



# **2021 Induction & Awards Ceremony**

Virtual Induction and  
Awards Ceremony  
for the Class of 2021  
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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF IMSHOF

In August 1963, the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation was founded in Roberval, Québec, Canada for the dual purposes of bringing uniformity, safety and honesty to professional endurance swimming races and to serve as a depository of marathon swimming records and a source of publicity for the sport.

The founders were representatives of swimming races in Argentina, Canada, the United States and the United Arab Republic. James P. Toomey, director of the Atlantic City Around the Island Swim (New Jersey, USA) race, was elected as the Federation's first President, with Lois Fournier of Roberval's Traversee International du Lac St-Jean as Vice-President, and Joe Grossman of Atlantic City as Secretary-Treasurer. Race committees which became members were the Atlantic City Around the Island Swim, Traversee International du Lac St-Jean, Mar del Plata (Argentina) and Maratón Acuática Internacional Santa Fe - Coronda (Argentina) groups. In 1963, races were held at all four of those locations, plus races at Maratona del Golfo Capri-Napoli (Italy) and in the Suez Canal (Egypt), both of which were affiliated with the International Long Distance Swimming Federation, and independent races at Chicoutimi (Québec, Canada), Chicago (Illinois, USA), Trois-Rivières (Québec, Canada) and Toronto (Ontario, Canada).

The IMSHOF was founded in 1971 and a panel of selectors (Commander Gerald Forsberg, OBE, Master Mariner, FNI, Royal Navy (Retired) of England, Buck Dawson of the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Florida and Joe Grossman) named "classes" of six Honorees for each year from 1963 (when the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation began to archive and collect information based historical data on the sport) through 1970. From 1970 to 1997 continued to lead the organization and new Inductees were nominated and selected in consultation with an ad-hoc group of current honorees. From 1998 to 2010 Dale Petranek was the Honorary Secretary. The selection was formalized using ballots and selectors included a broader geographic representation and the first non-Inductees. Dale with help from the ISHOF organized the first ever IMSHOF Induction Ceremonies - modest events in Florida around the larger ISHOF annual event. During this period Steven Muñatones led the drive to move and expand the paper records to the web including [www.openwaterpedia.com](http://www.openwaterpedia.com) and the first IMSHOF website. The decision in 2005 to include the 10km marathon swim in the Olympics provided further prestige to the sport and to the IMSHOF.

The IMSHOF was an independent non-profit organization from 2011 to 2014, maintaining a close working relationship with the ISHOF. Christopher Guesdon joined Dale and Steven to manage the selection process and the selector list was expanded and names published. Starting in the UN in New York in 2011 much larger/more formal induction and award ceremonies were held annually.



*One of the features of ISHOF complex*



*Richard Broer with ISHOF curator Bob Duenkel in 2010 - both later inducted into IMSHOF*

In 2015, the IMSHOF once again joined the ISHOF as a formal division of its organization. A larger, more formal Executive Committee now helps directs and manages the operation of the IMSHOF. A new website was created, tightly linked with [www.openwaterpedia.com](http://www.openwaterpedia.com) and <https://longswims.com/> with expanded biographies of all honorees with associated videos, photos, painting and/or



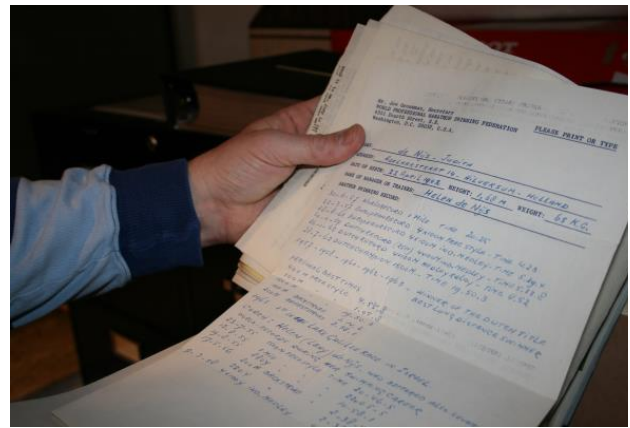
drawings. A Facebook page and Instagram operates and members are also contacted annually through email and newsletters. The induction ceremony in 2017 saw the largest assembly ever of 17 individual Honorees and 7 Honor Organizations

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the IMSHOF is to promote the benefits and importance of traditional and competitive marathon swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and water safety. We do this by maintaining a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history and recognition of marathon (open water) swimmers, including persons involved in safety activities of administration, general support, education and environmental awareness throughout the world, whose lives and accomplishments serve to inspire, educate, and to be role models for all



