



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



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Marcia Cleveland set the speed record holder for the Triple Crown in 2005 which stood in 2022 (and beyond). In the Chicago Skyline Swim 41.8 km in 2008 she was the first woman to complete this swim and set the speed record of 12 hours and 49 minutes and, which stood in 2022 (and beyond). She set the female speed record in 1999 of Around the Sound – Bermuda 10 km in 2 hours and 32 minutes, which stood until in 2010. She won the 2002: Boston Light 16 km race in 2002 in 2 hours and 47 minutes.

Her marathons and races include: English Channel 33.7 km in 1994 in 9 hours and 44 minutes; Around Manhattan Island 45.8 km in 1996 in 5 hours and 57 minutes, in 1995 in 8 hours and 3 minutes, and winning female in 1991 in 7 hours and 29 minutes; Tsugaru Strait 30 km in 2019 in 10 hours and 11 minutes; Tampa Bay 38.6 km in 2018 in 11 hours and 19 minutes; North Channel 34.5 km in 2018 in 15 hours and 3 minutes; Lake Tahoe 34.4 km in 2017 in 11 hours and 25 minutes; Swim Across the Long Island Sound 27.4 km in 2017 in 9 hours and 26 minutes (winner) and 2011; Santa Barbara Channel – Anacapa 19.3 km in 2011 in 6 hours and 0 minutes; Catalina Channel 32.3 km in 2005 in 8 hours and 56 minutes; Around Key West Florida 19.3 km in 1997: 4 hours and 43 minutes and in 1994.

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. Marcia has been involved with United States Masters Swimming (USMS) - Open Water and Long Distance Committees, Vice Chair (2001-2005) and Chair (2005-2009). She contributed more than 15 articles/videos to USMS, Swimmer Magazine and TedxTalk 2015.

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