



Charles “Red” Silvia, Honor Coach, United States of America, 2007



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Charles “Red” Silvia coached swimmers for professional races and English Channel attempts and was instrumental in organizing many local marathon swims. He coached IMSHOF Honoree Paul Asmuth to many of his victories in the 1980s.

Red’s influence on other coaches was tremendous: in 1970 there were 700 college coaches in the United States and more than half of them were Silvia’s swimmers at Springfield College, Massachusetts. Over his 41-year career Springfield won 214 meets and ten New England Championships.

He was inducted in 1976 into the International Swimming Hall of Fame and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2011 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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