



Seacoast Swimming Association

PRESS RELEASE

SSA appoints Felker as head coach

DOVER (Sept 9, 2010) _ Today Seacoast Swimming Association named Jared Felker as the second head coach in the 26-year history of the program.

Felker, a former SSA swimmer and 2000 Olympic Trial Qualifier, was selected following a nation-wide search to replace veteran SSA head coach Mike Parratto, who is leaving the team to take a swim coaching position in Indiana.

“When it comes to swimming in New England, Mike is a living legend and will be tough to replace but in Jared we feel we’ve got the best possible person to lead our team into the future, “ SSA President Tim Paiva said. “Jared is going to be a great addition to our team. He comes to us knowing the tradition-rich history of the program but with a fresh perspective on where he would like to take our team in the coming years.

“What (the selection committee) really liked was his vision for success and the fact that he spends training time teaching swimmers on what it takes to be successful in the sport,” Paiva added. “Jared has a history of an enthusiastic, hands-on approach to technique-based training.”

Felker, a 2000 graduate from the University of Virginia, comes to Seacoast after spending nearly seven years with the Westbrook (Maine) Seals Swim Club. While with the Seals, Felker developed 7 High School All-Americans, 5 Junior National qualifiers, 2 Senior National Qualifiers and has had 20 athletes earn Division I scholarships. Felker has been at the forefront of leading the Maine coaches when it comes to policy change, rules and regulations and integrating swimmers with disabilities into team programs.

Felker is a member of the Maine Swimming Board of Directors; the organization’s Disability Chair and has been selected by his peers as Maine Zone all-star team head coach multiple times.

SSA received resumes from as far away as Hawaii, California, Colorado, Florida, Canada and Italy as well as several New England states for the head coaching position.

Seacoast Swimming Association is a nationally recognized competitive swim team within the structure of USA Swimming and has a home base at the Dover Indoor Pool, University of New Hampshire’s Swasey Pool and the Jenny Thompson Competition Pool. For more information visit their website at www.seacoastswimming.com.