



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Waterford Kingfish Aquatics Swim Club of Waterford Completes Successful Summer Competitions

**September 15, 2008, Waterford, Mich.** – Kingfish Aquatics Swim Club of Waterford completed a successful summer competing in the local United Swim League Championship and the US Swimming State meets. The Kingfish finished second in the United Swim League to the Huron Valley Penguins.

In the US Swimming State Championship meet the Kingfish finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall, competing against 50 other teams from all around the state. Nick Arakelian competed in the 11-12 boys age group and won the overall high point award. Arakelian finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 meter freestyle and 1<sup>st</sup> in 200 meter breaststroke and set a new state record of 2:48.93, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 meter freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 meter breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 meter breaststroke, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200 individual medley.

Caroline Arakelian, competed in the 13-14 girls age group and won the overall high point award. Finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 800 meter freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400 meter individual medley, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1500 meter freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 meter freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 backstroke, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200 individual medley.

Bianca Tiberio competed in the 11-12 girls age group and finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the 50 meter butterfly, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter freestyle, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter freestyle, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter butterfly, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter freestyle, and 12<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter backstroke.

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Madison Wright competed in the 11-12 girls age group and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 meter butterfly, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter butterfly, 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter butterfly, 7<sup>th</sup> in the 400 meter freestyle, and 13<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter individual medley.

Rebecca Arakelian competed in the 10 & under girls age group and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 400 meter freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 meter freestyle, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter breaststroke, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter individual medley, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter freestyle and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter breaststroke.

Courtney Laird competed in the 10 & under girls age group and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 400 meter freestyle, 10<sup>th</sup> in the 200 meter freestyle, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter freestyle, 11<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter breaststroke, and 14<sup>th</sup> in the 100 meter backstroke.

Sami Stelpflug competed in the 11-12 girls age group and finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the 50 meter backstroke.

The 11-12 girls 400 meter medley relay team of Bianca Tiberio, Sami Stelpflug, Madison Wright, and Megan Stelpflug finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Kingfish have started workouts for the fall and winter short course season and are accepting try-outs all through September and the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month. The Kingfish will be practicing at Kettering High School throughout the month of September. Practice times are 6-8 pm Monday thru Friday.

Kingfish Aquatic Swim Club is a year round USA Swim Club. USA Swimming is the governing association of swim clubs in the United States and currently boasts over 270,000 swimmers. The purpose of a swim team is to teach and refine techniques for all four of the competitive strokes along with setting personal and team goals. Our coaches will also encourage sportsmanship, the love of competition and teamwork. The swim club will compete in swim meets across Southeast Michigan.

The head coach is Brad Brockway and he brings over thirty years of coaching experience to the team. Brad swam for the University of Michigan and most recently coached the Bulldog Aquatic Club in the Livonia/Northville area.

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