



Margaret Park, Honor Swimmer, Canada, 2000



Honorees (from left): Tom, Margaret and George Park
Personal Website (None known)

Margaret Park swam in the 1960s with two successful marathon swimming brothers – IMSHOF Honorees Tom and George. In the CNE 10-mile Hamilton Marathon Swim (in 41F/5C eel infested waters), 41 swimmers started and only 9 finished: Margaret was the first woman behind George and ahead of Tom. Her other major wins were 28 miles in the Saguenay River (twice – once in each direction). She competed in the 10-mile Three River Quebec City swim, Lac Simon and Lac St. Clair. In a two-person relay race (Man in his World) at the Expo 67 Montreal in Canada, Margaret was the only woman and paired with a stranger. Her teammate vanished after the second hour and Margaret completed the remainder of the 30 hours solo. She also completed a 24-hour relay at La Tuque when her partner also retired and completed another with a fully contributing partner.

Unusually Margaret was a mother of three children during her marathon career. She later competed in masters – winning a USA shore course championship, coached marathon swimmers at professional races and ran a swim school for many decades.

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

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