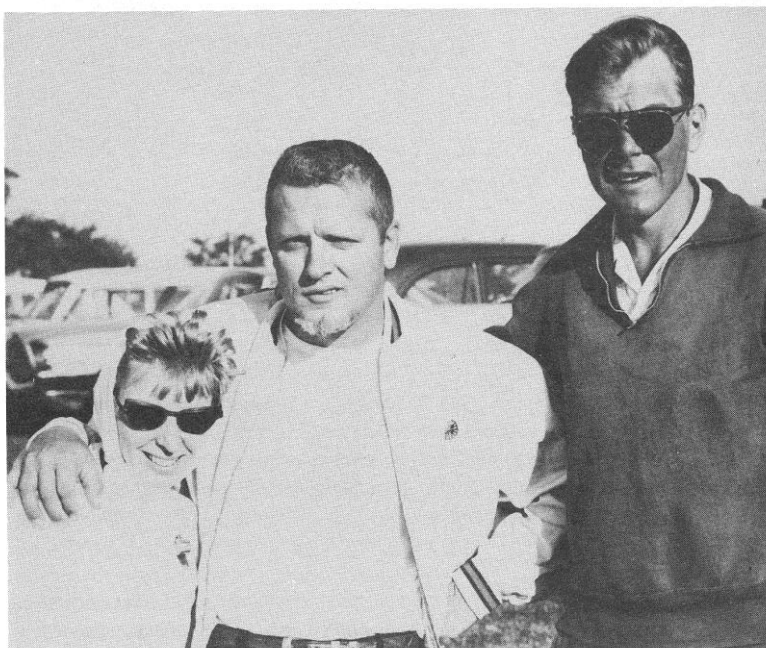




Conrad Wennerberg, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 1977



Ted Erikson about one hour before the start of the 1961 Lake Michigan swim. He set a world's record of forty-four miles. He is flanked by his wife and coach. Courtesy Louis Waitkus.

On right with IMSHOF Honoree Ted Erikson center

Videos (please help if you can find any)

Conrad Wennerberg amassed the largest file on marathon swimming by the end of the 1990s. He shared the information freely with the World Professional Swimming Federation and helped with the formation (and nominations of early Honorees) of the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In 1999 he published the book *Wind, Waves and Sunburn: A Brief History of Marathon Swimming*. It remains one of the most definitive works on marathon swimming.

Conrad swam nearly 13,000 km while training with his athletes, including IMSHOF Honorees Ted Erickson and Dennis Matuch.

He received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming and the Buck Dawson Authors Award - honorable mention.

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