



**S.A. "Sid" Cassidy, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 2005**



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**S.A. "Sid" Cassidy** both coached and swam on a record-setting 2-way relay of the English Channel by the USA Swimming National Team in 1990, which stood in 2024 (and beyond).

He served as the USA Swimming National Open Water Coach for five years, was race director for six international marathon swims and the FINA Open Water World Cup events at Atlantic City, USA. Sid's greatest influence in the sport has been achieved as a result of his work as chairperson of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee where he had oversight of the FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup circuit, the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix series and the FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships. Under his leadership, marathon swimming was added to the Olympic program at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and 2012 London Olympics. He was the official starter of the first Olympic 10 km Marathon Swim at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and has helped standardize and professionalize the judging and staging of marathon swims around the world.

As a swimmer, Sid Cassidy ranked fourth as a professional marathon swimmer in 1979. He swam 4 times 36 km Around Atlantic City (one of the few swimmers to ever beat IMSHOF Honoree John Kinsella) and competed in professional marathon races in Chicago; Canada; and Egypt.

Sid received highest award by USA Swimming in 2009 and the Irving Davids-Captain Roger Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame for 2020.

He is an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2026).

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