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1. Ceremony - Class of 2025 Inductees and Award Winners

Preparations for the Ceremony in Jersey are well advanced. 33 have bought a ticket or will attend as a Class of 2025 complementary dinner and 32 more have committed to book by the end of February. All 6 members of the Executive Committee will attend.

We will choose Honorees to do introductions in early March – so book soon if you would like to be considered for a podium role.

Ticket and logistics information is here: [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame - IMSHOF](#)

2. Captain Matthew Webb - 150th Anniversary

Webb really kick started our sport in 1875 as the first to complete the English Channel swim. Our logo has been a big success, and we’ll follow with more Webb updates during the year.



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3. Majors – New Additions

IMSHOF added 30 additional races to the list of Majors (see [definition](#)). This was based on Honoree input that the number of Majors in the period 1964-2006 was low compared to other adjacent eras. IMSHOF surveyed the Honoree swimmers who participated in the races of this period and based on their input (biggest, richest, most prestigious, etc.) and added these races:

- Canadian National Exhibition – 1964
- Capri-Naples – 1991, 1992, and 2003-2006
- Atlantic City – 1979-1985, 1987, and 1989-2004

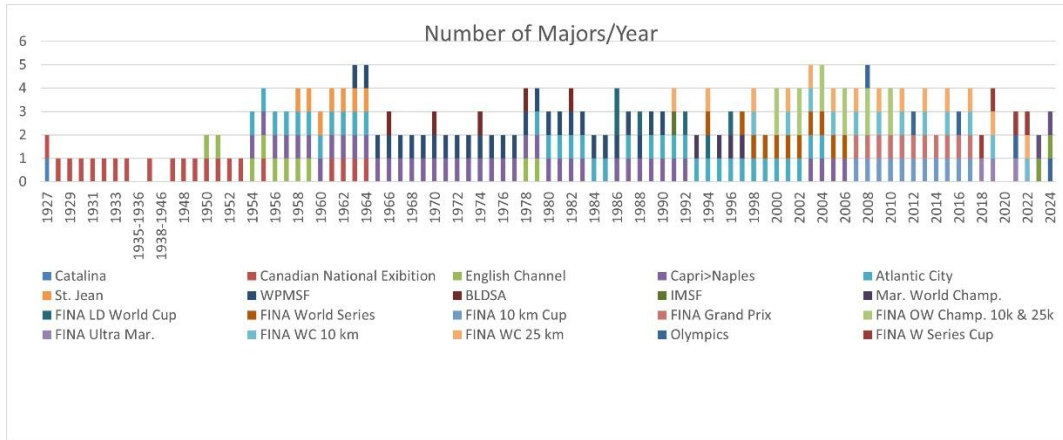
These Honorees added to their Majors totals as a result (full list of [Honoree winners](#)):

Abdellatif Abou Heif	David Alleva	Paul Asmuth
Angela Maurer	David O'Brien, OAM	Peggy Büchse
Anne Chagnaud	Diego Degano	Penny Lee Dean, EdD
Attila Molnár	Irene van der Laan	Petar Stoychev
Britta Kamrau	Judith de Nijs	Shelley Taylor-Smith
Chad Hundebly	Karen Burton Reeder	Stéphane Gomez
Christine Cossette	Marian Cassidy	Stéphane Lecat
Christof Wandratsch	Monique Wildschut	Yuri Kudinov

Do please check your revised biographies and the Majors list – corrections appreciated.

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4. Sea Goddess Trophies

IMSHOF Honorees continue to order and receive Sea Goddess Trophies – Courtney Moates Paulk:



Honorees inquire for your trophy at info@imshof.org

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5. New Videos (now 124 in the IMSHOF YouTube Channel) and Articles

Honoree [Mecedes Gleitze](#) – swimming animation on the lighthouse

Honoree [Greg Streppel PharmD](#) - won 2 Majors

[Wen Erh Hsu](#) – first channel swimmer from Taiwan

Honoree [Ferry Weertman](#) – Technical Open Water Swimming Committee

Honoree [Pat Gallant-Charette](#) – getting faster after age 65 and new challenges

6. IMSHOF's Expanding Group of Volunteers

Thanks to everyone who supplied ad-hoc messages/news during the last months, the Screening Committee, and those helping with Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok posts. IMSHOF has at least one Facebook post EVERY day. More help always appreciated.

7. New Patrons & Special Thanks

New Patrons > Gold Patron Individual: Tamara Bruce (AUS 2017) and Sandra Bucha Kerscher (USA 2014)

Please see the description of the program on [Patrons & Special Thanks | IMSHOF](#)

An anonymous donator continues their offer. For the next three to sign up (\$150) to become a Silver Patron, they will match your donation and upgrade you to Gold Patron. ACT NOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED > [IMSHOF Silver Patron Membership – HallOfFameSwimShop](#)

8. IMSHOF Electronic Library

IMSHOF are steadily developing an electric library – which is open to the public. This contains more and more information about the sport of marathon swimming, swimmers and contributors. The link is here > [IMSHOF Electronic File - Public - Google Drive](#)

Honoree Yuko Matsuzaki recently shared some very cool race materials which couldn't be found on the internet or old media.

