

Hi Mariners,

We are very excited for the Fall season to begin. Please read the following as thoroughly as you can. If you have any questions, please reach out to me as soon as possible.

Can't wait to see you soon.

Colin

1. Official practices start on 9/5 for all practice groups. There may be pre-season options for specific groups, which will be emailed out if this available.
2. As per the YMCA of the USA "Rules that Govern Competitive Sports," all swimmers are required to be YMCA members. Here is a link for that [Madison Area YMCA - Rates and Options](#)
3. Make sure you have a Team Unify account set up and all information verified before we begin registration at the end of the month. Also you will want to set up the "OnDeck" app on your smartphone or device.
4. There is a parent group fee of \$200 per family that will be divided into 4 different monthly payments starting in October. That will be billed through Team Unify.
5. Mariners team fees will be paid to the Y through this link. Registration links are only given as a formal invitation to join the team from Colin. It is expected you complete this before attending any practices.
6. Please re-read groupings as some info was added. [may-group-descriptions-2023-2024\\_064416.pdf \(teamunify.com\)](#)
7. Team Handbook has been updated with many items [MARINERS SWIM TEAM HANDBOOK.pdf \(teamunify.com\)](#)
8. All athletes will be held accountable for this code of conduct [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS SWIM TEAM \(teamunify.com\)](#)
9. Our team vendor, California Beach Hut, is holding an In Person suit try on for all swimmers on September 12<sup>th</sup>. For anyone who is unable to attend in person, they would need to go to their store in Denville, or purchase other items online. The team shirt had not been designed when this was created... they are not selling you a white blank t shirt. Please see group descriptions regarding what equipment you will need. All athletes must get a bathing suit and some caps, which a strong recommendation for Fins, Snorkels, and Paddles.
10. Financial Assistance and anonymous and available. Please consider applying if these fees are out of your reach. The only caveat is Colin would need to know so we can adjust the non Y expenses accordingly such a MPO fees and Meet Fees. [Financial Assistance \(madisonareaymca.org\)](#)
11. While this has not been updated yet, here is a quick overview of the volunteer positions families have traditionally provided to the team. We do consider being a Mariner a

family program and ask for a heap of help in so many ways. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation. [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS : Family Job Requirements \(teamunify.com\)](#)

12. Realize we did the best we could with groupings, but may have some issues. Our hope is that's not the case but it is a possibility.
13. As something new for this year, we have designated parents for each practice group to assist with questions. [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS : Parent Contact for Each Swim Group \(teamunify.com\)](#)