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2025 - 2026 YTD

**personal
bests** **239**

**club
records
broken** **7**

**provincial
records
broken** **4**

MESSAGE FROM COACH ROBIN

December was an amazing month for SDSC and SJD.

There is a new fire in the pool, a sense that hard work and determination leads to progress and achievement. I am seeing our athletes challenge themselves, build confidence, and take pride in what they are capable of. Swimming is a space where athletes can take risks, face challenges, and sometimes fail.

Life is full of obstacles, and learning to deal with setbacks, recover, and keep going is a skill that builds character and resilience. These lessons carry far beyond the pool and help shape our swimmers both as athletes and as people.

I am very proud of the effort, determination, and focus our swimmers are showing. It is exciting to see them discovering what they are capable of and pushing themselves to achieve more. The work our athletes are putting in now shows that the upcoming season holds great promise.

On behalf of the coaches and board of SDSC, I want to wish all our swimmers and families a very Merry Christmas. We hope you enjoy this special time with family and friends and take pride in all that you have accomplished this season.

Same Club. Same Values.

A Refreshed Look for the Future

Since the founding of the Summerside Dolphin Swim Club, our logo has been an important part of the club's identity and history.

As SDSC has grown and evolved, the club decided it was time to refresh the logo to better reflect our energy and identity today.

The updated design works across digital platforms, apparel, and facility signage, while staying true to the essence of who we are.

While working on this refresh, I felt it was important to look back and better understand the roots of our club.

Many current families may not realize that SDSC's history dates back to 1972, when the club was founded as the Summerside Wahoo Swim Club by Maxine Connors.

Maxine Connors played a significant role in the development of swimming in Summerside and across Prince Edward Island. Her dedication to the sport and to youth athletics earned her a place in the Sports Hall of Fame. Her impact is still felt today through the opportunities available to swimmers in our community.

What began as a small, local club laid the foundation for the program we know today.

The refreshed SDSC logo reflects where the club is now, while honouring where it started. It allows us to be represented clearly and consistently, while maintaining the same values, culture, and commitment to swimmer development that have defined the club for over five decades.

This logo refresh builds on our proud history while continuing our focus on supporting swimmers, families, and the broader swimming community. As part of this work, I have begun reaching out to former members and coaches to learn more about the club's early years. This will be an ongoing project, and I look forward to sharing more of SDSC's story in future newsletters.

SDSC NEW LOGO



MORE RECORDS FALL FOR SDSC SWIMMERS

The Summerside Dolphin Swim Club continues to make waves, with more record-breaking performances added to an already impressive season.

Following his outstanding start to the year, **Ryan Reid** has once again etched his name into the record books.

At the Candy Cane Meet in Truro, Ryan broke the SDSC SC 13–14 Male record in the 200 Butterfly, posting a time of 2:29.05. This swim adds to an exceptional run of performances and further highlights Ryan's consistency, focus, and commitment to excellence.

In addition to this season's achievements, SDSC would also like to recognize a milestone from last season that was unfortunately missed at the time.

At the Swim PEI Short Course Provincials, **Stella MacNeill** set a new SDSC SC 10 & Under Female record in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:30.62.

This outstanding swim is a testament to Stella's hard work and determination and deserves to be celebrated.

These performances reflect the depth of talent within SDSC and the strong training environment that supports swimmer development at every level. From emerging age-group swimmers to record-setting performances on the provincial stage, SDSC athletes continue to raise the bar.

Congratulations to Ryan and Stella on their incredible accomplishments. Your dedication, perseverance, and pride in representing the club make the entire SDSC community proud.

**SUMMERSIDE PRIDE,
SUMMERSIDE PROUD!**



SJD NOVEMBER SWIMMERS OF THE MONTH

Each month, our SJD coaches choose a Swimmer of the Month from their group.

This recognition is about more than swimming fast.

Swimmers of the Month show up with great energy, try their best, listen to their coaches, and work hard to improve.

