



Marcia Cleveland, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2020



[Personal Website](#)

Marcia Cleveland has been swimming marathons since 1991, with no indications of retiring any time soon – record holder as the fastest Triple Crown Swimmer (combined time – as of end 2019). She has been one of the most prolific contributors to the advancement of distance swimming – in the USA and globally. Author of “Dover Solo” 1999 – one of the few available training accounts/stories before the internet. Continues to be the “Bible” for English Channel aspirants.

Around Manhattan Island 45.8 km/28.5 miles: 1996: 5 hours and 57 minutes (USA female record), 1995: 8 hours and 3 minutes (second female) and 1991: 7 hours and 29 minutes (first female). 2019: Tsugaru Strait 30 km/18.6 miles in 10 hours and 11 minutes, 2018: Tampa Bay 38.6 km/24 miles in 11 hours and 19 minutes, 2018: North Channel 34.5 km/21.4 miles in 15 hours and 3 minutes, 2017: Lake Tahoe 34.4 km/21.4 miles 11 hours and 25 minutes, 2017: Swim Across the Long Island Sound 27.4 km/17 miles: first overall finisher in 9 hours and 26 minutes and 2011: Santa Barbara Channel – Anacapa 19.3 km/12 miles: 6 hours and 0 minutes

2008: Chicago Skyline Swim 41.8 km/26 miles: set the speed record of 12 hours and 49 minutes and first woman to complete this swim, 2005: Catalina Channel 32.3 km/20.2 miles: 8 hours and 56 minutes the fastest time that year, 2002: Boston Light 16 km/10miles in 2 hours and 47 minutes, first overall finisher. 1999: Around the Sound – Bermuda 10 km/6.2 miles: set the female speed record of 2 hours and 32 minutes, 1997: Around Key West Florida 19.3 km/12 miles: 4 hours and 43 minutes and 1994: English Channel 33.7 km/20.9 miles: 9 hours and 44 minutes. United States Masters Swimming (USMS) - Open Water and Long Distance Committees: Vice Chair (2001-2005) and Chair (2005-2009). Contributed more than 15 articles/videos to USMS, Swimmer Magazine and TedxTalk 2015.

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