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Coach Mike Chenowith

Coach Mike returns to his hometown of Katy, TX where he competed in summer, high school and club swimming, and graduated from Katy High School. He then headed to Annapolis, MD for four years to earn a degree from the Naval Academy and a commission in the Navy. He retired in 2016, having completed a 20-year career, including 8 years of instructor and teaching duty, and earned an M.B.A. from Navy Postgraduate School.

Though not involved in competitive swimming during his Navy career, Mike has always remained connected to the water, participating or competing in water polo, competitive rowing, sailing, windsurfing, wakeboarding, snowboarding, kayaking, SUP, and scuba diving. He has been a certified dive professional since 1996, first as a Divemaster, then as an Instructor in 2012. He enjoys sharing his passion for water sports and also enjoys volleyball and cycling in his free time.

Mike first returned to Katy and the pool deck in 2018 to start coaching, where he spent 4 years acquiring a strong foundation in stroke technique while leading 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18 groups and also assisting with the national group. He moved on to a Tennessee team as the lead 13-14 coach for two years and helped one of his 14-year olds achieve her first Futures cut, while former swimmers have now achieved Junior Nationals time standards. His priority is the development of skills and good habits in the pool to lay the foundation for high performance, in and out of the pool, as a swimmer matures. After a two-year hiatus in the corporate world, Coach Mike is excited to return to his hometown and the pool deck.