



Paul Asmuth, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1982



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Paul Asmuth won 10 Majors: 1982, 1987 and 1988 Capri to Naples; and 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation. He finished an incredible 59 professional marathon swimming races. He won six 42 km (26-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac Memphrémagog in Canada and was named Athlete of the Decade (1990's) by the Atlantic City Press (New Jersey, USA). Asmuth won the 36 km (22.5-mile) Around the Island Swim in Atlantic City, USA an unprecedented eight times in water ranging between the high 50°F's to the low 80°F's. He won the 34 km (21-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean professional race from 1980–1984 in Canada, the 64 km (40-mile) race from 1985 to 1989 and the 40 km (25-mile) race from

1990 to 1992. He set a record of 17 hours and 6 minutes in 1989 in the 64 km (40-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean race in Canada. He won the professional 32 km (20-mile) Maratona del Golfo – Capri-Napoli in Italy three times and set the course record of 6 hours and 35 minutes. He was a 4-time winner of the 27 km (17-mile) Les Quatorze swim in 50°F water and set the record of 5 hours and 35 minutes in 1981.

His solo swims include three English Channel crossings including setting the men's record, the 50 km (31-mile) Nantucket-to-Cape Cod (the only person to swim the course) and the first person to circumnavigate the 45 km (28.5-mile) Manhattan Island circumnavigation in under seven hours. Asmuth was also inducted as an Honor Swimmer in the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2010.

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