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Mabio Costa Certified As OPAF First Swim Instructor

November 1, 2011 - Waterloo, Iowa – Mabio Costa, a world champion amputee triathlete, has been certified as an OPAF First Swim instructor. First Swim offers adaptive swim instruction and coaching to anyone with a physical challenge. First Swim, founded in 2006, is one of the earliest in the First Clinic family of adaptive recreation. Costa did an outstanding job assisting OPAF with a First Swim clinic at the 2011 Amputee Coalition Conference in Kansas City. Jason Wening, CPO and OPAF First Swim Director certified Mabio at the October 22 First Swim Clinic sponsored by Ability Prosthetics & Orthotics in Charlotte, NC.

Mabio is part of the Prosthetic Technical Services of Prosthetic & Orthotic Associates in Orlando. He also serves as their South American representative. Costa has been a member of the USA Triathlon Team since 2001 and was the World Champion in 1996, representing his birth country of Brazil and again in 2004 representing his new country, the United States of America. Mabio's below knee amputation at age 12 was due to a congenital limb deficiency. He has not slowed down since then.

Mabio will be leading First Swim Clinics for OPAF across the country and working on new First Clinic opportunities for anyone with physical challenges. "We are so pleased to welcome Mabio to our ever growing staff of stellar instructors for adaptive recreation" said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director.



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