



Serpent Times
 weekly newsletter for
 South Eastern Aquatics
 Racine Family YMCA Swim Team
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Warm-up

There will be one final new parent meeting tomorrow at Case beginning at 6:00 p.m. These meetings represent an opportunity for new parents to learn a little bit more about SEAY and speak directly with the head coach – the meeting will take place in the hallway outside the pool doors. Stop by if you have a spare 10-15 minutes.

The coaching staff attended Protecting God’s Children (formally Vertis) last weekend at St. John’s church here in Racine. All future coaching staff members will be required to attend this training. Attending Protecting God’s Children is another example of the teams desire to provide a safe place for our children to grow and excel in the sport of swimming.

Parents, as a courtesy to the coaching staff, please pick up your swimmers no later than 8:15 p.m.

There are many important meet entry deadlines coming up around the corner. Clear your calendars for the SEAY Oddball Challenge (Jan. 17-18) and if you have the cuts, plan on attending the FOXJET Open the weekend of Jan. 9.

According to the vendor, personalized swim caps will be in our hands between Dec. 11-16 – they apologize for the delay.

Practice will be offered for Gr/BI/S1/S2 on Dec. 13 at the YMCA – take advantage!

We are still requesting parents to step forward and volunteer to become swimming officials. Our goal is to secure six interested parents who are willing to become officials and then schedule a class here in Racine. Good stuff! So far, the Kruse parents are willing to become certified. Keep in mind, you won’t necessarily officiate at all SEAY meets, it’s just important for the club’s well being that we have a reserve of officials. Remember, no experience is necessary.

If you are reading this newsletter and did not receive it via email, but would like to receive email updates and the newsletter via email, please send a request to s_e_a_y@yahoo.com and your email address will be added to the database.

SEAY’s email address is s_e_a_y@yahoo.com and the office phone number is (262) 635-3843.

Upcoming Meets

If you are interested in competing in meets, please contact Neil. All swimmers currently on the team are ready for meets. Driving directions and meet information for all SEAY attended meets can be found on the website.

- 1) **SWAT Open** will be held at Waukesha South High School this Saturday
 - a. 7 & U, 8, 13, and Senior swimmers will warm-up at 7:00 a.m., meet begins at 8:15 a.m.
 - b. 9, 10, 11, 12 warm-ups will be posted on the website when it is released by the host team
 - c. Neil and Myra will work this meet
- 2) **WAT Open** will be held at Fort Atkinson High School on Sunday, Dec. 14
 - a. Scored/awarded against swimmers the same age (7 & U, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and Senior)
 - b. Entries are closed for this meet
- 3) **BST IMX Extreme Challenge** will be held at Carthage College on Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 3-4
 - a. A great venue close to home – take advantage!
 - b. Entry deadline is Dec. 15
- 4) **FOXJET Open** will be held at the University of Minnesota on Jan. 9-11
 - a. There are qualifying times for this meet
 - b. This is one of the Midwest’s best venues in terms of pools
 - c. If you have the cuts, seriously think about attending
 - d. Entry deadline is Dec. 29
- 5) **SEAY Oddball Challenge** will be held at Waukesha South High School on Jan. 17-18
 - a. [ALL swimmers should attend this meet](#)
 - b. Entry deadline is Jan. 5

Practice location for the upcoming week

Thursday, Dec. 4	Combined @ Case
Friday, Dec. 5	Combined @ Case
Saturday, Dec. 6	No practice, SWAT Open
Monday, Dec. 8	Normal practice (Case @ Case, Park @ Park)

Tuesday, Dec. 9 Normal practice (Case @ Case, Park @ Park)
 Wednesday, Dec. 10 Normal practice (Case @ Case, Park @ Park)

Seroogy fundraiser continues

The Seroogy candy bars are a great addition to Holiday gifts. To purchase a box and contribute to your fundraising obligation, contact Jennifer Pennings at (262) 752-0387 or via email at djpennings@wi.rr.com. One box purchase of 48 bars (\$74.35) = \$36 toward fundraising.

Severe Weather – it’s coming

So there’s some snow on the ground and you’re wondering whether or not SEAY practice will be held? Well, while listening to local radio and television stations you hear or see RUSD has canceled school or after school activities, that means SEAY practice is canceled too. If you’re not sure, call the office at (262) 635-3843, check the homepage of the website or check your email (remember, you’ll only receive an email if you supplied one during registration – email Coach Neil if you are not currently receiving email updates from s_e_a_y@yahoo.com).

Happy Birthday!

Kati Carmody (12/14)	Kayla Bote (12/23)	Sara Bollendorf (12/24)
Solomyn Collen (12/25)	Emma Campion (12/27)	Breona Rydholm (12/29)
Sinclair Richards (12/30)		

Get To Know Alex Duncan

Age: 6
 Training group: *Lions*
 Year started with SEAY: 2007
 Role model: *My Dad*
 Favorite stroke: *Free*
 Favorite event: *25-yard races*
 Favorite swimmer: *Michael Phelps*
 Favorite training set: *Working on flip turns*
 Future goal: *Work on computers*
 Favorite book: *The Sword in the Stone*
 Favorite movie: *Star Wars 3*
 When I grow up I want to: *Make computer games*
 If I could change one thing in the world: *No school*



SEAY Schedule

December 4	New parent meeting @ Case beginning at 6:00 p.m.
December 6	SWAT Open @ Waukesha South High School
December 10	Mini Meet Three
December 11	Combined @ Horlick
December 13-14	SEAY Open @ Carthage College – canceled
December 13	Practice at YMCA for Gr/B1/S1/S2
December 14	WAT Open @ Fort Atkinson High School
December 15	Deadline to sign-up for BST Open
December 17	Board meeting at Park, 6:00 p.m. – all welcome
December 24-25	No Practice, Merry Christmas
December 31-January 1	No Practice, Happy New Year
January 3-4	BST Open @ Carthage College
January 5	Deadline to up for SEAY Odball Challenge

January 9-11 FOXJET Open @ University of Minnesota
January 15 Combined @ Horlick
January 16 Deadline to sign-up for GYST Dual
January 17-18 SEAY Oddball Challenge @ Waukesha South High School
January 20 WI LSC Meeting @ UW-Waukesha, 7:15 p.m. – all welcome
January 21 Deadline to sign-up for Distance Time Trials
January 23 No practice, Distance Time Trials @ Park
January 25 GYST Dual @ Lake Geneva YMCA
January 26 Deadline to sign-up for SEAY Open
January 26 Deadline to sign-up for SSTY A+ Open
January 27 No practice, SEAY How Far I Swim @ Case

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