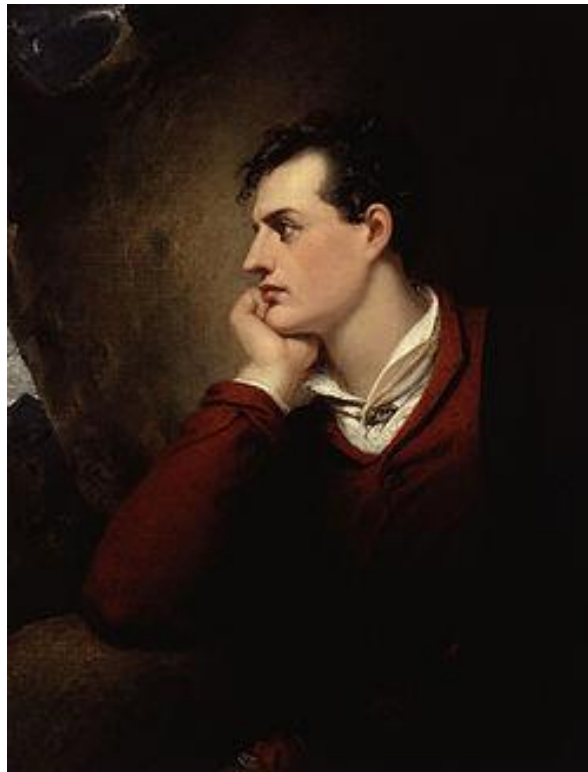




## Lord George Gordon Byron, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1982



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**Lord George Gordon Byron** swam the Hellespont in 1810, emulating the legendary Greek Leander. Byron swam 6.4 km in 1 hour and 10 minutes. He also swam in the 4 km length of the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy. While he was not a 10 km marathon swimmer, his swim across the Hellespont publicized and glorified longer swims and set the stage for modern epic marathon swimming.

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