



## Martin Strel, Honor Swimmer, Slovenia, 2015



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**Martin Strel** swam 2 first ever solo marathons: 105 km down the Krka River in Slovenia in 28 hours in 1992 and 62 km down the Kolpa River 16 hours in 1993. He swam the English Channel and raced 3 times in Faros and once Capri to Naples.

Martin completed several record (longest) river swims, in a wetsuit. These included: 504.5 km non-stop Danube in 2001 in 84 hours 10 minutes; and as stage swims 3,004 km Danube in 2000 in 58 days; 3,797 km Mississippi in 2002 in 68 days; 1,930 km Paraná in 2003; 4,003 km Yangtze in 2004 in 51 days; 5,268 km Amazon in 2007 in 66 days.

He was the subject and star of a feature documentary entitled *Big River Man* that won a Best Cinematography prize at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

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

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

## Slovenian Translation

**Martin Strel** je v 28 urah v 28 urah leta 1992 in 62 km po reki Kolpi 16 ur v Sloveniji plaval 105 km navzdol. Plaval je angleški kanal in 3-krat dirkal in Faros in nekoč Capri v Neapelj.

Martin je dokončal več rekordnih (najdužnejših) rečnih kopalk, v obleki. Ti vključujejo: 504,5 km non-stop Donava leta 2001 v 84 urah 10 minut; in kot etapa plava 3.004 km Donavo leta 2000 v 58 dneh; 3797 km Mississippi leta 2002 v 68 dneh; 1.930 km Paraná leta 2003; 4.003 km Yangtze leta 2004 v 51 dneh; 5.268 km Amazon leta 2007 v 66 dneh.

Bil je tema in zvezda feature dokumentarca z naslovom *Big River Man*, ki je na filmskem festivalu Sundance 2009 osvojil nagrado za najboljšo kinematografijo.