



**Julian Critchlow, Honor Administrator, Great Britain,  
2021**



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**Julian Critchlow** compiled the first comprehensive list of English Channel solo swimmers to ensure that there would be a single reliable source of information on English Channel swims. The English Channel generates the most publicity for the sport and this database is a crucial element in giving swimmers/writers a factual basis for tens of thousands of future stories.

The database now enables the generation of endless metrics. Julian started the list to answer his first question: “What number swimmer of the English Channel am I?” before moving on to questions (and 2020 answers) such as: Higher success rate - women or men? (women but twice as many men attempt). Best month? (July has the highest success rate). Spring or Neap tides better? (similar but more swims are now on Springs!). Faster England to France or vice versa? (the average one-way swim is faster from England to France although swimmers are no longer allowed to start in France).

The list is not commercial and can be accessed from: [English Channel Swimming](#).

He swam the English Channel in 2004, 2014, 2017 and 2019; raised nearly US\$200,000 for charity and was vice-chairperson of the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation.

Julian received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2026 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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