

## Meet The Coaches

### **Jim Wood – HEAD COACH**

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**Primary Groups: Seniors and Juniors**

**Background:** Jim founded Berkeley Aquatic Club and is the Head Coach. Prior to his move back to New Jersey, he was head swimming coach at the University of North Carolina. He is currently the President of United States Aquatic Sports, after having served 12 years as the Chairman of the USS Olympic International Operations Committee and most recently as President of USA Swimming. Jim graduated from Johns Hopkins University and attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina.

### **Tristan Formon – HEAD AGE GROUP COACH**

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**Primary Groups: Seniors and Juniors**

**Secondary Group: Snappers**

**Background:** Tristan, Head Age Group Coach at Berkeley, began his coaching career in the UK and has been coaching at Berkeley and teaching at the Berkeley Swim School since 1996. Tristan's background includes many years as an elite level swimmer, competing at the regional and national levels, as well as in collegiate swimming at Loughborough University, in a swimming career that took him to the British Olympic Trials. He was named NJ Swimming Age Group Coach of the Year for 2011 and has been selected as a NJS All Star Zone Coach on several occasions. Active in the Eastern Zone and NJ Swimming organizations, Tristan is a member of the Eastern Zone Board of Directors currently serving as the Technical Chairman and as a member of the NJS Board of Directors currently serving in the capacity of NJS Age Group/Technical Planning Chairman. Tristan also serves as a member of the USA Swimming Convention Education Committee. He received his Masters in Physical Education with a concentration in Coaching and Sports Administration from Montclair State University.

### **Anna Barry**

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**Primary Group: Snappers**

**Secondary Group: Blues**

**Background:** Anna has taught at the Berkeley Swim School for numerous years. She has also been a member of the coaching staff at Berkeley Aquatic Club for the last four years. Anna graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, New York with a major in Accounting. She received a Masters in International Business from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Anna has been selected as a coach to the New Jersey Swimming All Star Zone Team on multiple occasions.

### **Peter Barry**

**Primary Group: Assists with the Senior and Junior Groups**

**Background:** Peter Barry began coaching in 1978. He served as Assistant Women's Coach for Columbia University from 1983-1986. Upon matriculating, from Columbia University, with a bachelor's degree in Architecture and Building and Development, he became Head Age Group at Morris Center YMCA, eventually becoming Head Coach from 1989-1993. In 1993, Peter took on the role as Junior Coach at the Somerset Hills YMCA, eventually becoming Director of Competitive Aquatics from 2001-2015. In 2012, he was named YMCA Coach of the Year, by his swimmers, parents and peers. In his tenure, he has coached Olympic Trial, USA Junior National, National qualifiers, and Junior Pan Pac's finalists, and YMCA National Champions.

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### **Towney Brewster**

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**Primary Group:** Assists with the Developmental Program

**Background:** Towney graduated Hanover College with a BA in Business before earning his MA in Physical Education at Indiana University. He is the former Head Coach of Red Bank YMCA, Nelspruit South Africa and Darien YMCA. Towney served as a board member for New Jersey Swimming from 1989 through 2005. He has been selected as the New Jersey Swimming Zone Team Head Coach on ten occasions and has been the USA Swimming Junior Team Manager in Paris, Australia and Hawaii. Towney is a volunteer board member and a big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties. He has been the director of the Berkeley Swim School since 1989.

### **Hank Buntin**

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**Primary Group:** Assists with Seniors, Juniors, Dolphins, Blues, Snappers

**Background:** Hank Buntin has been a successful athlete, instructor, and coach in competitive swimming for over 60 years in New Jersey. 45 years of his career at the Summit Area YMCA, and concurrently, 35 years, as the head coach of the Crestview Swim/Tennis Club in New Providence. His high school experience includes 5 years at Snyder High School in Jersey City and 9 years at New Providence High School. He is married with 5 children and 6 grandchildren. He is a retired teacher of Biological sciences from New Providence High School, and recently retired as the Head Coach of the Summit Y "SEALS". Author of "The Pointy Arrow Concept", a book of designing competitive swimming strokes. He presently is an assistant coach, teaching stroke mechanics, at the very prestigious Berkeley Aquatic Club.

### **Marlene Curtis**

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**Primary Group:** Streaks

**Secondary Group:** TYM, Dolphins

**Background:** Marlene joined the BAC staff in 1995. Marlene has more than 25 years experience as a swim instructor. She is an ASCA Level II Coach and has been selected as a NJS All Star Zone Coach. Marlene currently serves on the NJ Swimming Board of Directors as Safety Chair, Registration Chair, and Safe Sport Chair. She is an Associate Professor of Physical Education at Kean University. Marlene also coaches at Echo Lake Country Club during the summer. Marlene graduated from Calvin College with a major in Recreation and Physical Education and earned her Masters in Exercise Physiology at Columbia University. Marlene served as the Director of Aquatics at the Union YMHA.

