



## James Doty, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2007



**James Doty** was first to swim: 37 km around Cape Ann; 30 km 2-way South Boston - Graves Light; 27.4 km from Nantasket Beach around Graves Light into Revere; and 19.3 km from Monhegan Island to Port Clyde. He holds the record for the most Boston Light swims at 18 (including a 2-way in 1969) – set in 1980 which stood in 2024 (and beyond).

Doty swam across or the length of most New Hampshire lakes and swam on the professional circuit in World Professional Marathon Swimming Association races in Chicago, La Tuque, Chicoutimi and Rhode Island, along with two English Channel attempts. He completed a 2-way Boston Light – one on his record setting 18 Boston Light swims.

In 1968 he established the Irving Davids and Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award; re-started the Boston Light race in 1978; and founded the New England Marathon Swimming Association in 1978 as a charity organization to study water conditions, water safety and promote swimming.

Doty received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2002 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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