

# ANNUAL REPORT

- 2023 / 2024 -

HURON HURRICANES



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#### **ABOUT US**

The Huron Hurricanes Aquatic Club is a nonprofit, independent sports organization whose purpose is to teach and promote the sport of swimming in Huron County. HHAC encourages sportsmanship, training for competition and self-development in the sport of swimming.

This 2023/2024 swim season HHAC is celebrating 34 years as a swim club in Huron County.

#### Letter from the President

This past year has been full of growth and new experiences. I hope you will review the information and photos found in this annual report.

Our executive have remained engaged and continue to improve HHAC operations. We would not have accomplished this without the commitment of our amazing executives and other club volunteers.

Our club has doubled it's membership from last season and saw an increase in competitive swimmers in all age groups. At the end of season we had 62 registered swimmers.

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HHAC attended a total of fourteen swim meets including short and long course regionals. One of our swimmers qualified and travelled to Quebec City with our coach and a cheering sqaud to participate in the Eastern Canadian Championships. An exciting opportunity lies ahead for a small group of swimmers that will be attending Open Water Championships in Gravenhurst mid July!

Several Team Records have been broken this season and those swimmers have been recognized with certificates. Thank you Coach Rebecca for researching and updating our team records for all to see. We are very proud of the entire team. Our team accomplishments were recognized on our social media, website, and Goderich Newspaper.

HHAC held our 2024 Swim-a-thon in two different facilities at the same time this season. Swimmers made a gallant effort to swim 200 laps within two hours. This event amazes me each year with swimmers showing endurance, commitment, and strength with several completing 200 laps. Thats 5K! Participants each received a signed certificate stating the number of laps completed. Thank you Allison for coordinating this successful event which raised \$4941.00 for our club equipment needs. Also, thank you to our parent volunteers who were present to count laps, set up our post swim socials and all the refreshment donations.

Our club was also seen this year spreading holiday cheer walking in the Goderich Christmas parade. The evening was enjoyed by all participants. Thank you Nicole for organizing this event and to all our volunteers.

Our Club could not operate without the financial support of our generous local donors and club families celebrated on this page. Thank you for supporting the sport of swimming in our area!

With your help we were able create a sense of belonging with HHAC team shirts and swim caps given to all registered swimmers in the fall. We were also able to support our Head Coach with swim meet travel costs and team social events. Other equipment purchases included stop watches, turtle pads, white boards, certificates, awards and HHAC enamel pins. Our goals next season include larger purchases such as new starting blocks, backstroke start ledges, signage, etc.

This season the club held a successful cash raffle as part of our fundraising initiative. Thank you Karri-Anne for your work with setting up this great idea for the club.

Thank you to The Garniss Family for contributing to our Hurricanes team t-shirts. Our swimmers looked great on deck and around our community!

The Van Dieten Family along with the Huron County Milk Producers continue to donate milk products throughout the season. Thank you so much for providing not only tasty, but healthy refreshments after our swim events

Thank you to all who have helped make 2023/2024 season a successful one. Please consider reaching out about volunteering and/or financially contributing to our club.

Melissa Magee HHAC President































#### **CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

Vanastra Recreation Centre (VRC) has a long relationship with the Huron Hurricanes Aquatic Club (HHAC). It's our home base! Our club has grown and we again practice out of both Vanastra and Goderich YMCA pools.

The goal of acquiring a video training device has been reached and we all thank Hope and Jamie for ordering and setting up this equipment. Our swimmers are excited to see this incorporated into their practice sessions next season.

Some of our swimmers attended the Workhorse Dryland Training Trial. We will evaluate how we can incorporate dryland into next seasons practice plans.

We have created a Buy/Sell/Swap Facebook group attached to our Hurricanes facebook page. This is where HHAC families can post swim team items as well communicate with other swimmers for information about equipment needs.

Thank you to Marie, board of directors, and parent volunteer for your review and recommendations of our Policy and Procedures Handbook. As work continues on these recommendations our swimmers' families will have easy access online once the new platform is completed.

Officials are an integral part of swim meets. Being an active official gives you volunteer hours and you will have access to the pool deck closer to where your child is swimming! We encourage you to inquire about officiating next season!

#### COACHING TEAM

We would not have a club without our amazing coaching team! Thank you Head Coach Rebecca for leading us through the season and organizing all attended swim meets! Coach Agnes, Kelli, Wendy, and Robyn your experience and kindness continues to shine on deck. Welcome Coach Cheryl!

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President - Melissa Magee

Vice President - Hope Brock

Secretary - Jen Van Dieten

Treasurer - Cheri Hoggart

Registrar - Erica Jensen

Club Officials Chair (COC)/ Club Officials

Administrator (COA) - Carmen

Armstrong

Director 1 - Cheri Hoggart

Director 2 - Marie McDade

Director 3 - Laura Lloyd

Head Coach - Rebecca Ferguson

Swim-a-Thon Coordinator - Allison

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