



Captain Leonard Hutchinson, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004



Second from left with IMSHOF Honoree Rosemary George
Videos (please help if you can find any)

Captain Leonard Hutchinson piloted more than 100 Channel swims for swimmers from over the world, including Brazil, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Iceland, Argentina,

He piloted record-breaking English Channel swims including those of IMSHOF Honorees: Brojan Das in 1961 in 10 hours and 35 minutes (France to England – held until 1964) and Baron Abílio Couto in 1959 in 12 hours and 49 minutes (England to France – held until 1960)

Records set by other swimmers included 2 in 1961: in June the earliest date the English Channel had ever been swum (held until 1990) and the youngest ever to swim from England to France (held until 1972).

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