

Senior Coach of the Year Nominees

Chuck Elrick – Hopkins Mariners Swim Team

- Current member of the CSI Senior Committee
- SC Season - Swimmers attended the Age Group Zone Championship; Sectionals; and US Nationals
- LC Season - Attended the San Juan Open; US Nationals; and swimmers qualified for Zones, Sectionals; Futures; and US Open

Emmanuel Lanzo – Ridgefield Aquatic Club

- Assistant Coach for the 2017 FINA Jr Worlds Team
- Coached Kieran Smith for FINA Jr Worlds (400IM, 200IM, 200Bk)
- Coached Kieran Smith for Phillip 66 Nationals (400IM - 6th Place, 200IM - 9th Place)
- Coached AJ Bornstein for Phillip 66 Nationals (200BR - 2:14.28)
- 5 new Senior CT Resident Records
- 3 new CT Records

Rob Riccobon – West Hartford Aquatic Team

- Safe Sport Coordinator for CT Swimming
- 4 CT Swimming Scholar Athletes
- 10 Eastern Zone Speedo Sectional Championship Qualifiers for short course season
- CT Open Water Champion (13/14 male) and 3 of Top 5 finishers, Top Male Finisher and Top 15-16 Male Finisher
- 4 USA Swimming Future Championship Qualifiers
- USA Swimming Eastern Zone Select Camp Staff Member
- USA Swimming Eastern Zone Select Camp Athlete
- Senior Short Course Championships 3rd place Overall; Men 2nd place
- Age Group Short Course 13-14 High Point Male and Distance Male
- 18 Eastern Zone Senior Long Course Championship Qualifiers
- 5 Connecticut Records
- 2 Resident Records
- Coordinated USA Swimming Northeast Regional Coaches Clinic at Miss Porter's School with over 110 coaches

John Weitz – New Canaan YMCA Caimans

Age Group Coach of the Year Nominees

Alex Baxter – Wilton Y Wahoos

- 2017 Short Course and Long Course CT Age Group Boys Team Champions.
- LC Age Groups 11/12 Boys Distance High Point Champion
- 9 YMCA National Age Group Top Ten swimmers
- 3 USA National Top 20 Swims
- 17 Finals Swims at the 2017 NASA Elite Showcase Classic
- 4 Top 5 Age Groups High Point Finishers
- 30 Age Groups Top 3 Finishes
- 7 Age Groups Event Champions
- 11 Wilton Wahoo 12/Under Team Records
- 28 12/Under SC Age Group Qualifiers with a total of 152 Individual Events
- 33 12/Under LC Age Group Qualifiers with a total of 178 Individual Events
- 8 12/Under Zones Qualifiers with a total of 32 Individual Events
- 4 12/Under Swimmers qualified for CT Senior Championships

Gordon Brown – Regional YMCA of Western CT

- Short Course Season
 - o Regionals
 - 11 Event winners
 - 2 Relay wins
 - 21 Age Group Cuts
 - 2 CT Senior Cuts
 - o Age Groups
 - Combined Team Score: 8th
 - 10/Under Girls: 3rd, 10/Under Boys: 2nd, 10/Under Combined: 2nd
 - 11-12 Girls: 15th, 11-12 Boys: 8th, 11-12 Combined: 8th
 - 13-14 Girls: 11th, 13-14 Boys: 9th, 13-14 Combined: 9th
 - High Point
 - Ingrid Janney - 2nd Place 10/Under Girls Distance
 - Gavin Vesey - 2nd Place 10/Under Boys Distance
 - Ian Lee - 11-12 Boys Individual and Distance Champion
 - o Eastern Zone Age Group Championship
 - 7 RYWC Swimmers
 - RYWC Swimmers achieved 3 Bronze, 4 Silver, and 2 Gold Medals
 - Maddie O'Conner was the 13-14 200 IM & 200 Free Champion
- Long Course Season
 - o CT Records
 - Boys 11-12 200M Freestyle: Ian Lee - 2:07.82

