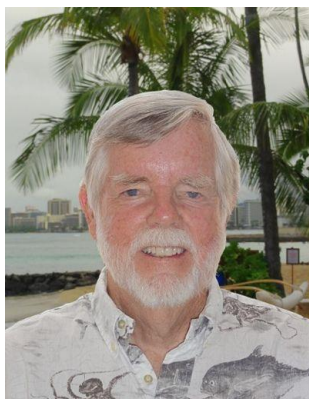




## James Anderson, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 2014



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**James Anderson** was the race founder of the 7 km Hawaiian Christmas Looong\* Distance Invitational Rough-H2O Swim held in Waikiki Bay on Oahu in Hawaii. He was the race director for the Waikiki Roughwater Swim in the 1980s and was a founding member of the Waikiki Roughwater Swim Committee. He was an officer and director from 1980-2003 and president from 1987-1996.

He organized the first FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships in Honolulu in 2000 where 5 km, 10 km and 25 km races were held. He was the organizer and race director of the pre-world open water swimming championships in 1999 where 1 km, 3 km, 5 km, 10 km and 25 km races were conducted. He was the race director for the USA Swimming 25 km National Open Water Swimming Championships in 1999 and was the USA observer for the Pan Pacific Open Water Swimming Championships in Australia in 1999 where 5 km and 25 km races were held.

He was the race director for the 1991 and 1992 USA Swimming National 10 km Open Water Swimming Championships. James organized and conducted the first open ocean swim clinics held in Hawaii and organized and conducted swim clinics that featured Olympic gold medal swimmers as instructors. He was a consultant and race director for Oahu North Shore Series. He was the founder and president of the Hawaiian Channel Swim Association and author and publisher of the Hawaii Sports Calendar. He was a consultant and director for the 1983 Cole Classic in Bondi Beach in Australia.

James coached the USA Swimming National Open Water Swimming Team at the Japan International Long Distance Ekiden Swim in 1990, a 4-person 20 km relay across Tokyo Bay. James swam in the Christmas Looong\* Distance Invitational Rough-H2O Swim for the first 25 years and raced in the Waikiki Roughwater more than 20 times.

\*"Looong" is the correct spelling!

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