They are positive teammates, support others in the group, and help make practices fun and focused. These habits are especially important at a young age and help build confidence, skills, and a love for the sport.



Jack Doctor
Stage 1 T/Th



Jacob Boudreau
Stage 2 M/W



Evelyn MacInnes
Stage 3 M/W

**SUMMERSIDE PRIDE,
SUMMERSIDE PROUD!**

SDSC SANTA PARADE FLOAT

THE ANNUAL SUMMERSIDE SANTA CLAUS *Parade*

The SDSC club truly came together on December 6th for the Summerside Santa Claus Parade, creating what was, in my opinion, one of the best floats in the parade and certainly the longest.

A sincere thank you to Jen and Murray Bell for supplying the truck and 45 foot trailer, and to Murray for skillfully navigating the entire rig through some very tight spots along the parade route. He had more than a few people holding their breaths :)

We had an excellent turnout of swimmers and families, and it was a true team effort from start to finish. Parents and swimmers came together to decorate, supply inflatables, provide hay bales (thank you Carruthers!), decorations, and countless hours of planning, building, and organizing. The result was a festive, safe, and visually impressive float that our swimmers were incredibly proud to ride.

Additional thanks go to Jill and Hugo LeBlanc, who dedicated many hours to creating the large SDSC letters and providing the ribbons and posts that surrounded the truck bed. Their work added a polished look to the float while also enhancing safety for all of our riders.

The pride on our swimmers' faces said it all.

They had a fantastic experience and truly felt like stars as part of this wonderful community tradition.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this parade such a memorable moment for SDSC.



SDSC SANTA PARADE FLOAT



TRURO CANDY CANE MEET

SDSC REPRESENTS AT CANDY CANE MEET

December 12–14, SDSC took 14 swimmers to Truro, Nova Scotia for the first team travel meet of the season.

For many of our swimmers, it was their first time travelling and racing together, and it was a great experience for the whole group.

The weekend had plenty of highlights: finals swims, podium finishes, personal bests, and a new club record.

It was the first time both PEI teams, CBAC & SDSC, attended this long-standing meet together, and the weekend showed that Island swimmers continue to be noticed beyond the province.

Off the blocks, SDSC shared a team dinner, (HBD Dave) hung out between sessions, and got to know each other even better off the pool deck.

These experiences build more than just swimming skills, they build confidence, teamwork, and memories that stick.

