

**Sharks NewsUpdate  
October 20, 2014**

1. The Winter Sharks will begin practice on Monday October 20. Here is the practice schedule for October 20 – 25.

Green (ages 9 & under)	Mon, Wed, & Fri	4:15 – 5:15pm
Gold (ages 9 & above)	Mon & Wed	5:00 – 6:30pm
	Tues & Thur	5:30 – 7:00pm
	Fri	3:15 – 4:15pm/4:15 – 5:15pm
Senior	Mon – Fri	2:45 – 4:15pm
AM's	Mon & Wed	6:00 – 7:00am/6:45 – 7:45am
Saturday	Saturday	8:00 – 9:30am
WeeSharks	Tues & Thur	4:30 – 5:15pm

2. There are Morning Practices on Monday & Wednesday mornings from 6:00 – 7:00am for Senior Swimmers and a 6:45 – 7:45am practice for any Connors-Emerson or Mount Desert students.
3. Leila Johnston & Tom Gallup were named to the USA Swimming All-Scholastic Team for the 2013-14 swim season. To make the team the swimmers must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and made a qualifying time that puts them in the top 1% of swimmers in the country.
4. In the past 13 years the MDI YMCA Sharks have had swimmers continue their swimming careers while going to college. Here is a list of the Universities/Colleges that are swimmers have attended and swam at; American (Frank Carbone), Texas (Ian Carbone), Wheaton (Brenna Crothers, Iris Meehan & Ross Johnston), Rochester Institute of Technology (Jamie Graver), Boston University (Justin Gilmartin), University of Maine (Kevin Staples & Ty Onda), US Coast Guard Academy (Amy Harrison), Hunter College (Angela Haskell), New York University (Marina Karnofsky), Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Cullen O'Brien), University of Charleston (Sargent Pepper), Bates College (Frosty Pepper), Bryn Mawr (Sydney Kase) and Saint Anslem's (Sarah Zirnkilton). 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.
5. The meet schedule and the monthly calendar are posted at [www.mdiysharks.com](http://www.mdiysharks.com). The first home meet will be the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual MDIY Sprint Meet on November 15 and the first home dual meet will be on November 22 vs. CCSC (Old Town).
6. There is a Sign-up Sheet for the PenBay Qualifier Meet to be held on November 1 in Camden. This is a USA-Swimming meet; swimmers must be registered with Maine Swimming. Annual memberships, valid through December 31, 2015 are \$62 and Seasonal memberships, valid through March 15, 2015 are \$37.50. Swimmers must also pay entry fees for these meets. If you have any questions on USA Swimming please speak with the coaches.
7. The WeeSharks will begin its second session on November 4 and will end on December 22 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.
8. 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 3 – 7 but any week can be bring-a-friend to practice week.
9. There will be a Level 2 Official's clinic on October 26 at UMaine and on Dec. 7 there will be Level 1 in Waterville. 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.
10. The Parent's Informational Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Wednesday November 12. The new parents will meet from 5:30 – 6:16 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.
11. We are on Facebook at Mount Desert Island YMCA Sharks and on the web at [www.mdiysharks.com](http://www.mdiysharks.com).