



2025 TORR Spooky Splash Meet Recap

SWIMMERS OF THE MEET

Beach 1 — Kira Healy

Kira took a major leap forward, racing some longer events for the first time ever (6 new events total) and absolutely crushing them! She is still learning the rules of the sport and polishing her skills, as demonstrated by a DQ in the 50 Breast, but in her 7 other races, she certainly made an impression! She finished as high as 11th place in 3 events (200 Free, 100 Back, 100 Free), racing all 3 for the first time. She bagged Winter Age Group Champs cuts in 3 races (200 Free, 100 IM, 100 Free) and swam at the BB level in every race. She is so positive, hard-working and inquisitive and always willing to take on new challenges. Watch out world! Way to go, Kira!

Beach 2 — Natalie Martinez

We're so proud of Natalie and the strides she's made through her commitment and discipline. Her effort is inspiring — keep up the great work and keep going fast!

Beach 3 — Lucy Song

Lucy's incredibly hard work, focus, attention to detail, and dedication to her improvement in the pool is truly paying off! She went 100% personal bests at this meet, dropping a total of 48.67 seconds overall! Lucy dropped 16.17 seconds in the 100 Breast, earning her first WAG cut! She also dropped a whopping 10.43 seconds in the 100 Fly and 11.32 seconds in the 200 IM. She is now just over 1 second shy of the WAG cut in the 200 IM, which I know she will smash next weekend. Lucy is one of the kindest, most responsible, hardworking, and dedicated athletes I have ever coached. I am so proud of her performance at Spooky Splash and I cannot wait to see what she does this season. Keep up the amazing work Lucy!

Beach 4 — Julie Ayala

Julie had a fantastic meet this weekend! She dropped in 5 of her 7 events, a total of 28.34 seconds. Julie picked up 2 new 11-12 B cuts and 2 new 11-12 BB cuts this weekend. She checked in and out before every race, coming with a warm-up plan every single time. She knew how many heats were in the event before hers so she could pinpoint when she wanted to get in to warm-up, when she wanted to be out ahead of her race, and she had a specific plan for all of her events. It panned out spectacularly! Julie turns 13 next month and 3 of her events are already 13-14 B cuts, so she's off to a great start! Julie works very hard at practice and is very determined to improve in all of her events. We are so excited to see her hard work result in best times and an overall excellent weekend of racing! Congratulations Julie!

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Bronze — Liam Ong

Besides having great swims (100% best times), Liam did a phenomenal job checking in, warming down, and following up with his coach afterwards. He was also a great teammate, helping his friends check their heat & lane and cheering them on during their races. I'm very proud of the swimmer and teammate that Liam is becoming!

Silver — Ella Voelker

The last few months a group of swimmers in Silver have been coming to practice more determined to get faster. Ella Voelker is one of those swimmers and it paid off this past weekend when she got her first WAG cut in the 50-yard Breaststroke! I'm so excited to see how much she continues to improve as she comes to practice every day more and more focused. Congrats Ella!

Gold — An-Yi Khoo

An-Yi had a breakthrough meet! She went into the weekend with zero WAG cuts and came out with six! This is her first time qualifying for WAG and is already talking about which events she's going to get at the next meet. I'm excited for the next few weeks of practice where we can focus on her technique and continue to work hard!

Jr. Varsity — Mateo Bourget Gerrard

Spooky Splash was Mateo's first meet with BCA, so I was pretty shocked when he managed to drop 5 awesome swims (all in best times by the way) and only continue to improve as the meet went on. Huge congratulations to Mateo for his success at this meet, it's a sign of good things to come!

JO — Brooklyn Marayag

Every time Bronx dove in the water, she was locked in with laser focus on racing with excellent strategy. Great job, Bronx, on the outstanding meet!

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Beach 5 — Fiona Cooley

Fiona had a heck of a weekend in Torrance. She has been very committed to her work in the pool, while also juggling an intense dancing schedule, and the hard work is paying dividends! She posted 100% best times, dropping a whopping total of 80.84 seconds across her 8 races. Her best finish was 24th place in the 400 IM and her biggest improvement came in the 100 Fly, a drop of 24.71 seconds! She raced with confidence and tenacity, which no doubt stems from the great work she's doing at practice. Keep it up, Fiona!

Senior 1 — Kai Karakas

Kai did a great job. Short course season is new to him, since he started Senior 1 during the Long Course. He did very well, getting 100% Best Times, trying new events, and staying positive the whole time. I look forward to him trying even more new events, getting out of his comfort zone and following through with all his strokes.

Senior 2 — Asher REXING

Asher did an amazing job at Spooky Splash. He checked in & out with a smile on his face for all his races. He took all the info given and constantly improved each stroke, each day. He is a good listener, he is a great swimmer, and I am excited to watch him grow, improve, and dominate each stroke to the best of his ability.

Senior 3 — Derrick Kwan

With much improved attendance and attention to detail, Derrick has started the season red hot. He was just shy of securing his first Legends of Coaching Time Standard in the 100 BR, but still managed to go a personal best in that event as well as in his others. Sectionals are just ahead of you, DK! Let's goo!!

Senior 4 — Alan Gu

What a weekend for Alan! He's got the winning combination: top practice attendance, ambitious goals, and a love for competition. He swam brilliantly, hitting 100% Personal Bests and making big drops, a clear sign of his continuous forward momentum. Great things are on the horizon as we gear up for Champs season! Let's Go Alan, stay "Locked In"!

High Performance — Alejandro Safa

Alejandro has always been a hard-worker, but this season he has really dedicated himself to improving his technique, particularly in some of his "off" strokes, and at the Spooky splash meet he was rewarded in a big way as he blasted his way to lifetime bests in all 4 events that he swam! The highlights were probably his 200 Breaststroke and 200 IM where he got to show off his constantly-improving Breaststroke technique, which helped him post 5-second time drops in each event! Alé-Alé-jandro!

