



## Ashby "Bud" Harper, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1984



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Ashby T. Harper

Personal Website (None known)

**Ashby "Bud" Harper** became the oldest swimmer to swim the English Channel in 12 hours and 52 minutes at 65 years and 332 days in 1962. He held that record for five years. It would be more than 30 years before an older swimmer posted a faster time. Ashby was the second swimmer, in 1984, to complete the 37.8 km Santa Barbara Channel (from Santa Cruz Island) - and the oldest at age 67. This was one of a handful of swims which inspired the creation of the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association. He completed three times the 48 km (28.5 mile) Manhattan Island Marathon Swim in 1983 (9 hours and 3 minutes), 1990 (8 hours and 57 minutes) and in 1991 (9 hours and 24 minutes).

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

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