Tammy van Wisse, Honor Swimmer, Australia, 2027



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Tammy van Wisse set the overall record (6 hours and 49 minutes) for the Cook Strait (North to South Island) in 1999 which held until 2008 male and 2023 female. In 2006, Tammy set the overall record (5 hours 6 minutes and 48 seconds) for the "Ederle Swim" (Battery, NYC to Sandy Hook, NJ), breaking the 81-year record of her idol, IMSHOF Honoree Gertrude Ederle. The record held until 2011 male and still for female).

She swam the English Channel twice, recording the fastest time of 1993 (8:35).

Tammy completed 16 international marathon swims, including a 6th-place finish at the 1991 World Championships in Perth. She completed two Manhattan Island Marathon swims, winning the event in 1997 (7 hours 15 minutes and 57 seconds) and finishing second in 1999 (6 hours 51 minute and 31 seconds). In 1990, she was the top female finisher in the Lake Zurich Marathon.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)