

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Re: NEW Head Coach Appointment

Dear parents and families

Total Aquatic Solutions in association with the CA Tritons Swimming Club is delighted to announce the appointment of our New Head Coach, Ms Samantha Purvis. Samantha brings over 20 years of coaching experience.

Samantha is a current ASCTA Bronze level swim coach, has a BSc in Sports Science from University of Teesside, working with Middlesbrough Football Club and is an accredited Strength and Conditioning coach.

Competitively, Samantha is a dual Olympic and Commonwealth Games representative for Great Britain.

At the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, Samantha was a finalist in the Women's 200m Butterfly, finishing in 5th position. Samantha was also the swim captain for Team GB, at 17yrs of age.

At the 1986 Edinburgh Commonwealth Games, Samantha claimed a Bronze medal in the Women's 100m Butterfly. Samantha is also a European medallist, World Championship finalist, and held the British Record for the 200m Butterfly from 1984 – 2004.

Samantha attained a full scholarship to the Louisiana State University (LSU) where in 1985 she became the NCAA All American in the 100m Butterfly and 200m Butterfly.

As a coach, Samantha's journey began in 1994 coaching as an assistant at The City of Sunderland and Derwentside Swimming clubs. Samantha stepped away from coaching to raise her children, moved to Australia and returned to the deck in 2009 coaching at the Casey Tigersharks, Mornington Peninsula Flyers and most recently the Head Coach of the Sale Swimming Club.

Samantha brings a wealth of swimming and academic knowledge along with parental and life experiences to our business and is excited to lead our programs. Samantha looks forward to developing our swimmers, club, coaches and herself to be the very best that all can be.

Samantha has a lifelong passion for swimming and believes the program must be 'Coach Driven, Swimmer Centred and Parent supported'. We look forward to Samantha beginning with our program on January 14, 2019.

In reference to the above we also acknowledge the efforts and services of outgoing coach, Mr. Chris Petropoulos. Chris encumbered the role 6 months ago and continued developing our future talent and accommodating elder swimmers through secondary school commitments.

Both organisations owe Chris a debt of gratitude for his service, passion and commitment through the second half of 2018. Chris will finish his coaching role in January 2019.

Please join TAS in wishing Chris all the best for the future and officially welcoming Samantha.

Carl Wilson – Owner & Operations Manager
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