*With Bob Duenkel (dual ISHOF and IMSHOF inductee) in the ISHOF archives speaking with an interested swimmer.*



*Researching marathon paper records in ISHOF - which we plan to digitize in the next term.*

### Duties of IMSHOF

- To nominate, and select on an annual basis, outstanding individuals or groups who qualify under the criteria for selection to the IMSHOF; traditional and competitive marathon swimmers, officials, administrators, support and safety groups and contributors, who help make the sport possible throughout the world.
- To establish and maintain a biography of the inductees selected as honorees into the IMSHOF.
- To award The Dale Petranec Award for Services to the IMSHOF.
- To accept nominations and award, on an annual basis, on behalf of the ISHOF, The Irving Davids/Captain Roger Wheeler Memorial Award.
- To accept nominations and award, on an annual basis, on behalf of the ISHOF, The Poseidon Award.
- To accept records and memorabilia of nominees, and provide these to the ISHOF Henning Library, archives and the ISHOF Museum on behalf of the IMSHOF.
- To conduct, on an annual basis, an IMSHOF Induction and Awards Ceremony for the winners.

# THE IMSHOF AND ISHOF

## About ISHOF



The International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) museum opened its doors to the public in December of 1968 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. That same year, the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) - the governing body for Olympic aquatic sports – designated the ISHOF museum as the "Official Repository for Aquatic History". In 2018, Sports Publications Inc, publisher of Swimming World Magazine and its multi-media platforms, merged with ISHOF to expand the museum's reach and impact. Today, ISHOF's vision is to be the global focal point for recording and sharing the history of aquatics, promoting swimming as an essential life-skill, and developing educational programs and events related to water sports. Show your support for the sport of swimming by becoming a member of ISHOF.



*A view on part of the ISHOF complex*

## International Swimming Hall of Fame Vision Statement

To be the global focal point for recording and sharing the history of aquatics, promoting swimming as an essential life-skill, and developing educational programs and events related to water sports.

## International Swimming Hall of Fame Mission Statement

To collaborate with aquatic organizations worldwide to preserve, educate and celebrate history, showcase events, share cultures, and increase participation in aquatic sports.



*Near the entrance of ISHOF*

## Relation of IMSHOF with ISHOF

IMSHOF is part of the ISHOF and operates under their legal/tax organization. The permanent exhibits include a treasure trove of marathon memorabilia, paper records and selected biographies. More about this in another section of this booklet



*The 2021 sponsors of ISHOF*



# THE SELECTION PROCESSES FOR IMSHOF & IMSHOF AWARDS

## Anyone can nominate an individual or group in any category

- The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame Honor Swimmer or Contributor.
- The IMSHOF Dale Petranek Award (awarded directly by the IMSHOF Executive Committee and does not require a nomination)
- The ISHOF Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award -  
This award recognizes contributors to the administration of open water swimming to the world. Nominees should have made a major contribution at the international level to marathon swimming generally. Mere long term service by a nominee is not sufficient
- The ISHOF Poseidon Award-  
This award recognizes high level achievement from personal effort or initiative in a field of endeavor that contributes to the performance of marathon swimmers or to the development and status of marathon swimming to the world.

A completed nomination form is required and it must accompany a completed marathon swimming biography of the candidate.

The biography should outline the nominee's marathon swimming career highlighting the reasons why this person should be inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame or receive an ISHOF Award.

## Criteria for selection of IMSHOF honorees

- Marathon Swimmers and Contributors (usually focused on one of the following disciplines):
- Traditional Solo Marathon Swimmers completing straits, channels, rivers, lakes and oceans.
- Swimmers (elite racers) who regularly participate in world class marathon (10km, or longer in length) races including, but not be limited to, Olympic Games, FINA World Championships, FINA Grand Prix and 10km Marathon Swim Cup Events. Primary consideration should be given to those swimmers winning or having medal performances.

All Swimmers should have a history of international events however only swims completed in a costume complying with IMSHOF costume definition will be considered.

## IMSHOF swimwear and aids Criteria:

To be considered for elevation to Honoree in the IMSHOF, the nominee must have complied with the swimwear rules of the body in control of each event listed in the nominee's curriculum vitae.

1. *In organized competition* conducted under the auspices of a recognized international or national

body, the nominee must comply with both the relevant swimwear requirements and other performance regulations as required under that body's rules;

2. *For solo swims conducted under the auspices of the body governing that event*, the nominee must comply with both the relevant swimwear requirements and other performance regulations as required under that body's rules;
3. *For other swims performed outside of known organizations*, private, professional or cause-related, nominees must provide evidence of the swim through credible observers with clear details of costume or any other practices out of the norm of traditional open solo swims.

