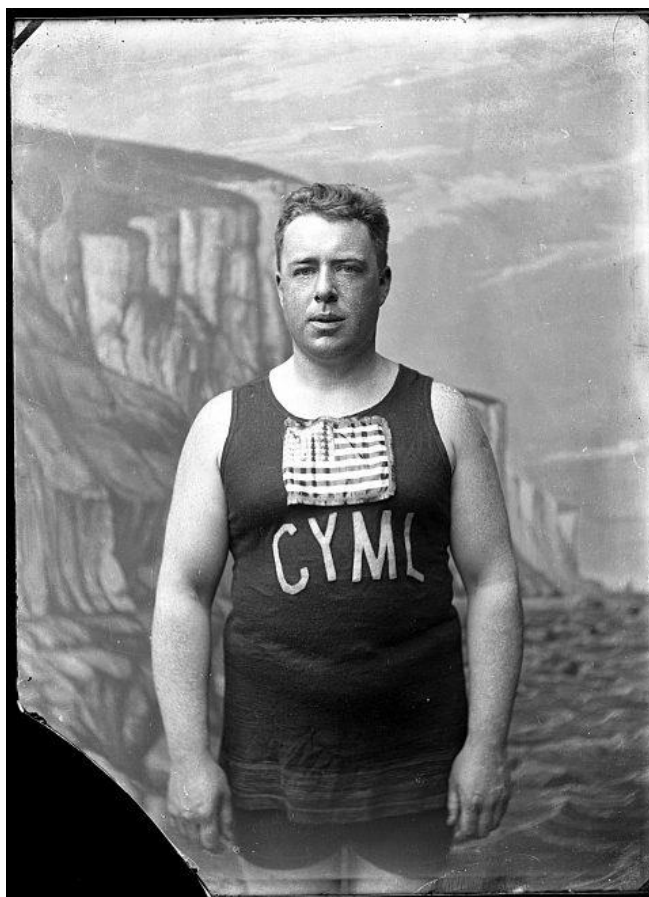




Henry Sullivan, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1968



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Henry Sullivan was an experienced marathon swimmer before taking on the English Channel. His longest swim was in 1916 when he set an American record of continuously swimming for 20 hours and 28 minutes while attempting to swim from Provincetown, Massachusetts to Nantucket. Sullivan became the third person to swim the English Channel. It was reportedly his seventh attempt and in 1923 he completed it in 26 hours and 50 minutes which is still one of the longest one-way channel swims on record. Henry swam breaststroke. In 1927 he successfully crossed the Catalina Channel in 22 hours and 45 minutes. Later he served on the Board of Directors of the International Professional Swimmers Association.

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