



Ned Denison, Honor Administrator, Ireland, 2012



Organization Website (None known)

Ned Denison has motivated, educated, organized and assisted thousands of swimmers from California (USA) to Cork (Ireland) in a sport that he passionately serves with compassion, experience and a relentless drive. He is a mountain of a man who not only a high-achieving marathon swimmer in his own right, but a gem of the open water world who is also giving a great deal back to the sport by helping others achieve their dreams. He has helped and energized many open water swimmers under the auspices of the Sandycove Island Swim Club and the force of his engaging personality. He started the Blackrock to Cobh swim (now known as the 16 km Cork to Cobh swim) and founded the Cork Ireland – Long Distance Swim Camp and the Irish Champion of Champions Swim that had 50 participants in 2009 and he hosted five annual Channel dinners.

He knows the sport as an athlete for he has completed more than 50 epic marathon swims around the world. 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 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 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.

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

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