Contributors to the Sport of Marathon Swimming as a(n) administrator, coach, organization or pilot. These are the dedicated personnel that assist in various functions to support and develop the sport of Marathon Swimming. Their contribution should be made over a period of years and be truly outstanding.

The IMSHOF deplores any ethical violations that seriously diminish the reputation of the IMSHOF including but not limited to drug test failure, conviction of sexual assault on a child and creating false marathon records. These will prevent a nomination of result in an Honoree removed from the IMSHOF.

## Nomination procedures

1. Complete a candidate nomination form.
2. The nominee's biography should include the candidate's marathon swimming/contribution history and clearly outline why the candidate should be inducted into the IMSHOF or receive an ISHOF Award.
3. Get the official nomination forms (download and save under a different name on your PC) from <https://www.imshof.org/nominate-forms>.

## Nominations for the Class of 2022

Nominations close Friday 1st October 8pm (Melbourne, Australia time) / 6am (New York, USA time). Please note that all nominations require an IMSHOF review so a draft should be submitted no later than 15th September.

Please send the name first to [info@imshof.org](mailto:info@imshof.org) to ensure that they haven't already been nominated. The criteria noted, processes described and forms are available for download on the submenus at Nominate | IMSHOF.

Please note the swimmer or contributor does not have to be retired, but they must have had a "career" in the sport of marathon swimming (for swimmers at least 5 years of elite competition or traditional solo swims). Winning one race, setting one traditional swim record or running one successful event do not make a career.



## THE IMSHOF SEA GODDESS

The official trophy for the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. It evokes the sea's qualities of movement, rhythm and temperament in a timeless portrait of a woman. One side is stormy and tumultuous, the other, pacific and serene - overall mystery and beauty. Peggy Mach is a renowned sculptor whose works have been commissioned by towns, universities, and churches.

To quote the legendary Life Magazine photographer, Phillippe Hallsman, "Her works shine with a light from within."



*The Sea Goddess sculpted by artist Peggy Mach*

Educated at Queens College, Peggy went on to study with Alfred Van Loen at C.W. Post University and did two years'

private study with international sculptor Robert Cronbach. In 1998, she was named an International Master of Sculpture. She lives on a small idyllic island called Shelter, nestled between the forks of Eastern Long Island, New York. USA.

All inducted swimmers and contributors are named on the plaques on the Sea Goddess. Honorees can purchase a smaller version of the trophy for home display.



*the Sea Goddess on exhibit in the ISHOF. Keep in mind it is about 4-5 feet (circa 170cm) tall!*



## ISHOF AWARDS

### The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award

The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award is presented annually by International Swimming Hall of Fame to the organization or individual who has contributed the most to the administration of open water swimming.



*Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award and recipient Richard Broer (2017) at ISHOF*

#### Former recipients

2020	S.A. "Sid" Cassidy (USA)
2019	Sue Guesdon (AUS)
2018	Stéphane Lecat (FRA)
2017	Richard Broer (NED)
2016	David Yudovin (USA)

2015	Dennis Miller (USA)
2014	Melissa Cunningham (AUS)
2013	Ned Denison (IRL)
2012	Drury Gallagher (USA)
2011	Steve Muñatones (USA)
2010	Christopher Guesdon (AUS)
2009	Michael P. Read, MBE (GBR)
2008	Shelley Taylor-Smith (AUS)
2007	Silvia Dalotto (ARG)
2006	Dale Petranec (USA)
2005	Lynn Blouin (CAN)
2004	Roger and Valerie Parsons (GBR)
2003	British Long Distance Swimming Association (GBR)
2002	James J. Doty (USA)
1980 to 2001 not awarded	
1979	Dennis Matuch (USA)
1978	Charles E. Silvia (USA)
1977	Conrad Albert Wennerberg (USA)
1976	Aquatique Club du lac St. Jean (CAN)
1975	Ray and Audrey Scott (GBR)
1974	Jerry Nason (USA)
1973	Willy van Rysel (NED)
1972	Buck Dawson (USA)
1971	Commander Gerald Forsberg, OBE, Master Mariner, FNI, Royal Navy (GBR)
1970	Joe Grossman (USA)

### The Poseidon Award

The International Swimming Hall of Fame Poseidon Award recognizes high level achievement from personal effort or initiative in a field of endeavor that contributes to the performance of marathon swimmers or to the development and status of Marathon Swimming to the world.

