



August 2021

We're checking in late this month because it is, well, the busy summer season for poolies.

For those of you operating outdoor pools, there's only a only a few more weeks of staff shortages, hazy air, scorching temperatures and cranky customers.

This newsletter is packed with the kind of hot topics that all collide during our busy season, so I'm keeping the lede short and jumping right in.

-Katie Crysdale
Founder, Lakeview Aquatic Consultants

AQUATICS OPERATOR SCHEDULE

FANTASY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
OFF	OFF	OFF	WORK	OFF	WORK	WORK
WORK	OFF	OFF	OFF	WORK	OFF	OFF

REALTY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
CALLED IN	INSERVICE	OFF / ON CALL	WORK	STAFF MEETING	WORK	WORK
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ALIVE solutions

A woman in Alabama took down - and then reposted - an entrapment incident on Facebook that allegedly occurred in a hot tub (spa) at a resort in Orlando, Florida. You can see the complete post - with multiple photos - by clicking the link.

If you still don't know what entrapment is, you need to educate yourself about this very real hazard. I wrote an article for PoolPro Magazine earlier this year arguing that non-fatal entrapments happen semi-regularly, but aren't tracked. This incident - along with the most recent Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) report - support this theory.

What is entrapment? Watch this excellent 7-minute video as a good introduction. It was produced by the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP), now part of the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA).

This information is not just for the operations team! Show this video to lifeguards, front line staff, management, health & safety, and even family members, where appropriate.

Read more about the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act (VGBA). Similar and/or equivalent safety standards apply in most Canadian provinces and internationally in some countries.

And - if you think Paige's incident is an aberration - watch this entrapment in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from 2019 (viewer discretion is advised). The pump suction was so strong that two grown men could not remove the child until the pump was shut off.

For those looking to develop a monthly entrapment checklist, look at Alberta Health Services 2019 Anti-Entrapment Compliance

Plan as a possible template to start from. As always, if you need more individual support, please don't hesitate to hit reply to this email.

-Katie Crysdale
Founder, Lakeview Aquatic Consultants



Paige Marie Comeaux ✓

2021-07-09



Over the last few days, I've thought about the events that took place while on vacation. This is loooooong!

HUGE PSA:

ALWAYS keep an eye on your people in the water (pool, hot tub, ocean, lake).

Anyone that knows me knows that I'm the happiest in any body of water. This past weekend, I learned that anything can happen at anytime to anyone.

Our Saturday pool day could have ended A LOT worse if my friends hadn't responded the way they did or if the skimmer would have caught my hair instead of my back.

Long story short, the majority of my back got sucked into the skimmer on the side of the hot tub. No, I didn't lean against it, I literally sat near it & it completely sucked my back into it. Not only that, I had NO idea that it was as powerful as it was. I was stuck there for a good 2 & a half to 3 minutes. The office staff and security manager were just as shocked as we were. The resort apologized & assured me the hot tub would be closed until they found a solution. The hot tub has not been taped off or closed since the incident.

Had my hair been sucked back into the skimmer, I would have drowned, right there in front of all of my friends & a few strangers. How traumatizing! Had this been a small child or an older person, they could have more injuries than I do.

The rest of my vacation was spent worrying about getting sucked into filters & skimmers & drowning.

It took us filing multiple reports to get a phone call back from the GM, who seemed to have brushed it off at first. GOOD NEWS, is that the GM went out with his Aquatic crew today to look at the hot tub to determine what the best solution is to this issue. Although this resort has been open for 19 years, they have never seen an issue like this (thank goodness) & plan to never see it again. I'm so very thankful that the GM is making sure this doesn't happen again.

I'm thankful that this ended the way it did & that I'm here to share the story, but I'm posting this in hopes it might save someone else's life.

Watch your people in the water!

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Swimply vs Wisconsin

Remember when horrific crimes perpetuated at Airbnb rental units forced the company to add a 24-hour hotline and increase host property insurance? Click here to read a recent Bloomberg expose on how little dangerous crime that's actually solved.

Welcome to the early age of Swimply, an app featured on the TV show Shark Tank experiencing bonanza (2000%) growth during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

As a lifeguard and certified pool operator (CPO) instructor, I can think of nothing more dangerous than letting strangers into your residential swimming pool maintained at who-knows-what uninspected level of chemical balance or structural safety.

Kudos to the state of Wisconsin for pushing back against Swimply- someone WILL get seriously hurt in a residential pool if there's not additional safety or operating requirements.

Those regulatory requirements don't need to be exactly the same as a Class A/Public Pool, but certainly more needs to be in place than the zero regulatory requirements after a residential pool is built.

"Wisconsin regulators told Swimply in April that pools offered for rent would have to be treated the same as large, public swimming pools. That means a pool's owner would have to obtain a license and meet construction requirements that are more onerous."

A runner's up award goes to several municipalities in New Jersey (free with subscriber registration) for taking a bylaw position and actually citing violators who continue to rent out their pools.

Upcoming Events

Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA)

Certified Pool Operator (CPO) Class



CERTIFIED POOL OPERATOR CLASS

August 23-26, 2021
10 am - 2 pm EST
100% Online



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70% sold out - register early to avoid disappointment. Thereafter, our next class is September 20-23, 2021 or private class bookings are possible with limited availability.

[2021 CPO Class Schedule](#)



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Spoke to a client today: glass goggles shattered in their commercial pool this weekend, so worth resharing!!

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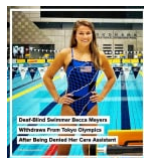
I was a lifeguard in college. During one annual August shutdown, I was restringing lane ropes while contractors in a lift serviced the event lighting above the 50-meter competition pool. It was hot...

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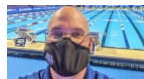
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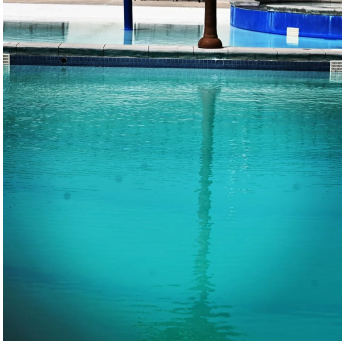


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I'm a lifeguard for Olympic swimmers, our job isn't useless

Instagram Posts



WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING SO INNOVATIVE THAT NO BRAND HAS EVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE IT.



SEEMS RISKY. CAN YOU GIVE EXAMPLES OF OTHER BRANDS THAT HAVE DONE THIS?



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