

Sharks NewsUpdate
October 19, 2015

1. The Winter Sharks will begin practice on Monday October 19. Here is the practice schedule for October 19 – 24.

Green (ages 9 & under)	Mon & Wed	4:15 – 5:15pm
Gold (ages 9 & above)	Mon & Wed	5:00 – 6:30pm
	Tues & Thur	5:30 – 7:00pm
Senior	Mon – Thur	2:45 – 4:15pm
AM's	Mon & Wed	6:00 – 7:00am
Saturday	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30am
WeeSharks	Tues & Thur	4:45 – 5:30pm

2. There will be no practices this Friday, October 23. The pool will be closed all day to change the pool cover motor.
3. There will be Morning Practices this week on Monday & Wednesday mornings from 6:00 – 7:00am for any swimmers that wish to show up. Next week we will begin practices Monday – Friday with Senior practices from 6:00 – 7:00 and middle school swimmers from 6:45 – 7:45am.
4. Leila Johnston & Liam Sullivan each placed in several events for the 2014 – 2015 National YMCA Top Ten Times. The 13-14 relay of Amos Price, Zeke Valleau, Jacob Mitchell & Liam Sullivan placed in the two Top 16 relays.
5. Over the past 14 years the MDI YMCA Sharks have had many swimmers continue their swimming careers while going to college. This year Leila Johnston is a Freshman at Florida State University. Will Greene a member of the MDI YMCA is diving at Middlebury College. Ross Johnston (Wheaton) & Caleb Camp (Marist) are 2 other former Sharks competing in college this year. No other sport on MDI can match the amount of future college athletes that have pass through the doors of the Lenny DeMuro Swimming Pool.
6. The meet schedule and the monthly calendar are posted at www.mdiysharks.com. The first home meet will be the 32nd Annual MDIY Sprint Meet on November 14 and the first dual meet will at Waldo County (Belfast) on November 21.
7. A Sign-up Sheet (attached) for the PenBay Developmental Meet to be held on November 7 & 8 in Camden. This is a USA-Swimming meet; swimmers must be registered with Maine Swimming. Annual memberships, valid through December 31, 2016 are \$65 and Seasonal memberships, valid through March 20, 2016 are \$40. Swimmers must also pay entry fees for these meets. If you have any questions on USA Swimming please speak with the coaches.
8. The WeeSharks will begin its second session on November 3 and will end on December 21 with practices on Tuesday & Thursday from 4:15 – 5:00pm. There will be no WeeSharks in January this season instead we will offer a special deal for them to join the Sharks for the rest of the season.
9. Now that the season is beginning we are definitely on the lookout for new Shark Swimmers. Anyone that can swim the length of the pool can try the team for a week before joining. There will be a 'Bring-A-Friend' week from November 2 – 6 but any day can be bring-a-friend to practice day.
10. There will be a Level 1 & Level 2 Official's clinic on October 25 at UMaine. We always need officials especially a Level 2. The clinics begin at 8:00am and the swim team will reimburse for the cost of the course and the book. I have attached an information sheet on the clinic from Duffy Ackerly.
11. The Parent's Informational Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Wednesday November 4. The new parents will meet from 5:15 – 6:00 and everyone will meet from 6:15 – 7:00pm. We will post items needed for the dinner on the website and post at the pool as well. This is the one meeting where we outline the upcoming season for the Sharks. Please plan to have at least one family member attend the event.
12. We are on Facebook at Mount Desert Island YMCA Sharks and on the web at www.mdiysharks.com.