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Sr. Varsity — Athena Engleman

Athena had a fantastic meet this year at the Spooky Splash. She swam best times in all but one of her events and had multiple new cuts and even a top 8 finish in the 50 backstroke. Athena also swam the 200 fly for the first time, and she didn't just finish the race; she excelled, almost winning her heat and swimming 5 seconds under the WAG cut. I'm extremely proud of Athena's performance this weekend and excited to see her performances later in the season.

High Performance Prep — Frankie Thomas

He finished the meet with 100% best times, and is inching closer and closer to Sectional times in a handful of events.

High Performance — Paloma Kimura

Paloma broke through big time. Her hard work and diligence with stroke corrections paid off with a best time in the 50 free as well as speedy performances in her other events. Paloma is new to the Beach Cities Alpha and has eagerly embraced the change with a positive attitude and great determination, in the weight room and the pool. We see many more breakthroughs coming Paloma's way!

100% PERSONAL BEST TIMES

12-under

Isabella Antunes, Penelope Bourget Gerrard, Cataleya Bustamante, Elyssa Chen, Sylvia Chen, Gemma Coppa, Emma Ellis, Kaileia Felix, Tyson Imai, Lena Kwak, Addison Lydon, Brooklyn Marayag, Natalie Martinez, Fiona McCartney, Aria Nagendra, Jackson Reed, Kaitlin Rodenkirch, Evan Saltsman, Avi Sethna, Lucy Song, Quinn Sootkoos, Alex Tong, Ella Voelker, Patrick Wang

13-over

Jack Arduini, Luca Boots, Lani Cardenas, Isaac Chang, Lucas Chavez, Ethan Chen, Fiona Cooley, Matthew Ennis, Katherine Fleming, Alan Gu, Theo Haubner, Colin Ionescu-Macri, Atlas Ivins, Kai Karakas, Bryan Kim, Claire Kim, Sohum Kulkarni, Siwoo Lee, Nora Maynard, Daniel Nakasone, Wyatt Neitz, Ryland Ogi, Ethan Ramsey, Natalie Reed, Asher Rexing, Jack Rodenkirch, Alejandro Safa, Joseph Scallon, Addie Shamban, Sela Shepps, Sellers Stough, Franklin Thomas, Mateo Trombley, Cameron Tsan, Vasco Visentin

ALL-BUT-1 PERSONAL BESTS TIMES

12-under

Georgia Anderson, Cora Avon, Zachary Brisbin, Mateo Bourget Gerrard, Natalia Coppa, Rockwell Cournia, Aidan Crouch, Clive Dallahan, Kohana Felix, Marius Goldstein, Kira Healy, Anna Kaji, An-Yi Khoo, Calvin Kwan, Ophelia Landreth, Carlos Marquez, Mackenzie McElroy, Taylor McNally, Liam Ong, Esa Sanchez, Talia Saracino, Finn Schlehuber, Madison Tong, Cara Traylen, Ezio Ubaldi, Nika Vujovic, Kalia Wilkins

13-over

Mantas Abeciunas, Evan Brutscher, Sarah Diethelm, Taylor Ehrmann, Yohan Elgozali, Athena Engleman, Sean Everitt, Rex Froemke, Lucas Hott, Olivia Jacobson, Tori Jyo, Ikki Kaji, Sasha Kan, Daniela Kan, Daniel Kim, Koji Konishi, Derrick Kwan, Katharine Lantzdorf, Paul McGrath, Aryana Patnekar, Capri Pierce, Thomas Romesser, Diego Sanchez, Anya Saracino, Landon Schleicher, Ari Sethna, Runa Shieh, Bailey Stubbs, Enzo Stuppa, Adriel Sun, Kayla Sun, Alexander Tary, Ariella Thruston, Ralph Tumamak

12-under

TOP 10 TOTAL TIME DROPPED

(in seconds)

1. Elyssa Chen (-63.76)
2. Cataleya Bustamante (-56.92)
3. Natalie Martinez (-55.67)
4. Lucy Song (-48.67)
5. Jalen Kao (- 48.12)
6. An-Yi Khoo (-43.59)
7. Mackenzie McElroy (-36.51)
8. Lena Kwak (-36.35)
9. Lucca Garcia (-36.29)
10. Vivian Nguyen (-35.53)

13-over

TOP 10 TOTAL TIME DROPPED

(in seconds)

1. Lucca Boots (-82.62)
2. Fiona Cooley (-80.84)
3. Tori Jyo (-79.23)
4. Capri Pierce (-65.46)
5. Diego Sanchez (- 52.80)
6. Ryan Rodenkirch (- 50.36)
7. Derrick Kwan (- 46.82)
8. Sellers Stough (-46.39)
9. Alexander Tary (-36.58)
10. Yohann Elgozali (-32.58)

EVENT WINNERS

Eryn Arnold ~ 100 Fly

Avon Cora ~ 50 free

Miles Blackson-Dunbar ~ 100 Fly, 100 Free, 100 Back

Gabi Brito ~ 100 BR, 200 Back, 200 Free

Isaac Chang ~ 50 Fly

Nate Chang ~ 100 BR, 100 Fly, 100 Free, 100 IM

Anthony Gullickson ~ 50 Back

Anna Kaji ~ 50 Fly

Sora Koike ~ 100 Free

Peyton Kuo ~ 200 Fly

Gabrielle Rose ~ 200 BR

Evan Saltsman ~ 50 BR & 200 IM

Andi Taylor ~ 50 Free

Sam Wang ~ 200 Free

Noland Weijand ~ 400 IM

Lilly Wu ~ 50 Fly