



Marc Newman, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1988



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Marc Newman won 2 Majors: 1986 (Windermere) and 1988 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup. In 2016 he was the first to start at Dungeness and cross the English Channel - a straight line distance of 41.8 km. Marc swam 5 times, winning twice, in the 34 km lac St-Jean. He set the speed record in 1989 of 7 hours and 9 minutes – which held until 2000. In this swim, he set the record for the longest gap, 26 years, between English Channel swims – which stood in 2024 (and beyond). Marc set the speed record for the Rottneest Channel swim in 1991 in 4 hours and 55 minutes which held for 17 days.

He completed 6 English Channel crossings, between 1985 and 2016 – 3 under 9 hours. One of the crossings was France to England. Marc competed in the 16 km Faros Marathon three times and took third in 1988; the Suez Canal 25 km and took 2nd in 1986; and won the BLDSA Torbay 12.9 km 3 times. He swam 5 times, winning twice, 34 km lac St-Jean and 3 times 42 km Lac Memphremagog. Other competitions include: 1991 World Championships 25 km in Perth; 2-way Ullswater and 25 km in Terracina Italy. Marc completed a 3-way 51.5 km Weymouth to Lulworth Cove in 12 hours 50 minutes.

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