Times Recognition report

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The following chart shows the number of Pacific short course and long course record-breaking swims (“RBS” below) and the number of new Pacific records set during each of the last eleven September-to-August swim years. (The number of new records set is less than the number of record-breaking swims because many records are broken multiple times during the year.)

SC LC RBS Set

2005-06 23 25 48 45

2006-07 40 33 73 58

2007-08 77 80 157 110

2008-09 114 116 230 156

2009-10 96 63 159 122

2010-11 95 49 144 112

2011-12 64 58 122 92

2012-13 62 52 114 88

2013-14 73 35 108 87

2014-15 63 46 109 97

2015-16 75 70 145 91

The rapid growth in records set during the first four years above reflects the presence within our program of two extremely talented cohorts – one group of older age group girls, another of younger age group boys – reaching their competitive peak and moving through our age group program.

The stabilization over the past five years in record-breaking swims and records set reflects the fact that both these cohorts have passed through our age group program. The decline in new records also reflects the fact that our records are tougher now that these two groups have passed through our age group program.

Record activity this past year was concentrated in three very diverse age groups: 8/under girls, 13-14 boys, and senior men and women. Each of these three groups contributed to this year’s spike in multiple record-breaking swims. The unusual rise in long course record-breaking swims compared to records set reflects the lead up to and the performances by Pacific swimmers at the Olympic Games.

In addition to 91 new Pacific records, this past year Pacific swimmers also set one world record, six American records, and three National Age Group (NAG) records. The record-setters were:

* Ella Eastin (UN), 200 yard individual medley, NAG (17-18 girls) and American record, 1:51.65
* Ella Eastin (UN), 400 yard individual medley, NAG (17-18 girls) record, 3:58.40
* Ella Eastin (UN), 200 yard butterfly, NAG (17-18 girls) record, 1:51.04
* Simone Manuel (UN), 100 meter freestyle, American record, 52.70
* Ryan Murphy (UN), 100 meter backstroke, American and world record, 51.85
* Ryan Murphy (UN), 100 yard backstroke, American record, 43.49
* Ryan Murphy (UN), 200 yard backstroke, American record, 1:35.73
* Josh Prenot (UN), 200 meter breaststroke, American record, 2:07.17

As for Top Times in 2015-16, our age group boys ranked first nationally in 15 individual events and two relays and our age group girls ranked first nationally in two individual events. For both sexes, these numbers were up for individuals and down for relays. The Top Times for the 2015-16 swim year have been reported in a variety of formats on the Pacific website, and are regularly updated during the year.

The House of Delegates last year approved a change to Pacific’s Rules and Regulations which included a significant change to our records for 17-18 and senior swimmers. We now have two sets of records for these age groups: **Pacific Senior Program** records, which may be set only by Pacific athletes whose first date of registration in Pacific is prior to Sept. 1 of the year they graduate from high school, and **Pacific Open** records, which are open to Pacific athletes who qualify for the 17-18 or senior classes regardless of their date of first registration in Pacific.

This past year, six 17-18 and four senior Pacific Senior Program records were set. These are records set by swimmers who began their careers in Pacific prior to attending college, not those who came into Pacific for college or post-graduate competition.

Respectfully submitted,

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