



**Rosemary George, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain,
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Rosemary George swam from England to France in 1961 in 21 hours and 35 minutes and in 1967 France to England in 17 hours and 50 minutes to become the 3rd woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Other marathons included: 1962 Lake Ohrid, Yugoslavia in 14 hours; 1962, 35 km from Jeble to Lattakia in Syria in 12 hours and 30 minutes; 1963, 40 km from Montazza to Alexandria in Egypt in 15 hours; 44 km in the Suez Canal in Egypt in 16 hours; Capri to Naples in 13 hours and 5 minutes; 44 km in Lake Ohrid; and 5 marathons in the Middle east in 1964 and 1965.

In 1969, she trained IMSHOF Honoree Jon Erikson, then the youngest male to swim the English Channel. In 1976, she trained Jon again when he broke IMSHOF Honoree Ted Erikson's (his father) 2-way English Channel speed record with a time of 30 hours. In 1981, she trained Jon for the first triple-crossing of the English Channel in 38 hours and 27 minutes. She also trained a number of other successful English Channel swimmers.

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