



Forrest Nelson, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2015



Gold Patron



Personal Website (None known)

Forrest Nelson has completed the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming (English and Catalina Channels and Manhattan Island Marathon Swim). Other marathons include: 48-miles in 25 hours and 35 minute circumnavigation of Catalina Island (speed record), 23-hour first double-crossing

Catalina-California Mainland-Catalina crossing by a male, Cook Strait, 24-mile Tampa Bay, Kaulakahi Channel crossing from Kauai to Niihau, Tsugaru Channel crossing from Honshu to Hokkaido, three Molokai Channel crossings – achieved in both directions, Anacapa Island crossing and the Palilolo Channel -starting on Maui. He completed several long relays: six-member HTC Relay team that set a new 52-mile course record of 25 hours and 48 minutes from San Clemente Island, around the western edge of Catalina Island, to the Southern California mainland at Cabrillo Beach in 2012 and Team FTD that completed an unprecedented 6-way Catalina Channel crossing in 61 hours and 7 minutes in 2013.

In 2022 he completed 10-years as President of the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation and also observed and supported dozens of Catalina Channel crossings. From 2011 to 2014 he was a member of the board of directors of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

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

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