



Mervyn Sharp, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2006



[Personal Website](#)

Mervyn Sharp was a former King of the Channel® with seven crossings of the English Channel, done between 1967 and 1974. He also swam 16 km (10 miles) from Lulworth Cove to Weymouth, 32 km (20 miles) in a double-crossing between Weymouth and Lulworth Cove, 12.8 km (8 miles) between Torquay and Brixham, 12.8 km (8 miles) in Lake Bala in Wales, 48.2 km (30 miles) from Swanage to Weymouth, 14.4 km (9 miles) from Swanage to Bournemouth and 25 km (15.5 miles) at the 1970 Lake Windermere Championships in England. He also did several professional marathon swims in Canada in 1971 and 1972 including the 34 km (21-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean in Canada, 37 km (23-mile) la Descente ou remontée du Saguenay in Canada and the 24-hour La Tuque Relay in Canada. His crossings included his 18 hour and 34 minute crossing in 1967 from France to England and his six other crossings from England to France in 1968 (17 hours and 52 minutes), 1969 (14 hours and 29 minutes and 19 hours and 41 minutes), 1970 (15 hours and 14 minutes), 1973 (15 hours and 17 minutes) and 1974 (13 hours and 42 minutes).

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