



## **On the Dry Side: News from the Secretary's Desk February 2023**

### *Greetings, 757swim!*

A tentative [long course meet schedule](#) has been posted. If you have not booked your hotel room for Senior Champs, [travel information](#) is online. We are also in the process of coordinating blocks for recently added late March meets, as well as away long course meets. We will update the travel page once information is available, hopefully this week!

I would like to thank our Splash and Dash meet volunteers, especially the marshalls and clerk of courses. There were more swimmers (and spectators) than anticipated at the meet. They were essential to maintain order and kept the meet running smoothly. Several of our marshalls have been familiar faces at almost every meet this season: Ally Younica, Colleen Petrie, Lora Long, and Erika Daniel. Please be on the lookout for job sign ups for our upcoming championship meets!

A big thank you to the Swim-A-Thon committee and donors. You may recall the event was quite successful, allowing us to purchase a new water bottle filling station!

Short course championship season is upon us. Please reference the email Coach Morgan sent on February 22 with format descriptions. Two key points are that these meets are scored, and they are a great opportunity for our swimmers to show how hard they have worked.

February is dedicated to our value Connection. I look forward to the championship meets. It is inspiring to watch our swimmers' hard work on display, but more importantly hear them cheer loudly during relays and offer words of encouragement when swims do not finish as planned.

*In everything we do, be kind.*

“A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees.” - Amelia Earhart

*-Evie Burnet, Secretary*

### [Looking for Help with Meet Files, a note from Cassandra Lamerdin](#)

We are looking for a parent who is interested in working with our Meet Director (Erin Roehrle) and Coach Morgan to create meet files for 757-hosted swim meets. Currently



this position is filled by Cassandra Lamerdin (mom of Louisa and Bob). Ideally we would like to have a parent identified in the next 4 to 5 months so they could begin training next fall, overlap with me for a season or two and eventually pass the baton in a couple of seasons. 757Swim typically hosts meets from September (IMX/IMR) through early February (8 & Under districts) and will average about 1 meet per month. ***This position would be open to a parent of an Age Group Swimmer or below*** and ultimately be able to use this role to fill your volunteer requirements for the year, much like officials do.

The person in this position should be comfortable using computers, organized, detail-oriented and creepily jazzed about learning how a swim meet is put together. The Meet Manager software is access-based and form driven but it's not necessary to have database experience. The meet program is very well thought out, chalked full of tricks to make the job easier, and pretty fun to use. Meet Manager can be loaded on your computer and the files are exchanged via email so no need to travel to the pool (until it's time to see your kiddo swim anyway). There are times when it is more efficient to communicate details during the business day so some flexibility in your daytime schedule is a plus but not required.

If this position is sparking your interest; ***please reach out to me*** so I can answer your questions and give you more details. I am really looking forward to sharing this skill set with another person who is looking to play a unique role in the 757Swim volunteer community.

Cassandra Lamerdin [calamerdin@gmail.com](mailto:calamerdin@gmail.com); 831-595-8346

### Volunteering

As we come to the end of short course season it is a great time to check your volunteer hours for the year. If you are still short of your family's requirement, don't worry! A number of spring volunteer opportunities will be posted in the coming weeks including Deck Parent positions to help monitor kids waiting for some of our younger practices to start, pool clean up, landscaping, coordinating our team for the Run the Dog St. 5k, and helping with our golf tournament. We will even be offering volunteer credit for a few parents to become Safe Sport Certified if it is required for your position. Check in with our Volunteer Coordinator Becca Bruhl at [beccabruhl@gmail.com](mailto:beccabruhl@gmail.com) to let her know if you are interested in helping with one of these areas. More information will also be posted soon in the News section of our website.

### Heater Update

The NEW competition pool heater has been turned on! We hopefully are days away from turning the heater on to the lesson pool. Thank you for your patience during the process.



### Parking

As spring sports begin on the baseball and soccer fields, the parking situation is likely to become more difficult. Please remember that the parking area is owned by the county and is available to anyone in the Warhill Complex. Even as parking becomes more challenging (we know it's frustrating) please do not park in the Handicapped parking spaces unless you are legally supposed to be there. Please do not wait in the drop off lane unless you are actively dropping off or picking up kids. Please park or circle the building. We really appreciate your help and patience!

### Run the DOG St. 5k

The 14th annual Run the DOG St. 5k will occur on April 15th at 7:30am in Colonial Williamsburg. We previously had the largest team, but did not last year. We hope to reclaim the top spot. Please see [information on our website](#) regarding registering as a member of the 757swim team (**you save \$5**). Registration rates increase after February 26 and again March 31; there is no race day registration, so sign up!

### 757swim Golf Tournament

Our annual golf tournament will be held at Williamsburg National Golf Club on May 25 with a shotgun start at 1:00pm. This event is always a great time for players and volunteers alike. Registration forms will be coming soon!

### Facebook Swap and Swag

Be sure to like the 757swim Shop and Swap page on Facebook. This is a great resource to buy/sell/giveaway gently used swim gear.

### Papa John's Dollars for Dough

The next time you place an order with Papa John's Pizza apply promo code 757swim and 10% of your order will be donated back to our club!

### Mega Auto Spa

Visit our sponsors at Mega Auto Spa and enter fundraiser code 9043 and a portion of your wash will be donated back to 757swim!

### Photos & Fun - Social Media and Smugmug



Be sure to follow us on social media for fun updates and photos, and share our posts for others to learn about the team! You can find us on Facebook (757swim), Twitter (@757\_swim), and Instagram (757swim\_va).

### Upcoming Dates

- 8 & under Champs, 2/11 to 2/12 at 757swim pool
- 9 to 12 year old District Champs, 2/17 to 2/19 at BMAC
- Panera spirit night, 2/23 from 4 to 8 pm. ***YOU MUST ORDER IN PERSON and mention 757swim!!!***
- 13 & over Region Champs, 2/24 to 2/26 at CSAC
- 15 & over Senior States, 3/2 to 3/5 at CSAC
- Spring Break (no practices), 3/31 to 4/9



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