



Andrew “Andy” Donaldson, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2026



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Andrew “Andy” Donaldson is a marathon swimmer from Scotland and was the first to complete the Oceans Seven within a single year. He also completed the Triple Crown.

He has set multiple speed records, including the circumnavigation of Manhattan Island in 2024 (5 hours and 42 minutes), across the Cook Strait in 2023 (4 hours and 34 minutes), and the Derwent River in 2022 (5 hours and 35 minutes). He also won the Rottneest Channel Swim in 2021 (4 hours and 4 minutes).

Andy has taken part in a range of pioneering swim challenges, including Epic Swim Maui, a staged circumnavigation of Maui, Hawaii in 2024, and continuous relay swims around Bahrain and Ibiza in 2025.

At the 2023 World Open Water Swimming Association Awards, Andy was named “Man of the Year” and recognized with “Performance of the Year”.

He is an advocate for mental health, ocean conservation, and the sport of swimming, using his challenges to raise funds and awareness for organizations aligned with these causes.

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