### **Meredith Formon**

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**Primary Group:** Take Your Marks

**Secondary Group:** Streaks

**Background:** Meredith began as an instructor in the Berkeley Swim School in 2001. She joined the Berkeley coaching staff assisting with the age group program in the fall of 2008 and is an ASCA level II coach. Meredith has been selected as a NJS All Star Zone Coach on several occasions. She was a collegiate cross-country runner. Meredith graduated from the College of the Holy Cross with a major in Biology and Pre-Med. Meredith currently works for Prudential.

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### Eric Fucito

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**Primary Groups:** Dolphins

**Secondary Group:** Streaks

**Background:** Eric has been with Berkeley Aquatic Club since 1994 where he started as a swim instructor with the Berkeley Swim School. Eric has been a member of the coaching staff of Berkeley Aquatic Club since 1996. He currently serves on the New Jersey Swimming Board of Directors as Treasurer. Eric also spends his time serving the community as a Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician in the State of New Jersey. Eric was the 2006 recipient of the Adolf Keifer Safety Commendation Award from USA Swimming and 2007 NJS Age Group Coach of the year.

### Paul Hansen

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**Primary Group:** Assists with the Junior and Senior Groups

**Background:** Prior to BAC, Paul was an assistant coach at the Cape Cod Swim Club. Before that, he and his wife Theresa co-coached the Pasquotank River Otters in Elizabeth City, NC, where the team grew from 16 to 60 swimmers during his tenure. Paul brings to BAC a keen interest in stroke mechanics, and can be seen at any practice working with the swimmers to improve their strokes and turns. Paul joined the BAC staff as a volunteer coach in 2001 after he retired from the U.S. Coast Guard. A graduate of U.S.C.G.A., he achieved All-American status as a cadet. Following several years at sea, he attended Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, FL, and served as a pilot for the remainder of his career. He currently flies as an international demonstration captain for Dassault Falcon.

### Kevin Mahoney

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**Primary Group:** Assists with Seniors, Juniors, Snappers

**Background:** Kevin has been a member of the Berkeley Coaching staff since 1996. He is a graduate of Lycoming College where he earned a BA in Sociology. Currently, he is a student of the United States Sports Academy completing a teaching certification program in Physical Education. Kevin has been teaching for 22 years and is employed as a Physical Education teacher at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen. He has also been coaching high school swimming for 22 years and is currently the Head Coach at Mount Saint Mary Academy. Kevin is a Certified Pool Operator and manages the pool at Roxiticus Golf Club during the summer.

### Kevin Petto

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**Primary Group:** Blues

**Secondary Group:** Snappers

**Background:** Kevin graduated from Warren Hills High School in 2005 and is currently enrolled at Warren County Community College working towards a liberal arts degree. Prior to joining BAC as a coach and instructor in the Berkeley Swim School, he was a counselor at the Glen Gardner Youth Center, former manager and assistant swim coach at the Easton YMCA, and worked at the Washington Borough Pool for four summers as a swim instructor and head lifeguard.

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### Elissa Ryan

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**Primary Groups:** Take Your Marks

**Secondary Group:** Streaks

**Background:** Elissa Ryan (formerly Lavorerio) has been a member of the Berkeley Aquatic Club family for over 25 years. She swam on the first Snapper team and made her way to swimming on the Senior team. She earned her varsity letter for 4 years at Watchung Hills in swimming, and was captain her junior and senior year. She went on to compete for Rutgers University, earning a BA in Political Science and lettering all four years, ending her career as captain.

### Anne France-Sailiot

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**Primary Groups:** Take Your Marks

**Secondary Group:** Streaks

**Background:** Anne-France has been an avid swimmer for the last 20 years at BAC. This led to her current work for the BAC Swim School where she has taught both young children and adults for more than a decade. For the past 8 years she has also enjoyed being an assistant coach for the Somerset Hills YMCA Special Olympic team. Anne-France is currently a registered USA Swimming coach and a US Masters Swimming certified Level 2 coach. Beyond swimming competitively with the BAC Master Team since 2007, her other sporting activities include cycling and past athletic accomplishments include track where she competed in the French nationals.

### Chuck Warner

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**Primary Group:** Assists with the Senior Group

**Background:** Chuck Warner is a three-time USA National team coach, four-time Big East Coach of the Year, former President of the American Swimming Coaches Association and has authored two books. His teams in Wilton and Sarasota won seven National Y Championships. He was the Head Coach at Rutgers University for thirteen years where his women's teams moved from finishing eleventh in the Big East Conference to being ranked twelfth in the nation. In 2007 three of his Rutgers swimmers were on USA National swim teams. He graduated from the University of Redlands. He works primarily with developing swim school, masters and assists with the senior group.