



David Barra, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2017



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David Barra accomplished the triple crown in 2010 as part of 200 km of solo swimming: Maui; Tampa Bay; Manhattan; Catalina; Boston Light; English Channel; and Ederle. This earned him one of his early honors: “The Barra Award”. It is presented annually by the Marathon Swimmers Federation to the swimmer with the most impressive year of marathon swimming. It gave further weight to David’s favorite saying – “Anything worth doing is worth overdoing”. He continues to swim marathons including S.C.A.R., Around Jersey, Lac St. Jean, Provincetown to Plymouth, in Search of Memphre, Keuka Lake, 61 km Cayuga Lake and Around Cape May.

David also gives back to the sport. He started the 8 Bridges Hudson River Swim. This 193 km, 7 day, staged swim is one of the toughest weeks in the sport. Barra was also part of the team which restarted Around Manhattan as the 20 Bridges Swim. As part of history, Barra was an observer on IMSHOF Honoree Chloë McCardel’s record swim to Nassau.

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