



## Diane Struble, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2023



Personal Website (None known)

**Diane Struble** was a trailblazing swimmer in the late 1950s. She completed two first ever swims of 32.7 km across Lake Champlain and 51.8 km length of Lake George. Diane was the eighth swimmer to circle Manhattan Island – 30 years after the seventh swimmer and completed a 20 mile Boston harbor swim. She received considerable media attention. An estimated 10,000 people (including spectators in 200 boats) witnessed her Lake George swim for which she received \$25,000 (in 2022 value). She was young, blond, perky, pretty and the single mother of 3 young children – and hence was expected to be at home (not doing distance swimming). This hid a fearless and adventurous woman who set goals and approached them with a fierce determination. She appeared on USA popular television shows: “The Today Show”, “I’ve Got a Secret”, “To Tell the Truth”, and “What’s My Line” and became an inspiration to a generation of woman (single mothers were not common or “public”) and aspiring athletes.

Diane swam around Manhattan breaststroke and without a cap adding to her spectator appeal.

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

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)