



**Richard "Dick" Campion, Honor Coach, Australia,
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Personal Website (None known)

Richard Campion was a world championship individual and team gold medal coach and has promoted open water swimming globally since 1967.

After he competed in the 1960 Olympics, he competed on the professional marathon swimming circuit in Italy (1975 and 1976 Capri-Napoli Marathon Swim), Canada (1975 Traversée Internationale du lac St-Jean, 1975 Lac La Tuque 24-hour Swim, 1976 lac Chibougamau Marathon), He won the 1976 Australian Open Water Swimming Championships in the year he was elected President of the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation.

He also served as the President of the Australian Marathon Swimming Federation from 1977-1979 and was a member of the Australian Open Water Swimming Committee from 1988-2001 during which time he wrote the Open Water Swimming handler and trainer's 25km manual, suitable for 25km, adopted by Australian Swimming and organized the 1999 Pan Pacific Open Water Championships. From 1989-1998, he was the national open water swimming coach for Australia where he coached swimmers to gold, silver and bronze at the 1991 and 1998 World Swimming Championships, the 1991 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships and several international competitions in Italy, France, Canada and the USA. He designed the Australian Swimming 16km Grand Prix Series and, from 1990-1996, he was the Chief Presenter of Open Water Swimming Coaching at Australian National Coaching Conferences and coached a 93km record 4-person relay from Malta to Sicily in 1996 and English Channel and Manhattan Island Marathon Swim athletes.

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