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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.

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Neil's Notes

Welcome back! It's amazing to be back on deck for another Spring & Summer Season of swimming!! It's going to be very fast season so hang on to your hats and enjoy the ride!!!

We hit the ground running with our first hosted meet of the season slated for May 4 and 5 in Brown Deer. Send me an email if you would like your swimmer entered in the meet. Deadline is approaching fast ... take advantage!

RAC is closing down for cleaning and we will be transplanting to Park High School during the closure. We are scheduled to swim at Park from May 13 to June 7. It going to be crowded (especially during the Gold and Senior practices, but we are blessed to have a pool to use during the shutdown). We will need to be flexible and patient.

Great news, last month we applied for a WI LSC facility grant for Backstroke wedges to be used at RAC. Low and behold we were awarded a \$10,000 grant! We will be able to cover over 90% of the cost for ten new retractable Backstroke wedges for RAC. Exciting news!

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

During this season, we will be hosting three meets and unfortunately all three are out of town. In swimming, Spring & Summer Season is known as the long course season and most meets are contested in a 50-meter pool. In our area, there are no 50-meter pools. Please save these dates as we'll continue to need help running our meets which are teamwide fundraisers ... Early Bird (May 4-5 in Brown Deer), Pirate Plunge (May 31-June 2), and Summer Sizzler (June 21-22).

Our Swim for a Cause event information has been handed out during practices and is available on our website. If your swimmer did not bring home a packet, they are available for

pick-up at practice. Save the date, Sunday, May 19.

Finally, as we slide into our new season, please remember these points:

- 1) Communication is key, you should never be confused about anything TEAM SEA related! Please reach out to me anytime if you need help.
- 2) Swimmer's swim, coach's coach, and parent's love, support, and transport. Let's all stay in our lanes.
- 3) We believe in the core values of the Y - caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We hope all our swimmers and families to do!
- 4) At the end of practice, swimmers should shower, change, and be out of the building in 15-minutes.

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. 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 4-5	SEA Early Bird	4/27
May 15-18	Atlanta Classic	5/1
May 19	Conference Meet	5/10
May 31-2	SEA Pirate Plunge	TBA
Jun 21-22	SEA Summer Sizzler	TBA
Jun 28	Conference Meet	TBA
Jul 11-14	Speedo Sectionals	TBA
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

YMCA State Recap & Highlights

Another YMCA State is in the books. When the waves settled Sunday evening, TEAM SEA scored 1,833 points and finished 8th of the 20 YMCA swim teams remaining in our state (kind of sad really ... that there are less and less YMCA swim teams in Wisconsin every year it seems). As a team we posted 59% best times and 11 DQs (a lot of weirdness to most of them - four Breaststroke (we honestly feel there was an official who was not well versed in scissors kick as two of our athletes picked up three DQs for this infraction, but were not DQed all year for it and from veteran coaches' eyes, do not have a scissors kick), four relays, two IMs, and one Backstroke).

State Champions were Ale Arteaga (two events), Hugo Arteaga (three events), Jordan Borzynski (three events), Matilda Gutjahr (two events), Bennett Menken (two events), Nate Steenrod (one event), Mac Thomas (one event), Harrison Yanke (five events), Brady Moore (two events), Nathan Breit (two events), and Jack Borzynski (two events).

New team records established include: Ale Arteaga 11-12 50 Butterfly 28.40 (old record held by Emily Bollendorf from 2012, 28.55), Hugo Arteaga 17-18 200 Freestyle 1:42.35 (old record was held by Hugo from last year, 1:42.68), Callie Klepp, Molly Warren, Gabi Peterman, Mac Thomas Senior 200 Freestyle Relay 1:37.42 (old record held by Julia Meredith, Jenny Gelden, Erin Wagner, Megan Cotton from 2004, 1:37.54), Hugo Arteaga, Brady Moore, Nathan Breit, Jack Borzynski combined to break three Senior relay records - 200 Freestyle 1:24.17 (old record held by Hugo, Ethan Bergman, Joe Skantz, Charley Halstead from 2022, 1:25.77, 400 Medley Relay 3:30.99 (old record held by Ivar Iverson, Will Buhler, James Weslaski, Cooper Scarmardo from 2016, 3:32.39, and 400 Freestyle Relay 3:06.61 (old record was held by Brian Michalowski, Mike Burmeister, Matt Allmann, Scott Bell from 1992, 3:11.21).

New YMCA National cuts were posted by Nathan Breit in the 100 Freestyle 48.09 and Callie Klepp in the 100 Breaststroke 1:06.98.

New USA State qualifying times were achieved by Ale Arteaga 13-14 100 Breaststroke 1:12.28, 100 Butterfly 1:04.43, Jordan Borzynski 11-12 100 IM 1:13.61, Nathaniel Foster Senior 1000 Freestyle 10:36.46, Matilda Gutjahr 8&U 50 Freestyle 40.66, 25 Freestyle

18.41, Bennett Menken 11-12 50 Freestyle 28.95, Ellie Palermo Senior 200 Butterfly 2:21.97, Gabi Peterman Senior 200 Freestyle 1:59.14, and Vivienne Yanke 11-12 100 IM 1:12.44.

