



## Joe Smith, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2005



Personal Website - None known

**Joe Smith** won most of the British Long Distance Swimming Association races during the late 1950s and early 1960s. After two failed English Channel attempts in 1961 and 1962, Joe became the oldest Briton to conquer the English Channel in 1999 at the age of 65. He served as a Director of the Channel Swimming Association. He was British Long Distance Swimming Association's Veteran Swimmer of the Year and was awarded an Association of Retired Persons British Gold Hero's Medal. Joe won the Morecambe Inshore Championship in 1958 and 1959, the Morecambe Bay Championships in 1959 and 1960, the 10.25-mile Windermere Championship in 1959, the Windermere Cross Lake Championship in 1960, the Champion of Champions race in 1998.

Together with Honoree Norman Trusty, they volunteered their time from 2002 to present (2021) to assist the Dover Museum. The Channel Swimming gallery, stories and records were greatly advanced due to their efforts. In addition, they assembled the only list of unsuccessful solo swim attempts - a valuable addition to the history of the sport.

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

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)