

COMEN Cup

There is still one more competition that WCA members are preparing for—the XIX COMEN Cup 2009. Gwen Gabie, Alyson Haylor, Rina Horii, Grace Moran, Sandra Ortellado, Suying Rothrock, Marisa Tashima, Alexa Tchekmarev, Lizzie Welzien and Tori Yee have been practicing daily for their competition in Belgrade, Serbia, August 5-9.

For those unfamiliar with the COMEN Cup, it is considered one of the most elite competition for synchronized swimmers in the 13-15 age group. The COMEN Cup is comprised of top athletes representing European countries from the Mediterranean and surrounding areas. It also attracts competitors from Russia, Eastern Europe, South Africa and Canada.

WCA last competed in the COMEN Cup in 2005 in Athens, Greece. The coaches, athletes, their families and supporters are excited to return to this competition for a couple of important reasons. First and foremost, the athletes are proud to represent WCA and USA in a world competition. Secondly, this may be the last opportunity for an individual US club to participate in a competition of this caliber. Most countries send their national team to this event.

Way to go, WCA! Best wishes from the competition desk....