Tina Neill, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2027



Videos: Swim 1 Swim 2

Tina Neill first to complete the Triple Crown backstroke, San Clemente Island 84 km, Catalina backstroke, and Manhattan backstroke. She set speed records: most female Catalina crossings (6) – set in 2014 and held until 2026 (and beyond), fastest overall Catalina 2-way: Mainland-Catalina-Mainland – set in 2008 and held until 2026 (and beyond). fastest overall English Channel backstroke – set in 2005 (male broke in 2020 – female held until 2025), and Lake Tahoe backstroke – set in 2024 and held for a few days.

She was first overall at the British Long Distance Swimming Championships in Loch Lomond Scotland (35 km) in 2006 and female Lake Zurich (26 km) in 2006

Tina also completed the California and Lake Tahoe Triple Crowns. Other fresh water solo swims include Colorado River and Lake Mille Lacs Minnesota. Sea swim include: Santa Cruz Island to the Mainland plus Kaiwi and Kaulakahi Channels. She was the 5th person to cross Alenuihaha Channel-Hawaii Island to Maui- in 2025. In 2026 completed a stage swim circumnavigation of Lake Tahoe - 97 km over 6 swims.

Tina created and administered Open Water Races on Lake Harriet, Minnesota.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)