

HEAD COACH

Andrew Barranco

Andrew is the Head Coach and founder of Merritt Swimming as well as the Regional Operations & Aquatics Manager for Merritt Clubs. He oversees Merritt Swimming, swim team. In addition he oversees Merritt Clubs operations for all 8 clubs as well as the aquatics department with a team of 250 employees. He is also the Head Coach in the 2021 Tokyo USA Paralympic Swim Team.

He graduated from Frostburg State University with a B.S degree in Recreation Management. He has coached internationally for the United States Olympic Committee in England, Belgium, Germany, Canada, Brazil, Japan, China, Greece, Mexico, and the Netherlands. Before starting MAS in 2004, he was the Head Coach of Pine Ridge Swim Team in 2004 and 2005, an Assistant Coach for Dundalk Eastfield Swim Club for three years, as well as an Assistant Coach for Hillcrest Swim Club.

He has also gained experience working with college swimmers as an assistant coach for Loyola University. He has been the long-time coach of Jessica Long (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2021 Paralympian), winner of the 77th Annual Sullivan Award-Top Amateur Athlete in the Country, 2006 Paralympian of the Year and ESPY Award winner.

Recent coaching highlights include:

- Head Coach of 2021 Tokyo USA Paralympic Swim Team
- Coach of 2016 Rio Paralympic Swim Team
- Coach for USA 2015 Worlds Paralympic Swim Team, Scotland
- USA 2014 PanPacific Para-Swimming Championships

- Team Leader
- Being named Team leader of the USA 2013 Worlds Paralympic Team
- Co-Head Coach of the USA Paralympic London 2012 Swim Team
- Named Team Leader of the 2011 Para Pan-Pac Swim Team
- Selected Head Coach of the 2011 Parapan American Games, Paralympic Swim Team
- Head Coach of the USA Paralympic Swim Team at the 2010 Greek Open Championships
- Awarded 2010 Paralympic Coach of the year by the United States Olympic Committee

CANTON SITE COACH

Maureen Kogut

Maureen has been a coach for the Maryland LSC since 2005, serving as both assistant coach and head coach at various clubs. With a Master's degree in Sports Science and numerous instructor trainer level Red Cross certifications, Maureen has been working in aquatics for over 20 years. Maureen is currently the Aquatic Manager at the Canton Merritt, and spends her spare time running, reading, and traveling to visit her six children.

Assistant Coaches: Amethyst Tymoch, Aneisa Campbell, Cory Donovan, Margot Farnet, Andrew Chisholm and Jess Fedderly.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

MANTAS

For swimmers eight and under who can swim 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. Swimmers will continue to work on freestyle and backstroke fundamentals and be introduced to breaststroke and butterfly. The focus of this group is on developing basic introductory skills. Must tryout.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:30 – 6:15 PM

JUNIOR MARLINS

Stroke development in all four competitive strokes is the purpose of this level. In addition to stroke technique, swimmers work on turns and starts. Must tryout.

Mondays at 5:30 – 6:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15 – 7:15 PM

Fridays at 5:00 – 6:00 PM during the Marlin/Ray Practice

MARLINS

At this level, swimmers have an understanding of good practice habits and are capable of swimming all four competitive strokes legally. Swimmers continue to focus on stroke technique while starting to work on harder training sets. Must tryout.

Mondays at 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Wednesdays & Fridays at 4:30 – 6:00 PM

RAYS

Swimmers have a strong stroke technique base to build from. Swimmers are challenged in this group with harder training sets that continue to refine their stroke while exposing them to interval and longer distance sets. Swimmers can choose from any of the below times to attend. Must tryout.

Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays at 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Wednesdays & Fridays at 4:30 – 6:00 PM

PRICING

Season starts Thursday, September 4, 2025 and runs through Thursday, May 21, 2026.

The attached schedule is from September to May, summer 2026 information and dates will be sent out in the spring.

MANTAS

First payment due August 10

\$691 Members • \$769 Non-Members

Second payment due January 10

\$691 Members • \$769 Non-Members

JR MARLINS, MARLINS, SR MARLINS

First payment due August 10

\$879 Members • \$1,099 Non-Members

Second payment due January 10

\$879 Members • \$1,099 Non-Members

JR, RAYS, SR RAYS

First payment due August 10

\$979 Members • \$1,175 Non-Members

Second payment due January 10

\$979 Members • \$1,175 Non-Members

ABOUT THE SWIM TEAM

Merritt Swimming is a year round swim team that has grown to three practice locations: Towson, Eldersburg and Canton. The locations combine with over 200 swimmers ages 5 – 18. Practices work on improving stroke form, endurance, and speed of swimmers. Merritt Swimming was awarded the Rising Club award 2013 – 2014 season by MD Swimming.

TRY OUT DATES

Monday, July 14 at 5:00PM

Sunday, July 20 at 12:30PM

Individual times can be arranged outside of these open tryout sessions. To schedule your appointment for another day or to attend one of the open tryouts please contact Andrew Barranco at abarranco@merritclubs.com.

2025 – 2026 YEAR ROUND SWIM TEAM



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