



Tom Park, Honor Swimmer, Canada, 1968



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Tom Park won 4 Majors: 1956 English Channel Race; and 1954, 1955 and 1968 Around Atlantic City. He set overall speed records in the Catalina Channel. In 1954 he swam Catalina to the mainland in 13 hours and 26 minutes – which stood until 1958 female and 1971 male. In 1956 he swam mainland to Catalina 9 hours and 11 minutes – which stood until 1974 female and 1977 male.

He competed in the 1956 Canadian National Exhibition swims and was declared the winner as he was the last man in the water.

He won the 45 km Saguenay River swim in 1964 in 9 hours and 18 minutes and the 1st and 2nd 36 km Around Atlantic City in 1954 and 1955 but lost by 2 seconds to IMSHOF Honoree Cliff Lumsdon in 1956. Tom and Cliff vied for the top spot for the rest of the decade, usually finishing within a few minutes of each other. In the 1960 edition, they tied for 2nd in 10 hours, 40 minutes and 7 seconds. He took 2nd in the 1955 Billy Butlin Cross Channel International Swim .

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