

2023-2024 Coaching Staff



Grace Erkeneff

Head Coach

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Coach Grace has been swimming since she was 7 years old and has been coaching for almost 15 years. Grace comes from a military family and has lived in many different places until her father retired from the Air Force and settled here in the area. She graduated from Vanden High School where she was an avid tennis player since they had no swim team during her time there.

Coach Grace joined the Vacaville Swim Club coaching staff in 2008. She started off coaching the team's Novice Group, today known as the Intro to Swim Group. As she became more and more familiar with the team and its Age Group Program, she was approached to be an Age Group Coach for the year round team after being with the team for three years. Once she moved to coaching the year round time, she started with Gold and Junior 2 groups where she coached swimmers to become JO qualifiers, JO finalists and Far Western qualifiers. After coaching the 9-12 year old swimmers, she began coaching the Varsity group. She then transitioned to coaching the Silver 1 and Silver 2 groups along with coaching Noon Masters. Then was asked to coach the younger athletes (12 and unders) while still coaching Noon Masters.

She stepped away from the team for a little over two and half years, during her time she was away she was still coaching. She has now since returned to the team as the team's Head Coach.

Outside of the pool; she enjoys spending time at Lagoon Valley playing disc golf with her husband (Logan), son (Leeland) and furbaby (Breeze). When not playing disc golf, she can be found spending time with her family and friends.



Jamie Fussell

Masters Coach

Coach Jamie has been swimming since the age of 9. She started her swimming career with the summer program through the City of Vacaville with Coach Nick Lillard as her very first swimming instructor. She joined the Waves age group in 2005 when she decided to give the Vacaville High School swim team a try. After graduating from high school in 2009, Jamie became a Masters swimmer and has been with the team ever since. After earning a degree in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology from UC Davis, Jamie joined the Waves coaching staff taking over the Red and White groups. A short while later she was offered a full time position with Solano County as a Park Ranger Assistant. She was sad to leave the Red and White groups, but remained a part of the coaching staff in taking over the Saturday morning Masters group.

You can find Coach Jamie on the pool deck almost every Saturday morning, rain or shine. She is an avid Masters swimmer and enjoys open water events most of all. In her spare time Jamie can be found running her dog, Wrangler, or working outdoors.



Clinton Freed

Age Group Coach

Clinton swam at Winters High School and preferred the 50 and 100 free along with the IM events. He has been coaching since he was 18 years old and has been coaching since. He specializes in fine tuning our swimmers' technique in all strokes.

Clinton coaches the Age Group side of our program but has also coached Masters as well.

Away from the pool deck, he enjoys hiking and camping with his wife and dogs, Olive and Jane.



Rachel Lee

Age Group Coach/Masters Coach



Mark Frazier

Age Group Coach/Masters Coach



Emma Wilhite

Age Group Coach



Tunisia Batzer

Masters Coach



Tiare Holokahi
Age Group Coach

Coach Tiare (Coach T) has been a part of the Vacaville Waves since 2012. She started swimming and competing in the age group program at age seven and continued up until her junior year of high school. In her senior year of high school, she was given the opportunity to volunteer as a junior coach on the team and since then she has been officially a part of our coaching staff. She hopes to not only develop young swimmers' techniques, but to provide a positive environment just how her coaches had done for her.



Amelia Dissinger
Age Group Coach/Masters Coach

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