#### Former recipients

2020	Petar Stoychev (BGR)
2019	Michael P. Read, MBE (GBR)
2018	Christopher Guesdon (AUS)
2017	Steven Muñatones (USA)
2016	Chloë McCardel (AUS)
2013	The Organizing Committee of the Global Open Water Swimming Conference (IRL)



*The Poseidon Award*



## IMSHOF AWARD

### The Dale Petranech Award for services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

This award was created in 2016 to honor Dale Petranech for decades of service to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. Petranech is a dual inductee in both the IMSHOF and the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Contributor. As a marathon swimmer, Petranech previously held the record as the oldest solo swimmer across the Catalina Channel and has served for nearly 50 years in various capacities at all levels of the sport, local, regional, national and international.

#### Former recipients

2020	Beth Yudovin (USA)
2019	Christopher Guesdon (AUS)
2018	Herman Willemse (NED)
2017	not awarded
2016	Dale Petranech (USA)



*Beth Yudovin receiving the Dale Petranech Award with Dale himself and Ned Denison*



*The Dale Petranech Award with Dale Petranech*



## IMSHOF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ADDRESS



*Ned Denison  
IMSHOF Executive Committee  
Chairperson*

Welcome to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) Class of 2021 "Virtual" Induction and Awards Ceremony.

Thank you to all who attended the first virtual event in May 2021 (Class of 2020) – or watched it on YouTube. We have taken feedback and delivered an even better second virtual ceremony and booklet. Those introducing Inductees and Award Winners have a much closer

personal connection and the certificates, awards and sashes arrived in time to be on-hand for the acceptances. This booklet is larger with more material of interest.

Open water swimming has experienced a significant growth over the last 20 years due to several factors including: inclusion in the Olympics; newsletters, social media, wetsuits, winter swimming, more events, bucket lists, and general interest in endurance events. This general growth drove an explosion in marathon swimming. For the Class of 2021 we announce 8 inductees. The 4 Honor Swimmers are all elite racers active in the period 1993-2010. The 4 Honor Contributors are all still active with 2 starting in the early 1990s and 2 in the early 2000s. To demonstrate our continuing international focus, none of these Inductees are from the United States.

The three 3 Award winners range from the first swimmer to complete a 4-way English Channel swim to a leading organizer of mass participation events to a swimmer/organizer/writer active for more than 40 years

The closure of pools and gyms throughout much of the year drove perhaps a tripling of those dipping and

swimming in the seas, lakes and rivers – for many a new experience and for many one that continues. The Tokyo Olympics showcased the sport brilliantly: Honoree Ana Marcela Cunha winning a close sprint finish and the men's race disproving the previous wisdom that a swimmer who leads by a large margin will fail. Many events returned after 2020 postponements: FINA races, epic marathons like the Catalina Channel and many shorter events.

Congratulations and welcome to the Class of 2021 Inductees, Award winners, other Honorees, families, administrators, coaches/crew, pilots, sport dignitaries and friends.

Nominations for the Class of 2022 Induction and Awards are due in a few weeks (by 1 October) and in only a few months more announcements will be made. Like many of you, we miss the usual fabulous human interaction and in-person ceremonies will resume in Naples, Italy on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Ned Denison  
Chairperson for the IMSHOF Executive Committee



*2019 Honorees, Award Winners and Executive Committee in  
Melbourne, Australia*



*2018 Honorees, Award Winners and Executive Committee in  
Windsor, GB*





# CAPRI-NAPOLI, HONOR ORGANIZATION, ITALY

Capri-Napoli was started in 1954 by IMSHOF

Honorees Lello Barbuto and Major General Ahmed Zorkani.

The race became a Major: World Championship for the International Long Distance Swimming Federation. Until 1992, Capri-Napoli was the premier annual race in Europe.

The race restarted in 2003 under the direction of IMSHOF Honoree Luciano Cotena and has been a key event on the FINA circuit. As of 2020, 66 Honorees have completed the course. An open race was added in 2013 to allow epic marathon swimmers such as IMSHOF Honorees Ned Denison and Anna-Cardin Nordin and relay teams to compete. The two annual races now include about 150 swimmers from all over the world. As of 2020 swimmers have come from 57 nations from 5 continents (Europe 29, Asia 14, Americas 8, Africa 4, and Australia/New Zealand 2).



*The first start (1954)*

The goal of the organizational team (through communication and sports marketing experts) is to take care of every aspect in the smallest detail, leaving nothing to chance. For the official competition, the main goal is to have the highest ranked swimmers of the discipline, continue the great sporting value of the event and keeping the focus on open water tradition. For the "open" competitions, however, the goals are to allow large numbers of swimmers to be able to participate in an iconic competition. They also try to develop sports tourism in the best possible way through the countless breath-taking areas that surround the competition field: Capri, Naples, Ischia, Sorrento, Amalfi, Vesuvius, Pompeii.



