

# MAXIMIZING TIME UNDERWATER

## **TIGHT STREAMLINE**

Reducing drag is the most important factor during the underwater portions of a race. The easiest way to improve is to keep a tight streamline. This will allow you to go further, faster.

### PUSH OFF STRENGTH

The fastest speed you reach during a length is right at the end of the push-off. A stronger push off will produce more speed to sustain a longer time underwater.





#### HERE AND WHEN

The ideal depth is between 0.4-0.6m. The ideal distance is at the point where your speed underwater matches or goes below your average stroking speed.

## **BE CONSISTENT**

Most swimmers tend to drop time underwater as a race progresses, but faster swimmers maintain consistency throughout. Focus on producing consistent time underwater, without sacrificing any distance.



## **STRONG UP KICK**

During dolphin kicks, it is important to kick hard up as well as down, and to get your toes really moving fast.

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