



**Right Honourable Captain William J. Long, OBE,
Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004**



Personal Website - (None known)

Right Honourable Captain William J. Long, OBE was a great British/Northern Ireland pilot who helped keep North Channel swimming going during the period of the 1950s and 1960s when many great swimmers tried crossing from Northern Ireland to Scotland.

During the ill-fated attempt by IMSHOF Honoree Jason Zirganos, he tried to revive the Greek major. Bill piloted IMSHOF Honoree Kevin Murphy's 1970 and 1971 crossings of the North Channel when he devised the course which brought success despite there are islands off the coast where the tide runs three hours one way and nine hours the other.

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

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation) - no entry expected