

Richmond Sailfish
Grant follow up report
December 2012

To the Pacific Swimming Diversity and Outreach Committee,

This is a follow up report on the Richmond Sailfish swim team and its uses of the diversity grant received from the Diversity and Outreach grant program. Since we started our team in September of 2010 it has been a very busy and exciting start for our team. As we enter our third full year as a team we are excited about increasing our competition participation with our scholarship swimmers.

The growth of our scholarship program continues to be our team's priority as we becomes better know in the community. Our scholarship program is now offering scholarships full scholarships to 10 swimmers, 75% scholarships to 5 swimmers, and we have been able to offer swim meet registration fees to our swimmers.

The Diversity grant that we received from the Diversity and Outreach committee has allowed us to offer swim meet fees to scholarship families for swim meet participation. We have been able to allow 10 swimmers to attend swim meets. At these meets we had swimmers achieve their first A and B Times as well as having two swimmers get within 1 second of our teams first JO times. Our goal for this year is to have 3 swimmers qualify for JOs. Having funds to offer our families has already made a difference in our scholarship swimmers participation.

The Richmond Sailfish are looking forward to having our swimmers compete at more meets in the next few months and are working towards getting our first JO and Far Western times. We have begun having monthly intersquad meets to help prepare our swimmers for competition as well as bringing them together as a team. As a coach, I enjoy watching our new swimmers compete at their first meet, and then see the progress they make as they become stronger swimmers.

I am very optimistic about the future of the Richmond Sailfish and for competitive swimming in Richmond. As an organization we have many challenges ahead of us, but we have an incredible local community that wants us to succeed. We are thankful for the support that we have received from the Diversity and Outreach committee as it has allowed us to broaden the reach of swimming to a new community of swimmers. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact me at richmondswims@gmail.com.

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