



David Barra, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2017



Personal Website (None known)

David Barra set the gold standard for a marathon swimming year in 2010: Maui, Tampa Bay, Manhattan, Catalina, Boston Light, English Channel, and then Ederle – More than 200k of epic marathon swimming. This earned him one of his early honors: “The Barra Award”. It is presented annually by the Marathon Swimmers Federation to the swimmer with the most impressive year of marathon swimming. It gave further weight to David’s favorite saying – “Anything worth doing is worth overdoing”.

He continues to swim marathons including S.C.A.R., Around Jersey, Lac St. Jean, Provincetown to Plymouth, in Search of Memphre, Keuka Lake, 61 km Cayuga Lake and Around Cape May. David also gives back to the sport. He started the 8 Bridges Hudson River Swim. This 193 km, 7 day, staged swim is one of the toughest weeks in the sport. Barra was also part of the team which restarted Around Manhattan as the 20 Bridges Swim. It certainly pleased many aspiring Triple Crown swimmers stuck on two legs. As part of history, Barra was an observer on IMSHOF Honoree Chloë McCardel’s record swim to Nassau.

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