



Chuck Batchelor & Elizabeth Beisel Pool Deck in Beijing, China at 2008 Olympics

### Staff

A critical element that enables our swimmers to succeed is our staff. The Bluefish have assembled a staff of educated and enthusiastic individuals. It is their commitment and passion for teaching children and their love of swimming that is essential in creating an environment where swimmers thrive and progress quickly.

**Chuck Batchelor (Head Coach)** – In his coaching career Batchelor has trained 17 National Qualifiers, 6 Olympic Trials Qualifiers, 1 Olympian and has had 4 swimmers rank in the top 100 in the world. For the past three years Chuck has been a member of the New England Swimming Board of Directors. He is committed to helping all of his swimmers get into the best colleges possible, guiding them through the process of selecting and institution and, if possible, receiving academic or athletic scholarships. Over 70% of Chuck's student athletes have gone on to attend Ivy League Institutions.

**Christie Batchelor (Wheaton/Raynham Head Age Group Coach)** – Christie is a graduate of Kenyon College, Gambier Ohio, where she was a part of NCAA Championship teams. Christie has been coaching and instructing swim lessons for 16 years. Under her direction the Bluefish Swim School program has grown from 0 to 500 swimmers. In her coaching career she has worked with Regional, Age Group, & Zone Champions. Christie was awarded the New England Age Group Coach of the Year Award in 2010.



### Be a Wise Consumer!

When selecting a program for your child choose the organization that will help your child grow and achieve their maximum potential in a positive and professional environment. Opt for a program that has a proven track record. The Bluefish have been sending swimmers to USA National and Junior National Championships for over three decades. By choosing the Bluefish you are electing a program that has spent decades **building champions**.

### Get in Touch with us!

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### Our Locations

- Attleboro High School – 8 Lane 25 Yards
- Cumberland High School – 6 Lane 25 Yards
- Raynham Athletic Club – 6 Lane 25 Yards
- Wheaton College (Norton, MA) – 8 Lane 25 Yard or Meter w/ bulkhead
- McDermott Pool (Warwick, RI) – 6 Lane 50 Meters
- Worcester JCC (Worcester, MA) – 6 Lane 25 Yards



### Competitive Swim Team



### Inspired Performance

Elizabeth Beisel 2008 Olympian



## Training Groups

**Goldfish** – Is our pre-competitive group for children between the ages of 7–13. It requires a commitment of two practices a week. The program is designed as a transitional introduction into the world of competitive swimming. This group will concentrate on the fundamentals of competitive swimming (rules & regulations), technique and stroke development with an introduction to endurance training in a fun and dynamic environment.

**Mini Bluefish** – This group is designed for our youngest swimmers between the ages of 5 and 9. Practices are one hour, three times a week. Emphasis is placed heavily on good technique while mastering the essentials of competitive swimming. Understanding how to use the pace clock, proper lane etiquette and how to create a race strategy are factors taught at this level.

**Junior One** – This is the first phase of our intermediate program for swimmers between the ages of 9–13. Focus is on continuation of stroke development with more advanced endurance training. Practices are held three and four days a week from 90 – 120 minutes. Dryland training is introduced 2–3 days per week.

**Junior Two** – This is phase two of the intermediate program. Focus continues on stroke development with increase in commitment and endurance training. High attendance levels are expected to ensure advancement to the next level. Goal setting and attaining high levels of competition are strongly encouraged at this level. Practices are 5 or 6 times a week along with three dryland sessions and are between 90 and 120 minutes.



### Learn to Race with the Bluefish

The Bluefish Swim Club is a United States Swimming member and a participant in New England Swimming.

Bluefish Swim Club provides structured instruction, training and competition for all ages and abilities. Pre-competitive and competitive programs are offered as well as an adult Masters Program. The Bluefish Swim School begins at twelve months with a parent and three years without a parent.

### Our Mission

Bluefish Swim Club is a comprehensive program that strives to build the fastest swimmer while developing the whole person. Our goal is to provide a program that is a support system which meets the needs of our swimmers from entry through college. We stress hard work and dedication not only in the pool but within all other aspect of their lives. Successful swimmers need to master essential life skills like time management, dedication, commitment, goal setting and especially goal completion.

The Bluefish have the expertise to develop swimmers from the entry level into senior elite athletes. We have worked to create an environment that is conducive to producing dedicated and passionate student athletes.

Bluefish Swim Club is a nationally recognized team and has been awarded as Gold Medal Club in 2009–2012 and a Silver Medal Club in 2006–2008 as part of the [USA Swimming Club Excellence Program](#). Additionally, Bluefish is currently a certified Level 4 Program within the [USA Swimming Club Recognition](#) Program.



**National Prep** – This our most rigorous age group program for swimmers between the ages of 11–15. National Prep is designed for those with an advanced and demonstrated commitment to the sport of swimming. Requirements are proficient stroke technique with a sound work ethic. This is a six day a week program with two hour training sessions, weekends can extend to three hours including dryland training. These swimmers and their families are required to make a year round commitment of time and energy to swimming.

**Senior Team** – This group is designed for High School age swimmers. Practice sessions range from 2 to 4 hours, six to nine times a week with additional dryland training.

**National Team** – This team is made up of our top competitors who have demonstrated advanced commitment to the sport of swimming. Main focus of this group is Sectional and National levels of competition. Swimmers train 8 to 9 times a week with additional dryland training. Sessions range from two to four hours.