

# IMSHOF NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2024



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### 1. Class of 2025 Inductees and Award Winners

**Ballot List Process:** [Nomination forms](#) are submitted during the current year. Each nomination form is reviewed, fact-checked by IMSHOF, and revised as necessary. The final nomination form submission must be attested by the nominee. Current year submissions are included in the portfolio of well supported nominees from the prior year, as well as historical nominees with comparable resumes, and presented to the Screening Committee. The Screening Committee reviews each nomination in detail and provides its recommendation to the [IMSHOF Executive Committee](#) for final ballot inclusion.

**Voting:** All [Selectors](#) were contacted in the summer to ensure that they understood the Process | IMSHOF, as well as the time and commitment to voting. The ballots were sent, voting took place, and results were presented to the Executive Committee. Final decisions strictly followed the order of tabulated preference. Inductees and Award Winners were contacted by phone: announcement timing, text (several with a local language translation), and photo agreed.

**Announcements:** These were made starting 2<sup>nd</sup> November, daily until 9<sup>th</sup> November. The final names are displayed on the [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame - IMSHOF](#). The announcements on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok (IMSHOF's first time on this platform) received more likes, shares, and comments than ever before – many thanks for your help! We hope you can join us to celebrate at the Induction and Awards Ceremony to be held on the island of [Jersey on 17 May 2025](#). See a [video](#) of how the Website changed for this Class.

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## 2. Sea Goddess Trophies

IMSHOF Honorees have ordered and received Sea Goddess Trophies in the last few months:

Marcia Cleveland



Suzanne Heim-Bowen



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Jaime Lomelín Gavaldón



Julie Ridge



Other Honorees: Michael P. Red, MBE; Penny Lee Dean EdD; Ros Hardiman; Sandra Bucha Kerscher, Tamara Bruce; and Dan Simonelli. There are more in stock (for Honorees and Executive Committee members) – inquire [info@imshof.org](mailto:info@imshof.org)

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### 3. New Videos (now 117 in the IMSHOF YouTube Channel) and Articles

[The Betleys](#) – pushing boundaries by alternating years

[Melanie Barratt](#) – English Channel Swimmer – First Blind Female

[English Channel Crew](#) – Novices

[Charlotte Brynn](#) – from a Triple Crown of DNFs to success 15 years later > determination

[Brian Foster](#) – 2-way North Channel at age 16

[Milko van Gool](#) - 4 big swims (set some speed records) in the summer following his retirement

[Ernie Hoftzyer](#) - An example of a bit of news triggering a future marathoner

[Tour of the IMSHOF Website](#) – see how it changed with Class of 2025

### 4. IMSHOF's Expanding group of Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who supplied ad-hoc messages/news during the last months, the Screening Committee, and those helping with Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok posts. IMSHOF has at least one post EVERY day. More help always appreciated.

### 5. IMSHOF Initiatives

As noted over the last years, IMSHOF continue with two formal initiatives:

Identify and Promote Swimmers/Contributors with Physical Disabilities and Honorees who Assisted – started 10 March 2019.

194 items have been recorded in the action logs – ensuring consistent attention.

Identify and Promote Black Swimmers and Contributors – started 17 July 2020.

134 items have been recorded in the action logs – ensuring consistent attention.

In both areas, IMSHOF have helped increase awareness in the sport/public; helped ensure

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more nominations and celebrated new Inductees. Help always wanted to advance IMSHOF's progress in both areas: help swimmers, nominate, send in news items, etc.

### 6. In Memoriam

Honorees [Sam Greetham](#) and [Elaine Gray](#) passed away since the last newsletter. IMSHOF remembers their careers.

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

### 7. New Patrons & Special Thanks

New Patron

Gold Patron Individual: Sally Anne Minty-Gravett, MBE (GBR 2005)

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

An anonymous donator continues their offer. For the next four to sign up (\$150) to become a Silver Patron, they will match your donation and upgrade you to Gold Patron. ACT NOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED > [IMSHOF Silver Patron Membership – HallOfFameSwimShop](#)

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