Notching some of the fastest times in our team's history included Ireland Byrne 9-10 50 Butterfly 6th 33.31, 5th 100 Butterfly 1:18.45, Ale Arteaga 11-12 4th 50 Freestyle 25.92, 50 Breaststroke 4th 33.39, 4th 100 Breaststroke 1:12.28, 2nd 100 Butterfly 1:04.43, Gabi Peterman 15-16 100 Freestyle 8th 54.03, 9th 200 Freestyle 1:59.14, Katie Goetzke 17-18 9th 1000 Freestyle 11:54.42, Callie Klepp 17-18 3rd 100 Breaststroke 1:06.98, 9th 50 Freestyle 25.01, Harrison Yanke 8&U 3rd 100 Freestyle 1:16.55, 6th 25 Butterfly 17.36, 5th 100 IM 1:25.62, Evan Steenrod 9-10 7th 100 Backstroke 1:15.55, Brady Moore 15-16 2nd 50 Freestyle 21.37, 6th 200 Freestyle 1:45.77, Jack Borzynski 15-16 6th 50 Freestyle 22.35 5th 200 IM 1:59.62, 5th 400 IM 4:19.34, and Nathan Breit 15-16 5th 100 Freestyle 48.09, 7th 200 Freestyle 1:46.77, 3rd 100 Backstroke 1:57.87, 10th 100 Butterfly 54.03, 3rd 100 Backstroke 53.61.

Cutting five or more seconds in a single event were Ireland Byrne -7.21 200 Freestyle, Amalia Ehmcke -15.22 200 IM, Eli Ehmcke -9.29 200 Freestyle, Nathanie Foster -24.90 1000 Freestyle, Jules Horton -12.41 100 IM, Levi Jansen -7.36 200 IM, Ava Kerbawy -7.79 200 Freestyle, Evan Steenrod -8.09 200 Freestyle, Zack Steenrod -9.42 500 Freestyle, and Rhemy Thompkins -10.53 200 IM.

Posting 100% best times included Amalia Ehmcke, Jessica Gonzalez, Ava Kerbawy, Grayson Kirchenberg, Ellie Palermo, Kaylee Staniger, and Rhemy Thompkins.

Silver Medalist: Ale Arteaga, Hugo Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Ireland Byrne, Amalia Ehmcke, Matilda Gutjahr, Bennett Menken, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, Vivienne Yanke

Bronze Medalist: Jack Borzynski, Jordan Borzynski, Ireland Byrne, Eli Ehmcke, Callie Klepp, Bennett Menken, Brady Moore, Ellie Staniger, Molly Staniger, Evan Steenrod, Nate Steenrod, Zack Steenrod, Vivienne Yanke

All this data aside, we had a strong year of development and growth. Many new and newer swimmers to the sport found their way on the Y-State entry form and our veteran athletes continue to grow into very competitive athletes. We still have one more big meet on the schedule with nine swimmers heading down to North Carolina to race in YMCA Nationals, April 2-6. In addition, we begin conducting Off-Season Training today for those swimmers

looking to gain an edge and learn more about this amazing sport prior to the Spring & Summer Season beginning April 23. Congratulations on a great season TEAM SEA!

YMCA Nationals Recap & Highlights

As with every YMCA Nationals, there were highs and lows. As a team, we finished 33rd of the 217 teams in attendance with 42-points.

Hugo Arteaga broke his team record in the 50 Freestyle touching in 20.38 (old mark was from December 2023, 20.61).

Nathan Breit posted some of the fastest times in our team's history for 15-16. Third in the 100 Backstroke 53.28, fifth in the 50 Freestyle 21.93, and second in the 200 Backstroke 1:57.41.

Nathaniel Foster picked up the State qualifying time in the 100 Freestyle 50.39 and Molly Warren notched the State cut in the 100 Breaststroke 1:10.74.

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who made the trip down to Greensboro and raced their hearts out - Hugo Arteaga, Jack Borzynski, Nathan Breit, Zoe D'Alessandro, Nathaniel Foster, Callie Klepp, Gabi Peterman, Mac Thomas, and Molly Warren.

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) - you can also read about PrestoPay on that page too.

Your order can be placed at www.shopwithscrip.com by use the SEA enrollment cord (please email Coach Neil at 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.

March Birthdays

Nathan Breit, Summer Gustafson-Binger, Zachary James, Zack Kopsea, Bennett Menken, Brady Moore, Gabi Peterman, Olivia Speers, Reina Spicka, Vivienne Yanke.

April Birthdays

Juliana Aburto, Jett Adams, David Binder, Grayson Kirchenberg, Andy Krug, Emma Masaya, Tennyson Morey, Kylie Thomas, Finley Thompkins, Luke Waddle.

Extended Calendar

May

- 4-5 SEA Early Bird
- 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

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

September

- 23 Tryouts
- 23 First day of practice for Fall & Winter
- 28 40th Anniversary TEAM SEA Celebration

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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Respect * Responsibility
Build * Promote * Achieve