



Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1991



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Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE, swam the English Channel three times: England-to-France in 17 hours and 30 minutes in 1977 and in 15 hours and 56 minutes in 1981 plus France-to-England in 14 hours and 50 minutes in 1984. He completed the 36 km Capri-Naples in 1982; 45.9 km Around Manhattan in 1987; 26.4 km Lake Zurich in 1991 and 1993; 33.8 km 2-way Lake Windemere in 1995 in 16 hours and 7 minutes; Delos to Paros in Greece in 2000; and at age 62 26 km Lake Erie in 2006 in 14 hours and 15 minutes.

In 2023, together with IMSHOF Honoree Kevin Murphy their 6-person relay team, “One Foot in The Wave 3”, crossed the English Channel in 17 hours and 5 minutes. The team's average age was 77 years and 106 days and set the record for the oldest team to swim – which stood in 2023 (and beyond).

He served as the long-time physician to the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming Association and raised more than \$350,000 for charity based on his sporting adventures.

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