



Ned Denison, Honor Administrator, Ireland, 2012



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Ned Denison motivated; educated; organized; and assisted thousands of swimmers from California (USA) to Cork (Ireland). He started the Sandycove Island Swim Club; Blackrock to Cobh swim (now known as the 16 km Cork to Cobh swim); Cork Distance Week in 2009; Ireland Champion of Champions Swim; Around Cork swim; and hosted six annual Channel dinners in Cork.

Denison was chairperson of Ireland's first National Open Water Committee where he created the first national list of open water swims and assembled a mailing list to over 3,000 swimmers in Ireland to promote open water swimming. In 2005 he organized 12 local swimmers for English Channel solos and relays. In 2006, he organized 94 Irish swimmers to travel to the Alcatraz Swim in San Francisco which remains the largest group of Irish swimmers to compete in an international competition. He is a founding member of the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association in California and the Kingdom Swim in Vermont, USA, and was on the selection committee for the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim.

Denison started serving on the IMSHOF Executive Committee in 2014 and as the overall Chair 2017 – 2024 (and beyond) with primary responsibility for the website.

He completed the Triple Crown and across False Bay to name 4 of his 56 (and beyond) epic marathon swims around the world. He also set speed records for Santa Cruz Island to the California mainland, S.C.A.R. and masters Lake Zurich.

Denison received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2013 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming and was part of the Cork Organizing Committee for the Global Open Water Conference awarded the Poseidon Award in 2013.

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