

OUR COACHING STAFF



Aaron Winslow: *Head Coach*

- Aaron began swimming for Bay Area Swim Club in 1989 and swam both YMCA and USA until 1997.
- He swam 4 years at Belfast Area High School where they won four KVAC titles and were state runners-up in 1994 and 1997.
- After graduating high school he attended Keene State College where he swam all 4 years and was captain of his team both junior and senior year.
- As a senior in College Aaron was All-New England in the 400 IM.
- He has 3 children, two of whom swim for the Bluefish.
- ❖ Fun Fact: Aaron is an avid whitewater canoe racer, and won 2 WWOC National Championships in 1995

Susan Cooney: *Assistant Coach*

- Susan started swimming in her family's backyard pool at age 2 ½ and began competitive swimming at age 14. She swam throughout her high school years in Kingston, NY where she also swam for the local USA team. During the summer months Susan began coaching with the local recreational swim club.
- In college, she swam four years for NCAA Division III State University of New York (at New Paltz), and was a conference champion and record holder. In the summers, she competed in triathlons and also competed in USA swimming long course meter swim meets.
- After graduating from college, she swam for the Adirondack Masters Swim Club, competed at the 1992 Masters Nationals and still holds records in the 18-24 age groups for the NY club.
- Susan competed with the PenBay YMCA Masters team and began coaching the Camden Hills Regional High School swim team from 1999-2002.
- Susan and her husband moved to Belfast in the winter of 2004, where she began patiently waiting for the Waldo County YMCA pool to be built! She swam on the first day it opened and tries to get in every weekday. Susan joined the Bluefish in 2009, and our Masters group in 2011.
- ❖ Fun Fact: For many years she lived on a sailboat right in Belfast harbor (year round!) with her husband, Steve and our dog, Fonzie!

Brett Steele: *Assistant Coach*

- Brett swam for Belfast area High School from 1980-1984. He was coached by Aaron's dad, Bob Winslow.
- Brett first joined the Bluefish as Assistant Coach under Andy Thompson. And then later rejoined the team in 2006 under Aaron Winslow.
- The 2011-2012 Season will mark his 6th consecutive season with the Bluefish.
- Brett has had the opportunity to work with over six Bluefish Coaches including: Andy Thompson, Aaron Winslow, Scott Bowen, Loni Brown, Susan Clooney, and Betsy Bradley
- Brett is a proud Bluefish Dad to daughter Brittany and this will also be her sixth season with the team.
- ❖ Fun Fact: Brett is a character in the Milton-Bradley game "Real People".

Betsy Bradley: *Volunteer Coach*

- Betsy has been swimming competitively since she was seven years old.
- Growing up she swam for both YMCA and USA swimming (which was called AAU and then USS swimming back then)
- Betsy swam four years for the Orono High School swim team.
- After graduating High school she went on to swim for the University of Maine all four years of college.
- Betsy started Coaching YMCA swimming with the Canoe City Swim Team in Old Town/Orono and stayed with the team for six years.
- After enjoying her experience with the Canoe City Swim Club she joined the University of Maine Swim team as the new Assistant Coach.
- This is her fourth season with the Bluefish and she is a proud Swim Mom of two Bluefish Swimmers.