



Dennis Matuch, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1977



Videos (please help if you can find any)

Dennis Matuch won the 59 km Lake Michigan race from Chicago to Waukegan, Illinois, USA in 1962 in 21 hours. He competed in 30 professional solo races in Canada, Egypt, México and the United States until his retirement in 1978. These included 12 times in the 32 km Lac St-Jean and 5 times in the 45 km Sauguenay. In the La Tuque 24-hour Marathon 2-person relay race he partnered with IMSHOF Honorees Ted Erikson, Jon Erikson, Abou Hief and Diana Nyad.

In 1963, Matuch broke the established world best time for a 40 km (25-mile) pool swim in a time of 12 hours and 50 minutes. He was a leader of the World Professional Marathon Swimming Association which created the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. He coached IMSHOF Honoree Penny Lee Dean who won a Major): 1979 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation.

He received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1979 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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

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

