

Michael Oram, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004





Mike on left with Honoree Petar Stoychev after setting English Channel record

Personal Website

Michael Oram is a Qualified Royal Yachting Association / Department of Trade Yachtmaster with commercial endorsement. He began escorting swimmers in the English Channel in 1982 and served as a Channel Swimming Association committee member for 15 years before he became the Honorary Secretary between 1991 and 1996.

Michael was one of the founding members of the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation in 1998. He helped set up the Federation, its documentation, rules and constitution and obtained Government recognition and governing body status as its Honorary Secretary in 1999. His English Channel website is comprehensive in its scope and he has influenced the method in which English Channel swims are planned.

To date, Michael has escorted over 500 English Channel crossings with a 75% success rate. His successes include two of the three triple-crossings (Philip Rush in 1987 in 28 hours and 21 minutes and Alison Streeter in 1990 in 34 hours and 40 minutes), the only relay quadruple-crossing (Sun Rice Australia in 1993 in 43 hours and 7 minutes), the only Belgium-to-England relay (RAF Air Force in 1995 in 27 hours and 56 minutes).

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation) - no entry expected