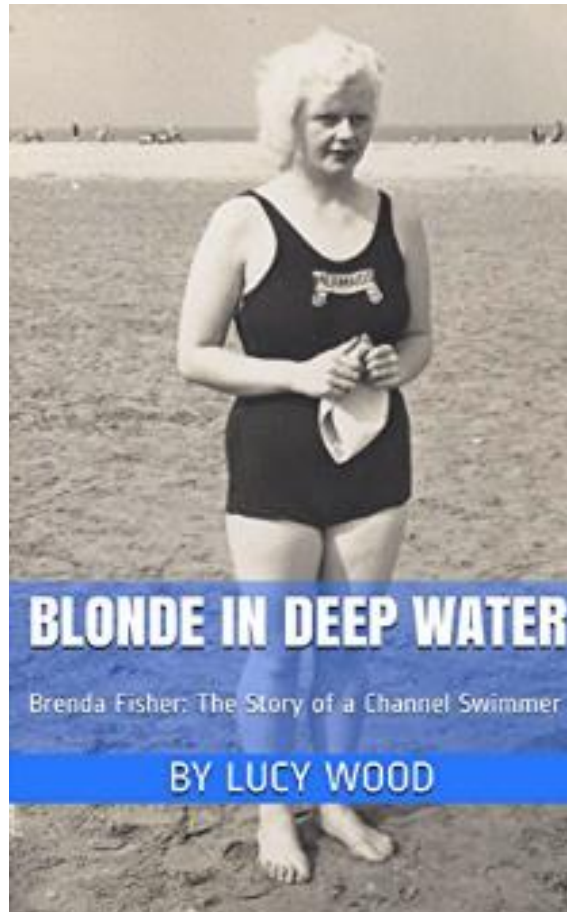




**Brenda Fisher, BEM, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain,  
2023**



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**Brenda Fisher, BEM** won 2 Majors 1951 and 1954 English Channel Race. In 1951 she set the female speed record for the France to England route. Crowds estimated to be 60,000 strong greeted her return home and was named as Britain's leading sportswoman of 1952.

In 1956 Brenda was the third person ever to swim 51 km across Lake Ontario in 18 hours and 20 minutes. She beat the speed record set by IMSHOF Honoree Marilyn Bell by more than 2 hours. Brenda was the first female in the 14.5 km race across Morecambe Bay in 1948 and 1951 – setting a new speed record. In 1956, Brenda won the 2-day 47 km Nile Race – setting a new female record.

In 2018, she received a British Empire Medal (BEM).

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