Serpentine Swimming Club, Honor Organization, Great Britain, 2022

Organization Website

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Serpentine Swimming Club, based in Hyde Park, London, was founded in 1864. A haven for cold water enthusiasts, and a major hub for marathon swimmers. The club has a historic focus on the English Channel (between 1957 and 2026, 90 members have completed solos).

The first female and male swimmers to complete 3-way English Channel crossings, were club members as were IMSHOF Honorees: Alison Streeter, MBE (43 crossings; Jon Erikson (11 crossings), Kevin Murphy (34 solos). Additional marathons completed by members include: Strait of Gibraltar; Lake Geneva/ Lac Leman; Lake Zurich; Capri to Naples; Lake Annecy; Round Jersey; Jersey to France; Round Guernsey; Lake Ohrid; Catalina Channel; Maui to Lanai Channel; Manhattan Island; Robben Island; Suez Canal; Alexandria Circuit; Cook Strait; plus, many crossings of the most famous fresh-water swims in Great Britain such as Loch Lomond; Loch Ness and Lake Windermere.

Serpentine members have a long history of supporting and giving back to the swimming community. They have held officer and committee positions in IMSHOF and in IMSHOF Honor Organizations: British Long Distance Swimming Association; the Channel Swimming Association and the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation. In 2021; the club raised USD $20,000 for one-to-one swimming lessons for children with physical and sensory disabilities.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)