Introductions

- Coaches:
 - Head Coach Coach Emma and Coach Shae
 - Assistant Coach Madison
- Board:
 - Kate Marici President
 - James Teets Vice President
 - Amy Crisp Treasurer
 - Rebecca Garza Registration
 - o Glori Breon Volunteer Coordinator
 - Jennifer Carr Clerk of Course
 - Kelly Norcross League and Team Representative
 - Julie Crowell Banquet Coordinator
 - Brad Harris Head Official
- A special thanks to our 2024 Season Sponsors
 - Symphonic Technologies
 - Frickey Insurance
 - Valley Solvent
 - Chemical Process and Production
 - Marina Bay Animal Hospital
 - The Crossings
 - o Pinch a Penny
 - Aqua April
 - Sharks Swim Club
 - Aquastar
 - Sails Swim Club
 - Family Sponsors
 - The Teets Family
 - The Harris Family
 - The Cox Family
 - The Schoessler Family
 - The Teegarden Family
 - The Espinosa Family

Team Info & Communication

- Team website <u>www.harbourtide.com</u> for news and information.
- Sign up on the Remind app
 - Notifications if practices are canceled
 - Very helpful at meets for notifications.
 - Text the message @bek688d to the number 81010
- Team Facebook page for updates, pics, and general information but Email and Remind are the primary forms of communication

Important Dates

- Team Merch Deadline May 12th
 - o https://www.storessimple.com/rockettees/groupproducts.php? prodgroup_id=28426&prodgroupbypass=true
- Swimsuit fittings Friday, May 17, come early to try on **DRY**
 - O It is not mandatory to buy a team suit but it is mandatory for girls to wear a onepiece for meets and practices.
- Mini Meet @ Nassau Bay May 18, only for 10U
- Swimathon May 31, during practice time, no HS practice
- Team Pictures Thurs, June 6 during practice time, no HS practice
- End of Season Banquet June 30 6-8 @ Hometown Heroes Pool
- Champs Weekend July 6&7

Rules and Guidelines

- Swimmers 12 and under must have a responsible adult at the pool during practice. If you need to leave, another parent must take responsibility for your swimmer.
- New to CCSL please look over the handbook -<u>https://www.harbourtide.com/</u> 2024_CCSL_Handbook.pdf
 - There is one rule the league would like us to highlight specifically there is to be no smoking, vaping and/or drinking at meets, practices or any sanctioned CCSL event.

Practices

- Practice Times are switching to mornings starting June 3rd:
 - o 13+: 7:00-8:00
 - o **9-12: 8:00-9:00**
 - o 8U: 9:00-9:45
 - Parking & Facilities:
 - We ask parents to stay on the outside of the gate to keep the deck clear and to alleviate distractions.
 - Please park along Masters or Doral. **Do not** park in the parking lot or along Admiral Dr.
- If you have a question or an issue, ask **a board member**. Please do not ask the coaches during practices or meets as we want them focused on the swimmers.
 - Board members try to stay located at the table by the baby pool for your convenience.

Meet Manager for Swim Meets

You will receive an email for each meet. Click on the link in the email. This will take you to the Swim Portal. You will select "View Meets". For each swimmer, choose "Attending" or "Not Attending". You may select your swimmer's preferences but, the coaches make final decisions about which events are entered into the meets. Swimmers may swim up to 3 individual events

and 2 relays, for a total of 5 events. After choosing your stroke preferences (optional), click "Save" for each swimmer. You may go back and edit your selections until 8:00 p.m. on the Sunday before the meet.

Swim Meet Overview

- Check in time is 6:30 a.m. for home meets and 6:45 for away meets. Yes, that is a.m.
- Warm up time for home swim meets is 7-7:15 a.m.
- Swimmers who are not checked in by 7:00 a.m. will be scratched. All swimmers who do not show up to meets will be subjected to a \$5 scratch fee PER EVENT and will not be allowed to swim relays the next meet.
- IF an emergency arises the night before or the morning of a meet, cancellations can be emailed to the team clerk harbourtideclerk@gmail.com. Alternately, name, age group, and parent contact info can be texted to James (409-692-9611) or Kate (291-636-1096). True emergencies are NOT subject to the scratch fee.
- A dispute about a swimmer's time can be disputed for 30 minutes after the results have been posted.
- During any meet, if you have questions or concerns regarding your swimmer's events or times, find a board member. NEVER disturb the clerks or coaches.
- Meet Schedule:
 - o June 1: HT @ Dickinson
 - June 8: Baytown @ HT
 - June 15: HT @ Timbercove
 - o June 22: HT @ Brooks
 - June 29: Seabrook @ HT
 - o July 6-7: Reserve & Champs Meets
- You will also get meet information the week before from our Clerk, Jennifer Carr.

Concessions

- At home meets we will ask for concession stand donations usually consisting of drinks, candy, chips and monetary donations
- A sign-up will go out for you to use a week or so before our first home meet. We ask that you bring these items to practice the week before.
- We appreciate all help with this and use the money earned for the team banquet, new equipment, etc for the team

Volunteering

- HTST meets are only successful when we have volunteers.
- Meets require everyone to help.
- EVERY Family will be responsible for signing up for ONE shift per meet this year. Sign up early to get the shift you prefer. Please only sign up for ONE shift during our initial sign-up period.

- Families with 1 swimmer are responsible for a minimum of 3 shifts; families with 2 or more swimmers are responsible for a minimum of 5 shifts over the entire season to receive your full volunteer dues refund. This does not mean you will not be called up to volunteer at other times.
- If you don't sign up to volunteer, you risk having your swimmer scratched from the meet or being automatically signed up for a position.
- When your minimum shifts are met, you can sign up for a "backup volunteer", only being called upon, if everyone else is already working a shift.
- If there are no other remaining positions open, when you sign up, you will need to sign up for a "back up volunteer".
- Look out for an email, the week before a meet.
- There are typically two shifts during a meet: shift one is events 1-40 and shift two is events 41-80.
- Check in for both shifts will be before the start of the meet, in order for everyone to attend the timers meeting.
- All timers, ready area, scorers, and official volunteers, will be required to attend a brief training before the start of the meet.
- Check-in will be at the volunteer table usually situated near the doors/gate of the pool area. Look for Glori.
- After each volunteer shift, please immediately check out at the volunteer table to receive your \$20 refund.
- If you do not fulfill your required number of shifts you will forfeit your remaining refund.
- All eligible shifts will be posted on Active, and sign-ups are first come, first served basis.
- Please come to every meet with the expectation that you will be volunteering, this may mean coordinating with friends and family to supervise younger swimmers or selecting a volunteer role that allows you to be near your swimmer.
- We are also all parents and understand that life happens, if for some reason you cannot fulfill your volunteer role, please reach out to Glori ASAP via text 210-831-2882. Include your position, swimmer's name, your name, and shift. We ask that you make your best efforts to get coverage for your shift before the meet.
- Positions include:
 - Meet clean up.
 - Ready area
 - o Timer
 - Announcer
 - Concession stand.
 - o Runners
 - Officials (must train prior to meet)
 - Scorer (must train prior to meet)
 - o Texter
 - And other roles as needed.
 - Volunteering as an official

• If you'd like to volunteer to be a swim official, you have to attend a training session (which happens to be this week). If you're interested, approach Brad after the parent meeting.