

Newsplash

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SEA OTTERS WIN & RECORD BROKEN

Congratulations on our first win of the season! Final Score: Sea Otters - 318 / Gators - 157. Meet results will be posted on the website later this week. For faster access to results, download the Meet Mobile app.

Sea Otters Record Broken: Tyson Lu, 13-14 Boys Backstroke, 2nd All-time, 27.91

AWARDS

Dual Meet ribbons will be available by Tuesday this week in the file boxes near the office. There is one folder for each family. ***Please recycle unwanted ribbons in the designated container.*** **The names on the ribbon stickers will be the names on the trophies at the end of the season, so please notify us no later than June 15 if name corrections need to be made.** Volunteers process over 1200 ribbons at each meet and mistakes sometimes happen. Please email requests for corrections/missing ribbons to our Awards volunteer, [Michelle Senner](#).

BOARD MEMBER & SHADOW NEEDED

Please consider joining us this year to shadow our Merchandise lead and join as a Board member next year. You will have the opportunity to work alongside our current lead and learn about the volunteer work for the remainder of the season. Please reach out to [Pauline Dinh](#) or [Edie Fischer](#) for more information.

PICTURES BY VICTOR

For the past number of years, Victor Bifforf has graciously donated his time and energy to our team. He attends most of our meets and takes amazing candid and action photos of our Sea Otters. Please find the pictures from our Time Trials meet [here](#) and feel free to download, and share them with family and friends. Please thank him next time you see him. More to come...

SENIOR SEA OTTERS DEADLINES

Attention Graduating Senior Sea Otters Families!

Please refer to the emails you received from Stacy Valenta on May 8th and May 23rd, to ensure you have submitted, or will submit, all of the details and photos required for our Senior Sea Otters. **The deadline is JUNE 5th so please don't delay!**

The Senior information and photos will be used for our Senior Celebration at the Pinehurst @ ST dual meet on June 24th, the Senior posters, the CHAMPS meet program, Awards Night, and on our team's Facebook page. For questions, please reach out to [Stacy Valenta](#).

SPIRIT ACTIVITIES

- **Car Window Decorating** - Friday, June 2

We have a long-standing tradition of decorating our car windows to show off our team spirit, especially ahead of away meets. We will have car window pens and Sea Otters stencils on the table near the bike racks from 3:30pm to 6:45pm this Friday, June 2. Feel free to grab what you need, and then return it for the next person. Let's all show our Sea Otter spirit!

- **4th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta - Saturday, June 17!**

We are thrilled to host our 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta on Saturday, June 17! All Sea Otters are encouraged to team up with their swim team friends to construct a sea-worthy vessel using only cardboard and duct tape. *Parents, we kindly ask that you support your swimmers by offering guidance and help troubleshooting while they ship build, but allow the kids the opportunity to build, learn and be creative with their Sea Otter friends.*

Important Info:

- Boats will be raced in the pool. Each heat will be 50 yards (two lengths of the pool). Depending on the number of entries, your boat may have to survive multiple heats.
- Boats must be human-powered. There is no limit to the number of crew members on each boat.
- Materials allowed:
 - Cardboard or paper (no plastic, waxed cardboard, or waterproof cardboard)
 - Duct tape, or any type of packaging tape
 - Adhesive products such as Liquid Nails for gluing the boat together
 - Paddles are allowed, but must also be made out of cardboard and duct tape
- Be creative! Run with a theme! Go all out!
- Need ideas on how to build? You can find lots of how to videos online!

Award categories (prior to the regatta):

- Best Decorated
- Most Creative
- Team Spirit
- Can't Believe It's Cardboard Award
- Judge's Choice Award
- Sea Otters Choice Award

Questions? Email [Emily Becker](#).

ST SEA OTTERS @ ALMADEN DOLPHINS DUAL MEET - Saturday, June 3

"Declare" for your swimmers status and sign up for individual events by 5pm on Wednesday, 5/31. This [link](#) has swim meet sign-up instructions. **TIP:** You can sign-up your Sea Otters for the remaining meets and make changes for each meet, prior to that week's deadline.

Timeline for ST Sea Otters & Almaden Dolphins

6:45am Gate opens for Family Set-up at Almaden
*7:00-7:45am Swimmer Check-in
7:45-8:00am Sea Otters 13 & up warm-up
8:00-8:15am Sea Otters 12 & under warm-up
8:15-8:25am Team Cheers & National Anthem
8:30am Meet begins with Medley Relay

****Please be sure to check-in on-time. If you will be late, ask a friend to sign you in.***

Additional Meet Information

- Almaden Dolphins club address is 6975 Bret Harte Dr, San Jose, CA 95120.
- **Spot-in-the-Lot WINNER!!!** Congratulations to **Brenda Garza & Family** for winning a front row parking spot at the Almaden Dolphins meet on June 3. Your spot will be located in the front of the parking lot with a sign.
- Check out the Snack Shack menus,
 - Breakfast: breakfast burritos, waffles and donuts
 - Lunch: burgers, hot dogs and tacos
- ***INTRODUCING* Exhibition Mixed Medley Relays (No scoring - it's all fun!)**
 - Mixed Medley relays will take place between backstroke and breaststroke.
 - One relay per age group, per team (8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18).
 - General make-up of relays: two males and two females, per team. (If a team is short a gender, then both teams agree to allow a different mix.)
- Our merchandise lead, Pauline Dinh, will have ST Swim caps for sale (cash only).

Relay Information

- Please see [Newsplash Issue 3](#) for detailed info, and you can find information about [relays](#) on our website.
- ***If your swimmer has been slated to swim a relay and won't be there, please let Coach Jerry know as soon as possible.***

CHAMPS ELIGIBILITY

See [Newsplash Issue 3](#) for details.

MOBILE APPS

See [Newsplash Issue 3](#) for details.

SEA OTTERS INFORMATION ON-DEMAND

Santa Teresa Sea Otters team website, www.stseaotters.com

[2023 season calendar](#)

Find [swim meet sign-up instructions](#) for the Sea Otters website or the OnDeck App.

Want to know how a swim meet is run? Check out [Swim Meet 101](#).

I signed up for my [volunteer shifts](#), what will I be doing?

Reference [Rancho Newsletters](#).

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2023 SEASON ACTIVITIES/SCHEDULE

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 6/2: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #3 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters Decorate your car for away meet● 6/3: ST @ Almaden, Dual Meet● 6/7: Restaurant Night Fundraiser – Chipotle *Blossom Hill*● 6/9: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #4 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters● 6/10: Creekside @ ST, Dual Meet● 6/14*: Shift to summer practice schedule● 6/16: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #5 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters Decorate your car for away meet● 6/17: ST @ Shadow Brook, Dual Meet | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 6/17: Cardboard Boat Regatta & Kona Ice Fundraiser – Rancho● 6/23: Secret Sea Otters Delivery #6 Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters● 6/24: Pinehurst @ ST, Dual Meet● 6/25: Restaurant Night – Vitality Bowl● 6/30: Freestyle Friday – Socialize with O'tters● 7/3-7/7: Spirit Week● 7/7: Pancake Breakfast Decorate your car for away meet Secret Sea Otters Delivery #7 & Reveal● 7/8: CHAMPS, Independence High School● 7/8: After CHAMPS Party with O'tters – Rancho● 7/10: Awards Night – Rancho |
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**Please note we will shift to summer schedule on Wednesday, June 14 (mid-week)*