



**Right Honourable Captain William J. Long, OBE,
Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004**



Videos (please help if you can find any)

Right Honourable Captain William J. Long, OBE was the pilot who helped keep North Channel swimming going during the period of the 1950s and 1960s when many great swimmers tried crossing from Northern Ireland to Scotland.

During the ill-fated attempt by IMSHOF Honoree Major Jason Zirganos, Long led the effort to try and revive him. He piloted IMSHOF Honoree Kevin Murphy's 1970 and 1971 crossings when he devised the course which brought success despite there are islands off the coast where the tide runs three hours one way and nine hours the other.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)