



# Royal City Aquatics



## The important stuff

You want to keep up to date on the club, but you're pressed for time. We get it! Here are the three big things we want to tell you this month. Click on any of the top 3 to jump to the update.

### 1

#### SEASON 2!

We've been renewed for Season 2. Here's an intro to the Production Crew.

### 2

#### CALENDAR

Here's how to stay up to date on schedules for training, racing and club activities

### 3

#### TEAM CLOTHING

We're organizing our first clothing order of the year. Orders due Saturday Oct 1st!

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sept 30 | Truth and Reconciliation |
| Oct 1   | Clothing Order Deadline  |
| Oct 10  | Thanksgiving Monday      |
| Oct 15  | RCAQ Bottle Drive        |
| Oct 23  | Tillsonburg Meet: Aqua 7 |

# The Life Aquatic, Season 2

**F**or those of you who are new to the club, **WELCOME!!!** If you swam with us for our inaugural season, you know that we're a fast growing and fun club, offering lessons for the youngsters, and top-level coaching for our competitive kids (age-group), triathletes and masters. We've had a few changes over the last year, but most of the same characters are back for Season 2. Here's a list of some of the people working on-deck and behind the scenes to help the club run smoothly.

## COACHES

John Carey - Head Coach & Club Co-Founder  
 Amanda Reimer - Assistant Coach  
 Alexa Hunyady - Assistant Coach

## (OUR AMAZING) VOLUNTEERS

James Ball - Head Official  
 Liz Hastings - Fundraising & Sponsorship  
 Kathryn Magyar - Team Clothing  
 Lindsay Robinson - Grants  
 Sue Steele - Billing & Bookkeeping  
 Dan Stuart - All things Digital  
 Anissa Zacher - Registrar  
 < Your Name Here? - Let us Know! >



(Not our actual team)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Craig Taylor - President  
 Greg Schlotzhauer - Treasurer  
 Andrew Pierce - Secretary  
 John Carey - Director  
 Anissa Zacher - Director

## STAY UP TO DATE

Email: [royalcityaquatic@gmail.com](mailto:royalcityaquatic@gmail.com)  
 Web: [www.royalcityaquatics.ca](http://www.royalcityaquatics.ca)  
 Instagram: [@royalcityaquatics](https://www.instagram.com/royalcityaquatics)  
 Facebook: [royalcityaquatics](https://www.facebook.com/royalcityaquatics)  
 Newsletters: Monthly, via email  
 Zoom Update: 2x per year: Sept & Jan  
 Schedules: [TeamUp Calendar](#)



## SWIM MEETS

We're cautiously optimistic that the 2022-2023 meet schedule is looking more stable than the meet options last year. Meet managers are sending their confirmations earlier than last year, making planning easier.

### 2022

Oct 23: Tillsonburg: Aqua 7  
 Nov 4-6: NYAC: 5x & Up  
 Nov 18-20: Wilmot Invitational: Club Event  
 Dec 11: Tillsonburg: Aqua 7

### 2023

Feb 11 or 12: RCAQ Hosted Meet, Guelph: Aqua 7  
 April 30: Wilmot: Aqua 7

## AQUA 7

We've been invited to join the Aqua 7 Development League. Aqua 7 is made up of seven small-to-medium sized Western Region swim clubs, including Royal City Aquatics, and features a 4-meet series for 2022-2023.

The Aqua 7 Series uses a points system to determine the overall winning club. Banners will be awarded to Top Point Male, Top Point Female, Top Point Team, and Top Team Spirit (voted on by coaches). Our coaches intend to compete for those banners!

We will host a one-day meet in Feb 2023 which will be part of the Aqua 7 Series.

## WE'RE GROWING!

In our first season as a club, we had 65 registered swimmers. This season, we've already registered 83 swimmers: 7 in lessons, 54 in pre-comp and comp, and 22 masters (way to go masters!). Our club registration has grown 27% this year. THANK YOU for choosing Royal City Aquatics. We're looking forward to a great year with all of you!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct 2nd Scarlett Allen  
 Oct 4th Jacob Sebanc  
 Oct 7th Oliver Kalavriziotis  
 Oct 8th Faye Liang  
 Oct 17th Katrine Sear  
 Oct 25th Rachel Faulds

Did we miss someone? Let us Know!



