



Patty Thompson, Honor Swimmer, Canada, 1969



Videos (please help if you can find any)

Patty Thompson won 1 Major: 1969 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation. She set the record as the oldest female, at age 45 in 1991, to cross Lake Ontario (Niagara River mouth to Leslie Street Spit) in 19 hours and 18 minutes - which stood in 2022 (and beyond).

She won all her professional marathon swims: 16 km Hamilton Marathon Swim, 27 km Rhode Island Marathon Swim from Narragansett Rhode Island to Block Island, 19 km Man and His World Marathon Swim and a 24-hour swim in Santa Fe, Argentina.

Patty swam in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics

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