



David Parcels, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2012



Videos: [Swim 1](#)

David Parcels was the first amateur to complete the Swim Across the Sound in 1996. He set the record for the oldest 2-way English Channel in 2002 at age 44 in 2002. The record held until 2004 for females and 2019 for males.

He completed an English Channel solo in 2000; and 6 times 37 km Tampa Bay; and around Manhattan. Parcels passed away in 2007 while competing in the Tampa Bay Marathon Swim.

He was the marathon swim director of the St. Vincent's Medical Center Swim Across the Sound, which has raised over US\$2 million for cancer.

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