# TEAM CALENDAR

**T**his year, we're using the TeamUp calendar and app to keep you updated on workout and team event scheduling. We're using the TeamUp calendar to post all training sessions for each group, along with Team Events like the recent Terry Fox Run. You can access the schedule a few different ways:

**WEB.** Go to [www.royalcityaquatics.ca](http://www.royalcityaquatics.ca) and select SCHEDULES from the menu, to find our calendar.

**APP.** You can download the TeamUp app for iPhone or Android - it's FREE - and access the calendar on your phone. Our team calendar ID is: <https://teamup.com/ksafgnwx66219fy7za>

**UPDATE YOUR CURRENT CALENDAR.** You can set up a feed from your Teamup Calendar to other calendar applications such as Google Calendar, Microsoft Outlook or Apple's iCal. You can find [instructions here](#).

**TECHNICAL TROUBLE?** Sometimes, the set up isn't as easy as advertised. If you can't quite get it to work, [let us know](#). We have a few technically savvy parents who have offered to help!



## ADMIN REMINDERS



Invoices will be emailed before the 1st of the month when payment is due.



Meet fees will be billed prior to the event when entry deadline set by the host club has passed. No refunds will be given at this time. If not attending a particular meet please notify the coaches and Sue Steele before the entry deadline to: [registrar.rcaquatics@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.rcaquatics@gmail.com)

THANK YOU!

# CLOTHING ORDER

We're currently taking orders for our first clothing order of the 2022-2023 season. We're organizing an order of a few items right now (t-shirt, sweatshirt, toque), and we'll follow up with a larger selection prior to Christmas.

The sweatshirt is the mandatory piece of team kit for 2022-2023 for all swimmers, and the t-shirt is mandatory for new swimmers (or swimmers who have lost / outgrown / wrecked their current t-shirt).

The order form is available at this [link](#).

Order deadline is October 1st!



## THE GOOD NEWS EXPRESS



We've received a JumpStart Grant! This is our first year of eligibility to apply for grants, and this is the first grant our club has ever received. Thank you Lindsay Robinson for your hard work in securing a JumpStart grant for our program!

Congratulations Jordan Tucker on your selection by Swim Ontario as the Gus Ryder Female Para Athlete of the Year!

RCAQ Swimmers Ethan Mark and Ellie Schlotzhauer are currently competing at the World Lifesaving Championships in Italy!

On Sunday Sept 18th, our club participated in the 42nd Annual Terry Fox run and raised \$825!

## LEAD GENERATION

Team, we've got a lot of expertise and experience in this group and we want to tap into that amazing resource. If you have suggestions or leads on any of the following, we're all ears! We're looking for leads or suggestions about:

- ▶ Dryland Training Facilities
- ▶ Grants or Granting Agencies
- ▶ Potential Sponsors

## SWIM CAPS UPDATE

Swim caps are on order. We don't have an ETA yet, but it shouldn't be much longer. New caps are provided to swimmers who are new to the club this season, and available for purchase for swimmers who swam with us in Season 1.



## EQUIPMENT NOTES

### NEW EQUIPMENT

If you're in the market for new swim equipment, don't forget that Royal City Aquatics has partnered with Ly Sports for a great discount! There's a minimum 20% discount available using [this link](#), and you can earn an additional 2% for the team by entering the team code: **ROYALCITY2022**. Last year the club earned \$121.69. Every little bit helps!

### USED EQUIPMENT

Kids grow fast, which means they grow out of equipment, especially fins. If you have fins that no longer fit, consider donating them to the club so we can give them to another swimmer. And if you're looking for fins, let us know.... Maybe we have a pair for you!



## FUNDRAISING BOTTLE DRIVE

**W**e've saved the best for last! Swimming fees provide the bulk of the revenue needed to operate the club, but fundraising plays a very important role, too. Not only does fundraising reduce fees, it creates opportunities for the athletes to engage with the community, take part in activities outside of the pool, and directly support the growth and stability of the club. We have several fundraising initiatives this season, beginning with a Bottle Drive on Saturday Oct 15th. Mark your calendars for this fun event (yes, it's fun), and start talking to your neighbours and extended family about saving their empties for us!

