

***Fifth Annual
SouthCoast Regional***



***Swimming Awards Night
Thursday, May 4, 2006***



On May 4, 2006, at White's of Westport, Olympic Gold Medalist Misty Hyman helped kick off SouthCoast Aquatics' fifth annual Coaching Legends Scholarship Dinner and Awards Night ([click here to see Misty's bio](#)). 62 of the top male & female swimmers & divers from the South Coast Region were honored as all-stars. The athletes ranged from 6th grade to 12th grade and competed for the following teams: New Bedford, Apponequet, Bishop Stang and Durfee high schools, SouthCoast Aquatics, YMCA of Greater New Bedford, Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, River City Swim Club & the Boys & Girls Club of Fall River. The guest speaker began by replaying her 2000 Olympic Games upset of Australia's Susie O'Neil. Hyman's defeat of O'Neil was one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history. Misty shared the strategies she used to defeat the reigning World Record Holder who had been undefeated for the previous 6 years. She later stressed the value of graduating from college and explained how she sacrificed lucrative endorsement deals to finish her degree at Stanford University. Misty provided the athletes with more thrills when she helped present the South Coast Regional All-Star Awards to the following athletes:

6th & 7th grade: Katherine Medeiros/Andrew Awad (SCA); Mara Honohan/Alec Misteroni (GNBY); Melyssa Looker/Aaron Dern BGCFR, Grace Borden (RCSC).

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The highlight of the evening culminated in the presentation of the coaching legends Swimmer of the Year awards. In honor of the region's coaching legends, the girls award has been named after Trix Whalen (NBYWCA) and the late Sally Smith (FRYMCA) and the boys award is named after Jim Medeiros (NBHS) and Jim Filippo (Umass-Dartmouth).

Criteria for the award has been determined by SCA's Board of Directors and involves the following categories: best times in all strokes and distances in both short-course yards and long-course meters; official class academic rank; history of training and competing during the past four years, loyalty to South Coast area teams and community service. Nominees are assigned point values based on each category.

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Misty Hyman and Coaching Legends Trix Whalen, Jim Medeiros & Jim Filippo then announced the swimmer of the year awards. Julie Gauvin received the Whalen/Smith Female Senior Swimmer of the Year Award, and Will McGuinness received the Medeiros/Filippo Male Senior Swimmer of the Year Award. Gauvin trained and competed for Bishop Stang High School while McGuinness trained and competed for B.M.C. Durfee High School . Both individuals were presented with Heisman like trophies and received a \$1000 college scholarship. Misty Hyman capped the event by taking pictures and signing autographs after the ceremony.

SCA would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in the awards night for their efforts in making this event a success. The generosity of our community, area merchants and friends of SCA played such a crucial role in making this night the tradition it has become here in Southeastern Massachusetts. The state of swimming on the SouthCoast is strong and we are very proud to say it is because of our SouthCoast community.

Thank You,

The SouthCoast Aquatics Board of Directors

The following teams were invited to the 5th Annual SouthCoast Regional Swimming Awards Night:

Apponequet High School · Bishop Stang High School · BMC Durfee High School

SouthCoast Aquatics · New Bedford High School · YMCA of Middleboro

Fall River Boys & Girls Club · YMCA of Greater Fall River · YMCA of Greater New Bedford

River City Swim Club · Wareham YMCA · Warrior Swim Team

Copies of all documents submitted by nominating coaching staff, documents used in the selection process by SCA and point totals for individual nominees may be obtained by contacting SCA in writing without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage.

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Female Senior Swimmer
of The Year:**

Julie Gauvin
nominated from
Bishop Stang High
School



**Medeiros/Filippo
Male Senior Swimmer
of The Year:**

Will McGuinness
nominated from
BMC Durfee High
School

SCA/Hyman inspire swimmers; preach education



2000 Olympic Champion—Misty Hyman



Misty Hyman's Gold Medal in the 200 Mtr Fly

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Trix Whalen announces Julie Gauvin as Female Swimmer of the Year



Swimmer of the Year Award



Jim Filippo & Jim Medeiros announce Will McGuinness as Male Swimmer of the Year

