



Ray Brickell, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2009



Ray on left and his brother IMSHOF Honoree Reg Brickell Jr. on the other side of the status of IMSHOF Honoree Captain Matthew Webb

Videos: [Swim 1 at 3:15](#)

Ray Brickell and his brother IMSHOF Honoree Reg Brickell Jr. served as English Channel pilots under the guidance of their father IMSHOF Honoree Reg Brickell Sr. over the course of four decades - together the three combined for 298 solo crossings by the end of 2018. Ray started work with his father at the age of 16 in 1970 and his brother also started at the age of 16 years, 3 years earlier. In 1981, they took over the running of the boat from their father. On average, the brothers take up to 30 swimmers each season across the English Channel, including escorts for several record swims. Like their father, they remain very involved with the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming Association in 2022 (and beyond).

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