

Hi Mariners,

We are very excited for the Fall season to begin. Please read the following as thoroughly as you can. Can't wait to see you soon.

Jon and Colin

1. Official practices start on 9/13 for Gray, Silver and Gold and on 9/20 for Red and White, but lookout for pre-season options.
2. Make sure you have a Team Unify account set up and all information verified before we begin registration at the end of the month. Also you will want to set up the "OnDeck" app on your smartphone or device.
3. As per the YMCA of the USA "Rules that Govern Competitive Sports," all swimmers are required to be YMCA members. Here is a link for that [Madison Area YMCA - Rates and Options](#)
4. There is a parent group fee of \$150 per family and \$200 if you have more than one child swimming. That will be billed through Team Unify.
5. Mariners team fees will be paid to the Y through this link. [Madison Area YMCA \(activecommunities.com\)](#). It is expected you complete this before attending any practices.
6. Please re-read groupings as some info was added. [MAY Group Descriptions 2021-2022.pdf \(teamunify.com\)](#)
7. Team Handbook has been updated with many items [MARINERS SWIM TEAM HANDBOOK.pdf \(teamunify.com\)](#)
8. All athletes will be held accountable for this code of conduct [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS SWIM TEAM \(teamunify.com\)](#)
9. Suit Sale is online. [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS : Event \(teamunify.com\)](#). The team shirt had not been designed when this was created... they are not selling you a white blank t shirt. Please see group descriptions regarding what equipment you will need. All athletes should get a bathing suit and some caps. Everything else is optional. This will close on 9/12 as Speedo USA is moving their warehouses and will NOT be able to provide anything for two months.
10. Financial Assistance and anonymous and available. Please consider applying if these fees are out of your reach. The only caveat is Jon or Colin would need to know so we can adjust the non Y expenses accordingly such a MPO fees and Meet Fees. [Financial Assistance \(madisonareaymca.org\)](#)
11. While this has not been updated yet, here is a quick overview of the volunteer positions families have traditionally provided to the team. We do consider being a Mariner a family program and ask for a heap of help in so many ways. Thanks for your anticipated cooperation. [MADISON AREA YMCA MARINERS : Family Job Requirements \(teamunify.com\)](#)
12. Realize we did the best we could with groupings, but may have some issues. Our hope is that's not the case but it is a possibility.