



**Susie Maroney, OAM, Honor Swimmer, Australia,  
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Personal Website (None known)

**Susie Maroney** established the record for the double-crossing of the English Channel in 17 hours 15 minutes in 1991. She swam around 48 km (28.5 miles) Manhattan Island four times, winning twice in 1990 and 1994, setting a record in 7 hours 27 seconds. She did three well-publicized long Caribbean swims in a shark cage: 180 km Cuba to Florida 24 hours and 31 minutes in 1997, 197 km Mexico to Cuba 38 hours and 33 minutes in 1998 and 190 km Jamaica to Cuba 34 hours and 50 minutes. At 15, Susie was the youngest and fastest Australian to swim the English Channel. She secured a Guinness Book of World Records listing for the longest distance swum in 24 hours (93.6 km or 58 miles), the fastest swim in the Manhattan Island Marathon Race in 7 hours 7 minutes, the 26 km (16-mile) Lake Zurich Marathon Race in 6 hours and 3 minutes, and swimming from the Sydney Opera House at Circular Quay to Manly Wharf as a farewell swim.

Her awards include the Order of Australia, and Outstanding Achievement Award from the NSW Government. Susie is the Ambassador for the Asthma Foundation, Ambassador for Special Olympics Australia and spokesperson for the Leukemia Foundation.

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