



Francis Crippen, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2011



Personal Website (None known)

Francis Crippen was the emotional and inspirational leader of the USA Swimming National Open Water Swimming Team and a dynamic personality on the professional marathon swimming circuit that began after a successful transition from the pool. Besides his quick rise to the top echelon of professional marathon swimming, he was a personable ambassador of the sport. His love of the sport of marathon swimming was shared with fans, the media, his teammates and rivals. At the time of his tragic death at age 26, during a professional marathon race, he was second in the rankings on his first full season on the FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup circuit. He won six national titles in America, two FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup titles, a bronze in the 2009 World Swimming Championships 10 km, a gold in the 2007 Pan American Games 10 km, a silver in the 2010 Pan Pacific Swimming Championships 10 km and finished 4th in the 2010 World Swimming Championships 10 km in a career that was cut short.

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