

## **Teenage swimmers dominate inaugural 007 Open Water Swimming Competition at James Bond Beach**

16 year old Nicholas Haughton of the Marlins Swim Club was the winner of the inaugural 007 Open Water Swim Competition organized by the Oracabessa Foundation, today, Saturday June 29, at James Bond Beach in Oracabessa.

Nicholas completed the 1.1 mile (1.77km) course in the protected area of the Oracabessa Bay Fish Sanctuary in a time of 27.43.

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 15 year old Orane Garrick, also of the Marlins Swim Club who clocked 28.27. 3<sup>rd</sup> was Chantal Woodard, a Peace Corps volunteer who completed the event in a time of 28.40. 4<sup>th</sup> was 14 year old Darius Smith of the Tornados Swim Club, finishing in a time of 32.24.

Age group awards are as follows:

### **Under 18 Male**

1<sup>st</sup> – Nicholas Haughton - **Age 16** (Marlins Swim Club) – 27.43  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Orane Garrick **Age 15** (Marlins Swim Club) 28.27  
3<sup>rd</sup> –Darius Smith **Age 14** (Tornados Swim Club) – 32.24

### **Under 18 Female**

1<sup>st</sup> – Rachel Minto-Walker **Age 14** (Marlins Swim Club) 34.32

### **19-39 Male**

1<sup>st</sup> – Marty Hills **Age 37** – 34.33  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Sheldon Scotchman **Age 38** – 41:07  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Garfield Simms **Age 32** – 1:11:26

### **19-39 Female**

1<sup>st</sup> – Chantal Woodard – **Age 25** 28.40  
2<sup>nd</sup> –Sharon Gullick – **Age 35** – 33:58  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Toko Komura – **Age 37** – 40.10

### **40+ Male**

1<sup>st</sup> – Weston Moses – **Age 42** – 34:01  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Nigel Bair – **Age 49** – 42:02

### **40+Female**

1<sup>st</sup> Alis Woodard – **Age 52** – 34:06

A total of 16 swimmers competed in the event.

Chief organiser of the event, Virginia McConnell who is a Peace Corps volunteer, said she was happy she was able to pull off the event. She hopes today's open water competition will be the first of many, and looks forward to increased participation.

She also expressed thanks to the donors including KFC, Lifespan Water, Dolphin Cove, Golden Eye, John Crow's Restaurant, Dunns River Falls, Digicel, who provided prizes for the participants.

All proceeds from the event go toward the Oracabessa Foundation, which is a non-profit community organization that strives to be a catalyst for the sustainable development of Oracabessa and its environs. Its main areas of focus are environment, education, sport and entrepreneurship. Read more at: [www.oracabessafoundation.org](http://www.oracabessafoundation.org)

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