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IMSHOF MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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1. CLASS OF 2026 INDUCTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY - RECAP



2026 HONOREES IN SAN DIEGO

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31 Honorees in attendance - a record!

SOLD OUT > 130 Attended the Saturday night dinner - the second largest attendance ever!

Plus, many others kayaking support and joining a Saturday and Sunday swims.

Friday: Several completed 6 and 7 hour qualification swims at La Jolla; 3 Honorees completed 18.6 km ~ Coronado Island, others at the hotel (breakfast, dip in sea and lunch), reception on a boat outside the Bahia Resort, and smaller groups met for casual dinners.

Saturday: La Jolla morning swim/drinks hosted by the local swimmers, Executive Committee lunch, and others lunch/afternoon chats, then Ceremony dinner and presentations.

Sunday: Morning swim outside the Bahia Resort, Honoree/Executive Committee Congress (issue discussions) and later smaller lunches and dinners.

See the booklet, videos and pictures at:

[Class of 2026 San Diego | IMSHOF](#)

[Notes and Ceremony Attendees | IMSHOF](#)

Many thanks to Honoree [Carol Sing](#) and the Honor Organization [Catalina Channel Swimming Federation](#) for hosting the Ceremony weekend.

[CLASS OF 2026 SAN DIEGO](#)

[NOTES AND CEREMONY ATTENDEES](#)

2. NEXT CEREMONY CLASS OF 2027: DUBLIN, IRELAND | SATURDAY 8th MAY 2027



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Start making your plans and follow the news on [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame - IMSHOF](#) starting in June.

3. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

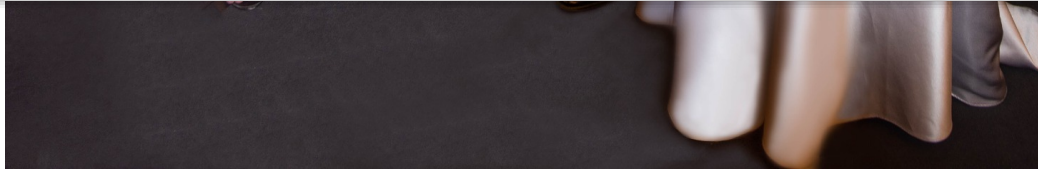
IMSHOF need your help to identify and nominate Administrators, Coaches, Organizations, Pilots, and Swimmers for induction and individuals for the Poseidon Award and the Irving Davids and Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award. Nominations must be submitted by Friday 31st July, 2026 10pm GMT to allow an adequate period for internal data validation, ethics and viability review.

See the [webpage](#) and subtabs for details and [forms](#).

CLASS OF 2027 NOMINATIONS

4. SEA GODDESS TROPHIES



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Pictured L-R: Jacqueline McClelland, Madhu Nagaraja, Joe Zmaitis and Bárbara Hernández Huerta

IMSHOF Honorees and Executive Committee members continue to order and receive Sea Goddess Trophies (\$50 + engraving + shipping). A record delivery of five trophies were collected in San Diego to save the shipping costs.

Lynton Mortensen (not in attendance - Jacqueline will deliver later this year).

Inquire for a Sea Goddess trophy at info@imshof.org



5. FRESH CONTENT - STORIES OF RESILIENCE

YouTube Videos:

- [Training for a Channel Swim: 2 approaches](#)
- [Training for a Channel Swim: a 3rd approach](#)
- [Honoree Alexander \(Alex\) Meyer: his parents discuss his career](#)
- [Honor Organization Rottneest Channel Swim Association](#)
- [Honoree Marwan Saleh: career](#)
- [Honoree Susie Maroney, OAM: career](#)
- [Andrew “Andy” Donaldson: career](#)

Recent Swimming World Magazine Articles:

- [Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Gertrude Ederle and Her English Channel Crossing](#)

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- [How Marathon Swimming Got Into World Aquatics](#)



6. IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Harry Huffaker

This Honor Swimmer (Class of 2011) was the first to cross: the 47.6 km 'Alenuihāhā Channel in 20 hours and 8 minutes between the Big Island of Hawaii and Maui in 1970 after his initial failure of 17 hours; and (as a dual swim) to cross the 15 km Kalohi Channel from Molokai to Lanai in 1989. He set the speed record for the 45km Kaiwi Channel from Oahu to Molokai in 13 hours and 35 minutes in 1967 which held until 1974.

At the age of 50 in 1989, he swam from Lanai to Maui, then Maui to Molokai, then attempted to complete his final Molokai-to-Maui leg before being pulled after 18 hours.



Albert Coward

This Honor Swimmer (Class of 2018) pioneered swimming the Gulf of Naples (Italy) between 1973 and 1989. His longer "first ever" swims: Around the Isle of Ischia 27.4 km 4 times; Naples Castle to Ischia Castle 29 km in 11 hours and 31 minutes; Ischia Castle to Naples Castle in 9 hours and 50 minutes; Ischia Castle to the Isle of Capri 29 km in 13 hours; Ischia to Castellammare 42 km in 17 hours and 28 minutes with IMSHOF Honoree Dr. Christopher Stockdale, MBE; Sapri/



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9 hours and 10 minutes.

Billy Wallace

This Honor Administrator (Class of 1999) served for more than 40 years in various management roles of the IMSHOF Honor Organization Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (ILDSA) from 1979. Marathon swimming in Ireland started in Northern Ireland with the swimmers, the local races (especially the annual Irish Marathon Championship, and the North Channel.

Most of the English Channel swimmers, before 2005, from Ireland would have advanced to the level in events managed by the ILDSA. Billy's greatest legacy was leaving an excellent management team for the ILDSA, which allowed North Channel successes to grow from 1/year to 20+.



Please let us know if you hear of the passing of other Honorees (or long-term committee members of Honor Organizations).

7. RECOGNIZING OUR NEW AND ADVANCING PATRONS

Our community thrives thanks to the generosity of our supporters. We are proud to announce our newest:

Platinum Patron+: Marcia Cleveland (USA 2020)

Platinum Patron: John York (USA 1989)

Gold Patron advancing towards Platinum: Suzanne Heim-Bowen (USA 2024) and Loren Kling

Silver Patron: Irving Davids (USA 2026), Qing Li, Captain Roger W. Wheeler (USA 2026) and Kathleen Wilson

Please see the description of the program on [Patrons & Special Thanks | IMSHOF](#)

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