



Stella Taylor, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1982



Videos (please help if you can find any)

Stella Taylor set the record for the oldest female at 45 years across the English Channel in 1975 18 hours and 15 minutes which held until 1994. Her time was 15 hours and 45 minutes in 1973. She started her marathon career as an elite racer in 1969 and was named the outstanding first year swimmer on the World Professional Marathon Federation Circuit. Other epic marathons included 51.8 km Lake George in 1977 in 26 hours and 51 minutes; 36.2 km Loch Ness in 1981 in 18 hours and 58 minutes in water below 9C; and in 1981 64.4 km across Lake Okeechobee, Florida from Moore Haven to Belle Glade in much warmer waters.

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[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)