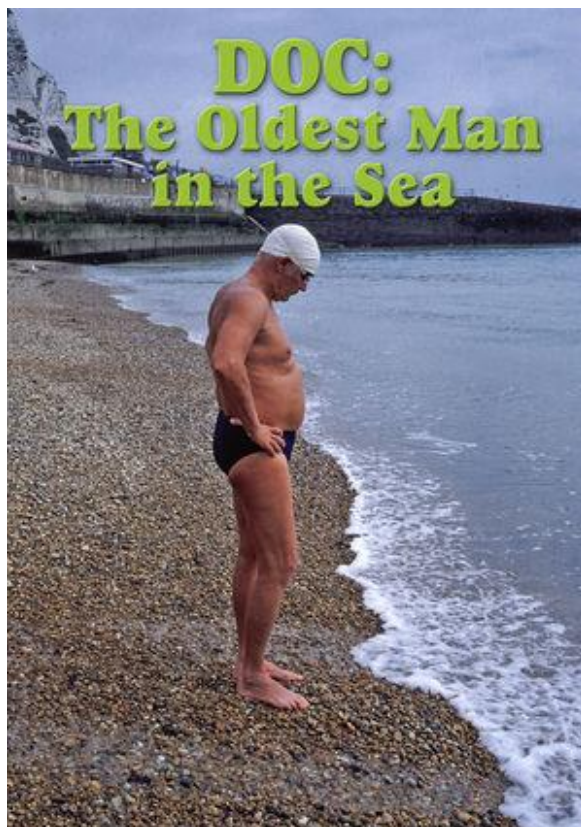




James “Doc” Counsilman, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1981



Personal Website (None known)

James “Doc” Counsilman was the world-renowned coach from the Indiana University who became the oldest man to cross the English Channel in 1979. His well-documented effort made headlines and brought marathon swimming to the attention of the entire world.

He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (1976) and received the Buck Dawson Authors Award and 1990 Gold Medallion.

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