



## Charlie Gravett, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2016



Videos: [Show 1 at 0:53](#) [Show 2 at 8:50 shaking hand](#) [Swim 1 at 4:03](#)  
[Swim 2 at 8:20 pushing bags](#), and [Swim 3 at 0:24 and 0:59](#)

**Charlie Gravett** was the escort pilot from 1987 to 2015 for the IMSHOF Honor Organization Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club in the Channel Islands (JLDSC) near Normandy France. While other pilots were involved in a few of the trips, Charlie piloted more than 90% of the swims up to 2015. Around the Island of Jersey 66 km; more than 80 successful solo swims; more than 40 successful relay swims; Jersey to France 26 km – more difficult course due to the tides.

During these trips, Charlie and all crews acted in a volunteer capacity - with all swim funds used by the JLDSC to promote open water swimming in Jersey, especially amongst children. One benefit is that 26 Jersey residents had completed 32 English Channel solo crossings (including two 2-way (as of end 2024) – probably the highest percentage anywhere from an Island with a population of less than 100,000 residents.

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