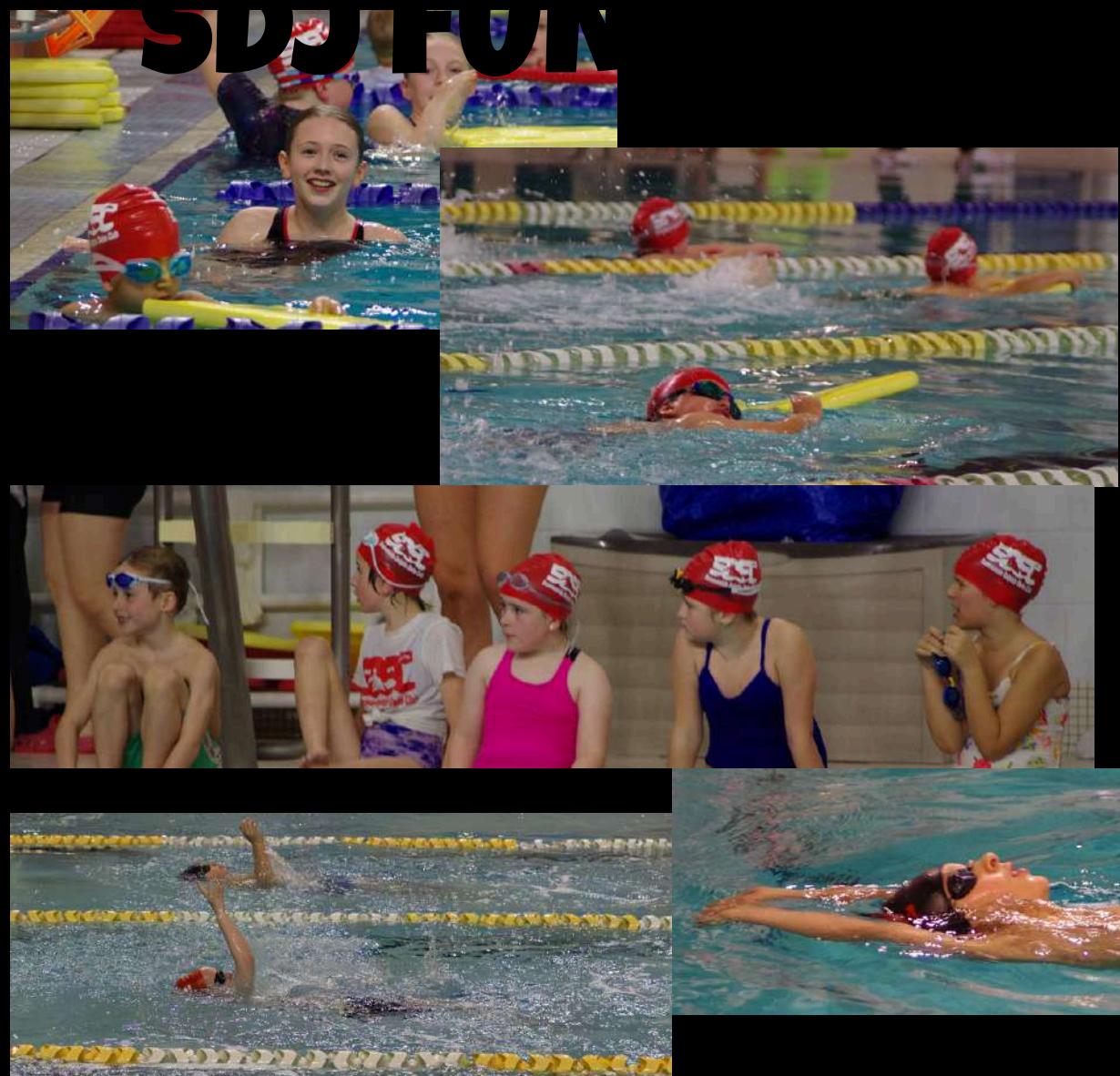
Thank you to everyone who attended and made the trip possible. This is just the start of what promises to be an exciting season of giving our swimmers opportunities to grow, compete, and make lasting connections along the way.



TRURO CANDY CANE MEET



SJD FUN MEET



On December 17, our Junior Dolphins took to the pool for the SJD Fun Meet.

For many, it was their first time racing in front of a large group of family and friends, and they handled it like champs.

Swimmers competed in four events, overcame nerves, and showed the skills they've been building over the past four months.

A big part of making the day run smoothly was our SDSC competitive swimmers.

By volunteering, helping out, and cheering on the younger swimmers, they demonstrated leadership, teamwork, and great character.

Thank you also to our SJD coaches, who prepared their swimmers, helped run the meet, and cheered them on all day. Their guidance and support were evident in how ready and confident the swimmers were.

It was a fantastic event and a reminder of how proud we are of our Junior Dolphins, both in and out of the pool.



UPCOMING DATES

***January 5 or 6 - Return to the water
SDSC & SJD**



***January 17 - Devo Meet
SDSC - Charlottetown**

***January 17 - 12 & Under Skills Camp
SDSC - Charlottetown**

***January 19 - SDSC Board Meeting**

***January 28 or 29 - Fun Event
SJD - 25 Free/Games**

***February 16 - NO WORKOUT
SDSC & SJD - Islander Day**

***February 25 or 26 - Fun Event
SJD - 25 Body Dolphin/Games**

***February 28 - Devo Meet
SDSC - Summerside**

***February 28 - 12 & Under Skills Camp
SDSC - Summerside**

2025 - 2026 SEASON

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



SUMMERSIDE PRIDE
SUMMERSIDE STRONG

