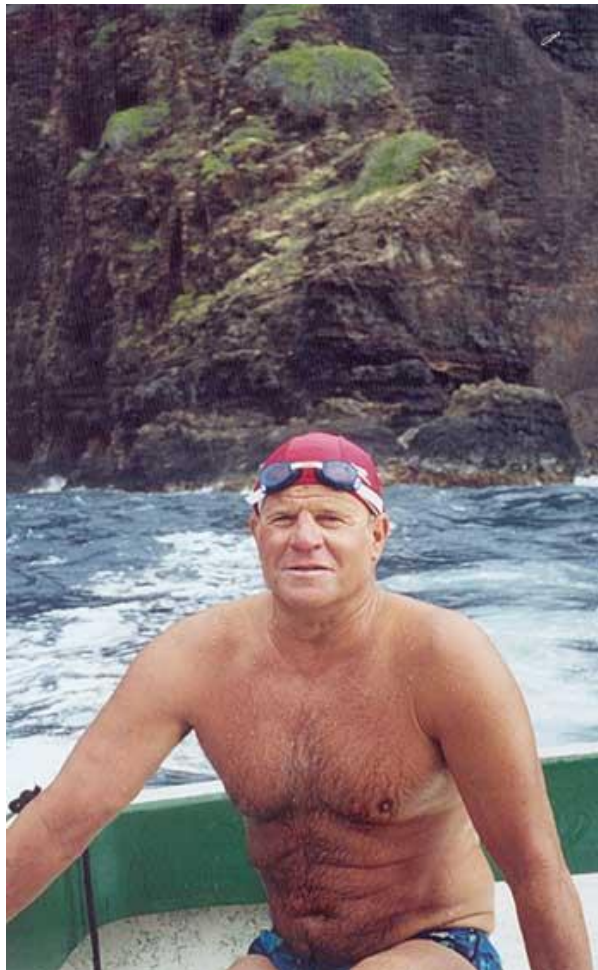




**David Yudovin, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1999**



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**David Yudovin** competed many first ever swims. In 1983 Santa Cruz Island to California Coast; 1984 North Coronado Island to Mexico (also in 1991); 1990 Tsgaru Strait Honchu Island to Hokkaido Island Japan and 2003 Cape Wiwiki to Cape Brett, Bay of Islands New Zealand.

In Indonesia: 1996 Bali to Java; 1997 Nusa Penida to Bali; 2000 Sunda Strait Java to Sumatra; 2011 Sipika Island to Simaleko Island North Sumatra, Telo Island to Sigata Island North Sumatra and Tanah Masa Island to Pini Island North Sumatra; 2013 Simeleko Island to Tanahmasa Island Baluta Beach North Sumatra; Tanahmasa Island Rangas Beach to Simeleko Island North Sumatra; Telo Island to Sigata Island, North Sumatra and Pini Island to Laga Island, North Sumatra.

In Portugal: 2008 Faial Pico Channel Azores from Faial Island to Pico Island, Pico S. Jorge Channel Azores from Pico Island to S. Jorge Island and Corvo Floress Channel Azores from Corvo Island to

Flores Island and 2010 Iha Madeira Iha Desertas Grande Channel Madeira Islands from Iha Madeira to Iha Desertas Grande.

In Africa: 2012 Santo Antonio Island to San Vincente Island Cape Verde and Fogo Island to Brava Island Cape Verde; 2013 Maio Island to Santiago Island Cape Verde; 2014 Principe Island Around Gale' Rock Island/Principe Island Sao Tome' and Príncipe Isla Tinhosa Pequena Principe Island Sao Tome'.

He also completed previous accomplished swims including: three swims across the Catalina Channel in 11 hours 51 minutes in 1976, in 13 hours and 45 minutes in 1986, in 11 hours and 49 minutes in 1993, and in 10 hours and 46 minutes in 1995, , from the South Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 4 hours and 20 minutes in 1992 (repeated in 4 hours and 25 minutes again in 1992 and in 4 hours and 15 minutes in 1993), the third person to swim across the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain in 9 hours and 27 minutes, the English Channel in 13 hours and 37 minutes in 1986, the Santa Barbara Channel between Anacapa Island and the California mainland in 8 hours and 27 minutes in 1982, 16 km (10 miles) from Lanai Island to Maui in Hawaii, USA in 4 hours and 47 minutes in 2002, from Molokini Island to Maui, Hawaii, USA in 2 hours and 6 minutes in 2002 (and again in 2003 in 2 hours and 16 minutes), from Maui to Molokai in Hawaii, USA in 4 hours and 41 minutes, 8 miles from Maui to Kahoolawe Island in Hawaii, USA in 4 hours and 18 minutes, 16 km (10 miles) from Molokai to Lanai in Hawaii, USA in 5 hours and 11 minutes in 2003, and across the 25 km (16-mile) Cook Strait from North Island to South Island in New Zealand in 9 hours and 38 minutes in 2004.

David was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014 and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award in 2016 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming. He was the seventh recipient in 2023 of The Dale Petranek Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

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