



Richard "Dick" Campion, Honor Coach, Australia, 2011



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Richard Campion was the national open water swimming coach for Australia from 1989 to 1998. His swimmers took gold, silver and bronze at the 1991 and 1998 World Swimming Championships, the 1991 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and several international competitions in Italy, France, Canada and the USA. He coached a 93 km record 4-person relay from Malta to Sicily in 1996 and several swimmers for the English Channel and Manhattan.

Dick served as president of the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Australian Marathon Swimming Federation from 1977 to 1979 and the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation. He was a member of the Australian Open Water Swimming Committee from 1988 to 2001 and wrote the Open Water Swimming handler and trainer's 25 km manual, suitable for 25 km, adopted by Australian Swimming. He organized the 1999 Pan Pacific Open Water Championships and designed the Australian Swimming 16 km Grand Prix Series and, from 1990 to 1996, he was the chief presenter of Open Water Swimming Coaching at Australian National Coaching Conferences.

After competing in the 1960 Olympics, Dick raced on the professional marathon swimming circuit: Capri-Naples 1975 and 1976; lac St-Jean 1975; lac La Tuque 24-hour Swim 1975; and lac Chibougamau 1976. He won the 1976 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships in 1976.

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