- Regionals
 - 15 Event Winners
 - 14 Age Group Cuts
 - 6 CT Senior Cuts
- Age Groups
 - 41 Zone QT's achieved
 - 2 10/U Girls Relay Champions
 - 11/12 Girls 200 Breaststroke Champion
 - 2 Individual Silver Medals, 10 Individual Bronze Medals
 - Combined Team Score: 7th
 - 10/Under Girls: 1st, 10/Under Boys: 5th, 10/Under Combined: 2nd
 - 11-12 Girls: 10th, 11-12 Boys: 10th, 11-12 Combined: 9th
 - 13-14 Girls: 15th, 13-14 Boys: 6th, 13-14 Combined: 10th
 - High Point
 - Brianna Deierlein - 4th Place 10/Under Girls Distance
 - Gavin Vesey - 5th Place 10/Under Boys Distance
- Eastern Zone Age Group Championship
 - 13 Swimmers qualified in multiple events

Please note that 10/Under accomplishments are the results of the hard work and dedication of their coach Susie Johnson

Jeremy Cochran – Greenwich YWCA Dolphins

Dennis Flores – Zeus Swim Team

Matt Pohlman – Bridgeport/Stratford YMCA

Jim Santiago – West Hartford Aquatic Team

- Head Age Group Coach WHAT Swimming
- Short Course and Long Course seasons
 - 1 National top ten swimmer
 - 5 Zone Qualifiers
 - 2 Zone finalists
 - 24 CT Age Group Qualifiers
 - 1 CT Age Group Champion
 - 1 Open Water Champion
 - 6 Regional Champions
 - 15 Top 16 swimmers
 - 20 Individual and Relay WHAT Team Records Broken

Bill Strickland – Trumbull Pisces

Trumbull Pisces have finished the 2016-2017 seasons with the best results as a team under his time as head coach of the Pisces. Starting in 2016 Short Course season where his Pisces started at Regionals bringing 54 swimmers with many Top 10, Top 5, Top 3 individual and relay finishes with 7 Regional Event Champions. Moving onto Age Group Championships bringing 13 swimmers in 44 events, and under his tenure for the first time, a Senior Meet Qualifier.

- 2016 SC Age Group Championship
 - o 10/Under Girls
 - 2nd Place - 100 Breaststroke
 - 3rd Place - 50 Breaststroke
 - 5th Place - 50 Yard Butterfly
 - 5th Place - 50 Freestyle
 - 8th Place - 200 IM
 - 8th Place - 100 Freestyle
 - o 11/12 Boys
 - 7th Place - 200 Backstroke
 - 9th Place - 100 Backstroke
 - 13th Place - 50 Backstroke
 - 14th Place - 200 Butterfly
 - 15th Place - 50 Butterfly

Coach Bill was also sent 2 Swimmers to 2016 Eastern Zone Championships while also being selected to the 2016 Connecticut Eastern Zones Coaching Staff.

Moving onto the 2017 Long Course Season Coach Bill and his Pisces continued on their success from their Short Course season going into Long Course Championships starting at Regionals. Sending 54 swimmers, the Pisces continued to produce Top 10, Top 5, Top 3 Individual finishes, and multiple Regional Champions in individual and relay events. Improving to 2 Senior Qualifiers this Long Course and sending 12 swimmers in 41 events to Long Course Age Groups. The Pisces were also able to provide 3 Eastern Zone Championship swimmers for the 2017 Long Course Eastern Zones meet.

The 2017 Long Course Age Groups Championships proved to be Coach Bill's most successful championship meet with the Pisces finishing as a team in 26th place, and producing the following results in individual events.

- 10/Under Girls
 - o 1st Place Age Group Champion Girls 100 Breaststroke
 - o 2nd Place - 50 Breaststroke
 - o 2nd Place - 200 Freestyle
 - o 2nd Place - 50 Butterfly
 - o 2nd Place - 100 Freestyle
 - o 4th Place - 50 Freestyle
- 11/12 Boys
 - o 3rd Place - 50 Backstroke
 - o 3rd Place - 200 Backstroke
 - o 4th Place - 100 Backstroke
 - o 8th Place - 50 Backstroke

- 9th Place - 200 Breaststroke
 - 11th Place - 200 IM
 - 14th Place - 100 Breaststroke
 - 15th Place - 50 Breaststroke
- 13/14 Girls
 - 14th Place - 200 Backstroke