IMSHOF NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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1. Next Ceremony Class of 2027: Dublin, Ireland Saturday 8th May





Start making your plans and follow the news on International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame - IMSHOF Home Page.

56 tickets booked as of 23rd November

2. In Memoriam - Honor Coach Hugh Tucker, South Africa 2018



Hugh Tucker was a contributor for open water swimming in South Africa since the early 1970s. He coached, piloted/crewed and observed over 350 swims.
Hugh did not take pay for his activities and even paid his own expenses for the swimmers he coached during English Channel marathons. His reward was being part of the swim experience and helping to improve the chances of success. He is a fabulous example of a lifetime of volunteering.
Hugh was an accomplished and determined marathon swimmer. He first attempted the English Channel in 1973, again in 2003 before completing in 2004 in 13 hours and 37 minutes.

IMSHOF run two formal initiatives:

Identify and Promote Swimmers/Contributors with Physical Disabilities and Honorees who Assisted (adopted 10 March 2019). IMSHOF logged 12 activities to support this initiative in last year including new nominations, interviews and social media posts. Natalie du Toit, MBE, OIG, was announced as an Honor Swimmer, South Africa, 2027. She completed in the 2008 Beijing Olympics as a marathon swimmer with a leg amputation.

Identify and Promote Black Swimmers and Contributors (adopted 17 July 2020). IMSHOF logged 9 activities to support this initiative in last year including interviews, and social media posts. This also included looking for marathon swimmers/contributors via social media and contacting all World Aquatics National Federations.

All help is appreciated to advanced these initiatives.

4. New Videos

New Videos added to the IMSHOF Channel:

GRAINNE MARY MOSS (NEE GUNN) North Channel close to Scotland
GRAINNE MARY MOSS (NEE GUNN) Gibraltar
GRAINNE MARY MOSS (NEE GUNN) - swimming from under water over reef
Smiling Swimmer with a Physical Disability - Jane O'Keeffe
Tina Neill 2012 San Clemente Island 84km swim
Madhu Nagaraja with Marcia Cleveland: Marathon Swimming, Dover Solo, and Mindset
Nora Toledano Cadena career and current coaching
Misha Gurov - swimming to work
Decades of Channel Swims: Sally Minty-Gravett MBE in Conversation with Madhu Nagaraja (IMSHOF)
Finding Balance in Open Water: Madhu Nagaraja & Bill Shipp on Stress, Survival, & Success
Overcoming Demons & Embracing Fear: IMSHOF Honoree Cliff Golding in Conversation with Madhu Nagaraja
Honoree Cliff Golding "Thimble Dare": Dream, Achieve, Revisit, Enrich
Maria Redman - aspires to be first African American woman to swim the English Channel
22 August 2026 - Call with Mentors on Asia & Pacific timing

5. Recognizing New and Advancing Patrons

Our community thrives thanks to the generosity of our supporters. We are proud to announce our newest Patron:

Silver Patron: Barbara Pellick

6. Sea Goddess Trophies

IMSHOF have been advised about several issues:

“My Mom swiped mine when she was house sitting and it is now on her fireplace mantle.”

“My club is pressuring me to give mine to them for their display case.”

Great problems! **Yes** - Honorees can order additional Sea Goddesses!



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IMSHOF needs your help to identify and nominate Administrators, Coaches, Organizations, Pilots, and Swimmers for induction and individuals for the Poseidon Award and the Irving Davids and Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award. Nominations for the Class of 2028 must be submitted by Saturday 31st July, 2027 10pm GMT to allow an adequate period for internal data validation, ethics and viability review. See the webpage and subtabs for details and forms.

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