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The Press, Atlantic City, N.J. - Saturday, August 3, 1996

ATLANTIC CITY ocean marathon SWIM

When: 7:30 a.m. today
Start/Finish: Historic Gardner's Basin, Atlantic City
Purse: \$44,000
Location: Absecon Island
Race Distance: 22.5 miles
Record: 7 hours, 51 seconds set by Shelley Taylor-Smith, Sydney, Australia, in 1992

Earliest estimated times of arrival

1. Historic Gardner's Basin (start)	7:30 a.m.
2. Steel Pier	8:30 a.m.
3. Ocean One Mall	9:10 a.m.
4. Ventnor Pier	10:10 a.m.
5. Margate Pier	10:30 a.m.
6. Longport Jetty	11:10 a.m.
7. Longport Bridge	11:30 a.m.
8. Margate Bridge	11:55 a.m.
9. Dorsett Avenue Bridge	12:55 p.m.
10. Albany Avenue Bridge	1:15 p.m.
11. A.C. Expressway Bridge	1:35 p.m.
12. Absecon Breakwater Bridge	2:15 p.m.
13. Brigantine Bridge	3:00 p.m.
14. Brigantine Island	3:10 p.m.
15. Historic Gardner's Basin (finish)	3:10 p.m.

Drawn by: John Feltner

1. Claudio Pitt
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 41, Wt. 176
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 2
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 10th.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

2. Christoff Wandratsch
St. Gallen, Germany
Age: 20, Wt. 171
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Frankfurt, Germany, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Brigantine's Dive and Sea Kayakers.

3. Jean-Francois Rives
Quebec, Canada
Age: 27, Wt. 170
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 3
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Margate's Paces and Paces.

4. Fernando Terrilli
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 27, Wt. 179
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Sea Jet City's Dive and Sea Kayakers.

5. Igor DeSouza
Sao Paulo, Brazil
Age: 33, Wt. 154
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Margate, N.J., where he finished 1st.
Crew: Sea Jet City's Dive and Sea Kayakers.

6. Maria Fernando Morros
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 19, Wt. 125
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Atlantic City, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

7. Stephane Lezat
Paris, France
Age: 24, Wt. 176
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 2
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Brigantine's Dive and Sea Kayakers.

8. Atila Molnar
Magyarorszag, Hungary
Age: 20, Wt. 155
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 1
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Sea Jet City's Dive and Sea Kayakers.

9. Przemyslaw Buchac
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 141
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: World Cup, where he finished 1st.
Crew: World Cup's Team Reynolds, Ed Schrocka.

10. Samantha Chabotzer
Fair Harbor, N.J., U.S.A.
Age: 18, Wt. 132
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: World Cup, where he finished 1st.
Crew: A.C. Dive Swimmers and Greg Egan's.

11. Heidi Lavasseur
Quebec, Canada
Age: 16, Wt. 112
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

12. Yoko Matsuzaki
Tokyo, Japan
Age: 31, Wt. 122
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where she did not finish.
Crew: Cape May's 100 Club and Boston Tri-City.

13. Tom Popkoff
Fair Harbor, N.J., U.S.A.
Age: 20, Wt. 160
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: World Cup, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Cape May's 100 Club and Boston Tri-City.

14. Sean Evans
Fair Harbor, N.J., U.S.A.
Age: 31, Wt. 180
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: World Cup, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Ventnor's Tom Howell, Jim Masch.

15. Gabriel Chailou
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 151
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Spain in Rosario, Argentina, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Cape May's 100 Club and Boston Tri-City.

16. Andre Wilde
Lansing, Michigan
Age: 23, Wt. 149
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Argentina, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

17. Dusan Todi-Szabo
Belgrade, Hungary
Age: 26, Wt. 176
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Tom Dayer and Tom Lauer.

18. Lisa Lacey
Columbia, S.C., U.S.A.
Age: 22, Wt. 140
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where she did not finish.
Crew: Cape May's 100 Club and Boston Tri-City.

19. Karen Burton
Columbia, S.C., U.S.A.
Age: 24, Wt. 140
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 1
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where she finished 1st.
Crew: Ventnor's Eric Burk and Clark Marney.

20. Julio Fernandez
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 161
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he did not finish.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

21. Katrina Lammers
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 148
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 4
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where she finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

22. Jeffrey Uech
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 167
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: This is his first marathon race.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

23. Michael Dand
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 170
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

24. Sylvia Duloto
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 25, Wt. 141
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: 2
Last race: La Sca, Spain, where she finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

25. Chris Derks
Rosario, Argentina
Age: 20, Wt. 160
Ht. 5'7" Rank: N/A
World Series rank: N/A
Last race: Spain, where he finished 1st.
Crew: Atlantic City's Ultra Swimmers and Paces Swimmers.

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