

## Kadi takes the helm for Seaside swim team

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The successful Seaside swim program is under new management, as Mike Kadi takes over for Alex Reed as the Gulls' varsity coach.

And with Kadi now at the helm, you can consider the Gulls in good hands.

Kadi is a member of U.S. Masters Swimming, having competed most recently for the Mountain View Masters club. He is also a USA Swimming certified coach.

Which makes the Seaside swimmers certified challengers in the District 1/4A.

The Seaside boys took second in districts last year, finishing 96 points behind a strong Newport team.

The Cubs are always chal-

**Senior Sam Beaudoin qualified for state in four different events last year.**

lenging for the top spot, and they will face an even tougher fight for this year's title.

Seaside brings back some fast swimmers from a year ago, in which the boys' team finished eighth in the team standings at the state meet.

"Everything's going great," Kadi said after one week of

practice. "I'm looking forward to our first meet. I'm also looking to do a round of every single school around here. I coached in Nevada (Incline HS), and I'm getting a feel of what's going on around here. I'd like to see what this area has."

He already knows what the Gulls have, even before he took

### The Swimmers

#### GIRLS

ELIZABETH BARNES, JR.  
CADYN CARR, JR.  
CLARISSE COVENTRY, SR.  
ALYSSA HARKINS, SO.  
KENDY LIN, FR.  
MORGAN MATTHEWS, SR.  
MAYA MCGILL, FR.  
KIMBERLY MELLA, FR.  
HOLLY WOOD, FR.

#### BOYS

SAM BEAUDOIN, SR.  
ISAIAH COLLINS, SO.  
NICHOLAS KONYHA, FR.  
MICHAEL MATTHEWS, JR.  
ADAM MORSE, JR.  
LUCAS NAGLE, SO.  
BRADLEY RZEWNICKI, JR.  
THADDEAUS STAPLETON, JR.  
ALEX TADEI, SR.

over.

"I had the pleasure of working with Alex a little," he said. "I started a couple home meets here and got to see the team, and it's good to see those kids back. I think they're receptive of my training. We just try to make it fun and get 'em fast quick."

"If you know swimming,

you have to get them in the water and up to speed really quickly."

On the plus side, "Sam (Beaudoin) is coming back," Kadi said, referring to the senior state qualifier in four different events.

Bradley Rzewnicki is another key swimmer with state experience.

"We also have a real strong girls state relay team, in medley and freestyle," Kadi said. "I'm really stoked about that."

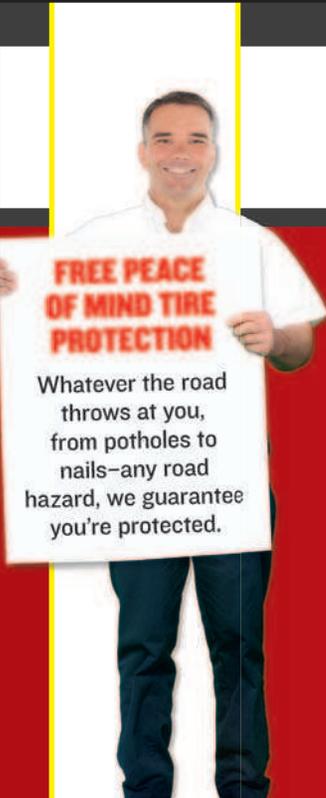
Kadi is retired U.S. Coast Guard, and was stationed in Astoria from 1985-87.

"I was living in Tahoe, and dealing with 40 feet of snow every year gets kind of old," he said. Seaside "is a good place to be."

"When you look at it, the way to a good swimming program is having a swim club," which drove Kadi to create the Seaside Swim Team.

"Astoria has North Coast (Swim Club), and they've got good numbers," he said. "I started Seaside Swim Team back in January, and our numbers are at 30. You have to have numbers to have a healthy program, so we're building."





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