



## Francis Crippen, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2011



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**Francis Crippen** raced on the elite circuit from 2006 to 2010 and won the 2007 Pan American Games 10 km; 2 FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup titles; and 6 national titles in America. He took position including: 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2009 FINA World Swimming Championships 10 km; 2<sup>nd</sup> r in the 2010 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 10 km; and 4th in the 2010 World Swimming Championships 10 km.

He was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the FINA World Cup rankings in first full season in 2010 when he passed away in a race at age 26. Fran was the emotional and inspirational leader of the USA Swimming National Open Water Swimming Team and a dynamic personality on the professional marathon swimming circuit that began after a successful transition from the pool. Besides his quick rise to the top echelon of professional marathon swimming, he was a personable ambassador of the sport. His love of the sport of marathon swimming was shared with fans, the media, his team-mates and rivals.

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