Upper Extremity Aquatic Home Exercise Program

The following exercises should be performed while activating your core muscles and keeping your spine in neutral. You can use styrofoam dumbbells or 6 to 8 inch length swim noodles to increase the challenge. Use the edge of the pool to help with balance.

1. Rotator Cuff   Equipment: _____________________
   Keeping your upper arms tucked into your side, shoulder blades squeezed together, press both hands apart and together.
   _____ repetitions   _____ sets

2. Rower/Chest Press   Equipment: _____________________
   Beginning with your arms in front of you at shoulder height.
   Squeeze your shoulder blades together and down as you pull your elbows straight back to your side. Then push forward.
   _____ repetitions   _____ sets

3. Shoulder Extension   Equipment: _____________________
   Palms down, arms in front of you, drag your arms through the water at your sides.
   _____ repetitions   _____ sets

   Begin with arms apart. Pull your arms in together, then push your arms out and apart. Keep arms below shoulder height.
   _____ repetitions   _____ sets

5. Diagonal Shoulder Lift   Equipment: _____________________
   Lift your arm from opposite hip out to your side gradually turning your palm from down to up.
   _____ repetitions   _____ sets

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