



Vicko Šoljan, Honor Administrator, Croatia, 2007



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Vicko Šoljan led Croatian marathon swimming for more than 25 years. He founded the Croatian Long Distance Swimming Federation in 1980 and organized the Croatian International Long Distance Swimming Championship (the 16K Faros Marathon) in Stari Grad Bay since 1996 and the Faros Long Distance Swimming Club since 1976. He founded the 5 km and 25 km LEN Open Water Swimming Championship in 1989. The Faros Marathon Swim was the only international event to continue in Croatia through the 1991-1992 war.

Šoljan conducted the first LEN Long Distance Championships in 1989 with 5 km and 25 km distances. He took national teams to 6 European Championships and 4 World Championships. He wrote about open water swimming for various newspapers for 58 years and was the author of Stari Grad – European Centre of Long Distance Swimming.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

Croatian Translation

Vicko Šoljan je vodio hrvatsko maratonsko plivanje više od 25 godina. Utemeljio je hrvatski savez daljinskog plivanja 1980 te godine, organizirao je hrvatsko međunarodno prvenstvo u daljinskom plivanju (16K Faros Maraton) u Starogradskom zaljevu od 1996 te, kao i klub daljinskog plivanja Faros od 1976. 1989 te osnovao je LEN Open Water na 5 km i 25 km prvenstvo u plivanju. Maratonsko plivanje na Farosu bio je jedini međunarodni događaj koji se nastavio održavati u Hrvatskoj i za vreme rata od 1991.-1992 te

Šoljan je 1989. godine vodio prvo LEN prvenstvo na duge staze na 5 km i 25 km. Odveo je reprezentaciju na 6 europskih prvenstava i 4 svjetskih prvenstva. O plivanju u otvorenim vodama pisao je za razne novine 58 godina i bio je autor knjige 'Stari Grad – Europski centar daljinskog plivanja'.