:05 PM Sunday.

Drive safe, swim fast, have fun!

### Upcoming Meets

Date	Meet	Entry Deadline
Jul 31-3	13&O State	Closed
Aug 7-10	14&U Zones	8/3
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

## **TYR Futures Recap**

Jack Borzynski raced in Madison last week during the TYR Futures (one of five meets held throughout the nation last week).

He managed a best time in the 50 Butterfly, 26.42. He was a bit under the weather for this event and struggled in his longer races, but was right at his time in his shorter events.

Congratulations on attending your first Futures meet Jack and good luck at 13&O State!

## **12&U State Recap & Highlights**

Great efforts last weekend during 12&U State in Brown Deer! TEAM SEA posted 77% best times individually, 84% best times for relays, only one DQ (Breaststroke), and finished 14<sup>th</sup> out of 44 teams in attendance with 295.5-points.

Congratulations to Matilda Gutjahr who grabbed three State championships in the 8&U division (50 and 100 Freestyle, 50 Breaststroke) and Harrison Yanke who notched a State championship in the 10&U 100 Breaststroke!

New Zone qualifying times were achieved by Jordy Borzynski in the 11-12 100 Freestyle 1:02.43, 100 Backstroke 1:13.67 and Harrison Yanke in the 9-10 50 Breaststroke 41.59 and 100 Breaststroke 1:33.66.

New State qualifying times were posted by Jordy Borzynski 13-14 100 Freestyle and Nate Steenrod 9-10 50 Freestyle 38.32 and 50 Backstroke 44.96.

Matilda Gutjahr broke five of her 8&U team records! 50 Breaststroke 45.15 (old mark was 46.65), 100 Freestyle 1:21.92 (old mark was 1:23.58), 50 Butterfly 42.21 (old mark was 43.80), 50 Freestyle 35.22 (old mark was 36.36), and 50 Backstroke 44.61 (old mark was 45.01).

Posting some of the fastest times in our team's history were Jordy Borzynski 11-12 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 27.90, 5<sup>th</sup> 100 Backstroke 1:13.67, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Butterfly 32.11, 4<sup>th</sup> 50 Backstroke 33.87, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Breaststroke 39.99, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:02.43, Ireland Byrne 11-12 2<sup>nd</sup> 200 Butterfly

3:05.81, 6<sup>th</sup> 100 Butterfly 1:19.04, 7<sup>th</sup> 200 Backstroke 3:01.05, Molly Staniger 8&U 9<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 43.47, and Harrison Yanke 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Breaststroke 41.59, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Freestyle 1:15.25, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 IM 3:05.46, 4<sup>th</sup> 100 Breaststroke 1:33.66, 6<sup>th</sup> 50 Freestyle 34.04, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 Freestyle 2:43.68.

Dropping five or more seconds in a single event included Jordy Borzynski -6.10 50 Breaststroke, Ireland Byrne -20.20 200 Butterfly, Hovan Karapetian -6.77 100 Freestyle, and Evan Steenrod -17.05 200 Backstroke.

Highpoint award winner was Matilda Gutjahr in the 8&U division, 1<sup>st</sup> with 93-points.

Notching 100% best times were Jordy Borzynski and Ireland Byrne.

A special nod of the swim cap to our relay swimmers who attended the meet and gained valuable State level meet experience: Zoey Aho, Sebastian Davalos, Aviana Gelden, Cash Peterson, Claire Speers, and John Westfall.

Silver Medalist: Matilda Gutjahr, Harrison Yanke

Bronze Medalist: Jordy Borzynski, Matilda Gutjahr, Harrison Yanke

Congratulations on a great State meet TEAM SEA!

## **Conference Champs Recap & Highlights**

Solid efforts during Conference Champs last night. As a team, we posted 52% best times and no DQs.

Matilda Gutjahr picked up the 10&U State cut in the 100 Backstroke posting a time of 1:24.34 (also the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time in our team's history for 8&U). She broke two team records last night too ... 100 Breaststroke 1:30.44 (she held the old mark at 1:32.11) and broke the 100 Butterfly mark previously held by Alice Pennings from 2009, 1:44.05 with her effort of 1:30.46. She ended up posting 100% best times in the process.

Slicing five or more seconds in an event were Matilda Gutjahr -28.81 100 Butterfly, Olivia Hayes -12.02 100 Freestyle, and John Westfall -35.28 200 IM.

Gold Medalist: Ryan McGillis, Molly Warren

Silver Medalist: Molly Warren

Bronze Medalist: Ashlyn Malzewski

Great job TEAM SEA!

## **Off-Season Training Available 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).

OST will be offered for four weeks (Monday-Wednesday, August 4-27 and be led by Coach Parker. 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, \$25). 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 Coach Parker when you show-up. Take advantage!

### 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
Bushka				Logan	1
Carlson		Sylvie		Max	2
Cress		Autumn			2
Daams			Hannah		2
Ehmcke			Amalia Eli		2
Fahy			Ciara	Ash	2
Gruettner		Charlotte			3
Gutknecht			Evelyn Sophie Summer		3
Gustafson- Binger					
Gutjahr			Matilda		3
Hell	Adeline				2
Horton		Julie	Charlotte		2
Jansen			Piper	Levi	2
Kerbawy				Ava	3
Malzewski				Ashlyn	1
Marini				Sophia Fiona	2
Masaya	Logan		Emma		2
McGillis				Ryan	2

Morey	Tennyson		Arya		2
Papillon			Tovi		3
Peterman				Gabi	3
Peterson	Gavin	Alanna			2
Speers		Claire	Evalyn Olivia		2
Staniger			Ellie Molly	Kaylee	2
Steenrod			Evan Nate	Zack	2
Thompkins			Rhemy		2
Van Dyke				Aubree	3
Westfall			John		6
Yanke			Harrison	Vivi	2
Zavala Lopez			Valeria		4

### 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
October 12	October 16-17
November 9	November 13-14
December 14	December 18-19
January 11	January 15-16
February 8	February 12-13
March 8	March 12-13

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

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.**

- 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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