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**Channel Swimming Association** (CSA) was founded in 1927 to authenticate swimmer's claims to have swum the English Channel, and to verify crossing times. It assists and advises swimmers who intend to make a channel attempt. It regulates the conduct of such attempts - and aims to further the sport of marathon swimming. Its rules have served not only its own purposes, but also have provided models for the national and international rules of many federations and other governing bodies in the sport.

The CSA brought order to the sport of marathon swimming which traces its origins to the latter part of the 19th Century when IMSHOF Honoree Captain Matthew Webb made the first observed and unassisted swim England to France in 21 hours and 45 minutes. At the time of its formation fewer than a dozen swimmers had managed to emulate Webb's feat

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)