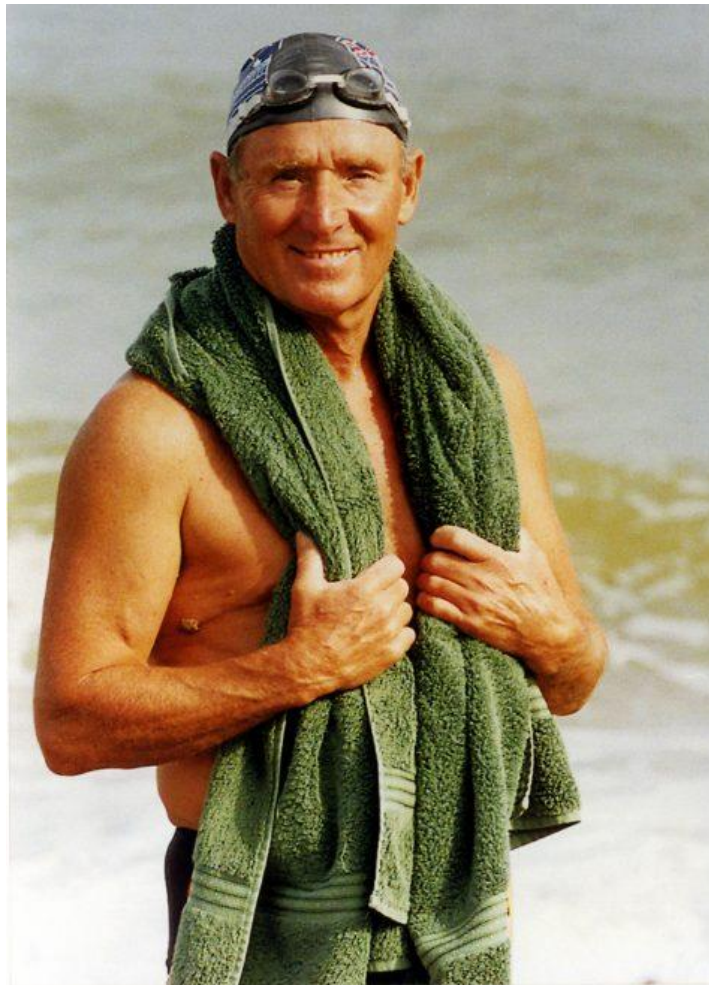




Joe Smith, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2005



Videos (please help if you can find any)

Joe Smith was the 3rd oldest swimmer, oldest Briton, to cross the English Channel in 1999. This followed 2 failed English Channel attempts more than 35 years earlier, in 1961 and 1962. Joe won most of the IMSHOF Honor Association British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) races during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

He won the Morecambe Inshore Championship in 1958 and 1959; Morecambe Bay Championships in 1959 and 1960; 16.9 km Windermere Championship in 1959; Windermere Cross Lake Championship in 1960; and Champion of Champions race in 1998.

He served as a director of the Channel Swimming Association. Together with IMSHOF Honoree Norman Trusty, they volunteered their time from 2002 to 2022 to assist the Dover Museum. The

Channel Swimming gallery, stories and records were greatly advanced due to their efforts. In addition, they assembled the only list of unsuccessful solo swim attempts - a valuable addition to the history of the sport.

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

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