For many years, the event was the main summer event in the city. Finally, but not least, launch some strong social messages through special participations or that carry special messages.

## Italian translation

Capri-Napoli è stata avviata nel 1954 e sviluppata sempre più, nel corso degli anni, da Lello Barbuto e il Generale Maggione Ahmed Zorkani, entrambi IMSHOF Honorees. La gara divenne una Major: Campionato del Mondo per la Federazione Internazionale di Nuoto di Lunga Distanza. Fino al 1992, la Capri-Napoli è stata la prima gara annuale in Europa.

La gara è ripartita nel 2003 sotto la direzione di Luciano Cotena premiato IMSHOF Honoree ed è stato un evento chiave del circuito FINA. Sino al 2020, 66 premiati IMSHOF hanno completato la gara. Una gara "open" è stata aggiunta nel 2013 per consentire di gareggiare anche ai nuotatori delle epiche maratone come Ned Denison e Anna-Cardin Nordin e alle squadre di staffetta. Le due competizioni ora includono circa 150 nuotatori annuali provenienti da tutto il mondo. Sino al 2020 hanno partecipato nuotatori che provenivano da 57 nazioni di 5 continenti (Europa 29, Asia 14, Americhe 8, Africa 4 e Australia / Nuova Zelanda 2).



*All pictures courtesy of Archivio Carbone*

L'obiettivo del team organizzativo (attraverso esperti di comunicazione e marketing sportivo) è curare ogni aspetto nei minimi dettagli, senza lasciare nulla al caso. Per la competizione ufficiale, l'obiettivo principale è quello di avere i nuotatori più quotati della disciplina, continuare ad ampliare il grande valore sportivo dell'evento e mantenere alto il focus sulla tradizione del nuoto in acque libere. Per le gare "open", invece, l'obiettivo è quello di consentire a un gran numero di nuotatori di poter partecipare a una competizione iconica. Inoltre, si cerca di sviluppare al meglio il turismo sportivo, attraverso le innumerevoli zone mozzafiato che circondano il campo di gara: Capri, Napoli, Ischia, Sorrento, Amalfi, Vesuvio, Pompei.

Per molti anni l'evento è stato il principale evento estivo della città. Infine, ma non meno importante, l'evento lancia alcuni messaggi sociali forti attraverso partecipazioni speciali o che veicolano messaggi speciali.



## GABRIEL CHAILLOU, HONOR SWIMMER, ARGENTINA

Gabriel Chaillou competed in 16 countries as an elite racer for 9 years starting in 1996. He swam in more than 70 races and stood on the podium for more than half of his races. In 1997 he won the 88 km Hernandarias-Parana marathon in the warm river breaking the course record held by IMSHOF Honoree Greg Streppel. A few weeks later he won the 25 km Ciudad de Mar del Plata in the cold ocean (<16C) breaking the course record while beating IMSHOF Honorees Attila Molnar, Claudio Plit and Igor De Souza. He was twice bronze medalist in the FINA World Championships at 25 km in 1998 and 2002.



Many of his podium finishes came in the most prestigious races on the elite circuit: 1997, 2001 and 2002 in Atlantic City, USA and Ohrid in Macedonia; 1997 in Rio Corondo,

Argentina; 1999, 2002 and 2004 in Lac St-Jean, Canada; 2003 and 2004 Capri-Naples, Italy; 2004 in Sabac, Serbia; and 2004 in Lac Memphremagog, Canada. Gabriel competed against the dominant swimmer of his era, IMSHOF Honoree Petar Stoychev, and record two victories against him.

In the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup Series, he medaled six times: 2nd in 1998, 2000 and 2003 and 3rd in 1999, 2002 and 2004.

### Spanish translation

Gabriel Chaillou completó competencias en 16 países como parte de la elite por 9 años comenzando en 1996. El nadó en más de 70 carreras y se mantuvo en el podio por más de la mitad de sus competencias. En 1997 él ganó los 88 km en Hernandarias-Parana marathon en río de aguas calientes, rompiendo record de la manifestación que tenía el homenajeado por IMSHOF Greg Streppel. Pocas semanas después él ganó en los 25 km de la Ciudad de Mar del Plata en océano de aguas frías (<16C) rompiendo el record de la manifestación mientras se anteponía al homenajeado IMSHOF Attila Molnar, Claudio Plit and Igor De Souza. Él fue dos veces medalla de bronce en el Campeonato Mundial de Natación de aguas abiertas de la FINA en 25 km en el año 1998 y en el 2002.

La mayoría de éstos podios, fueron obtenidos en las más prestigiosas competencias que forman parte de la elite del circuito: 1997, 2001 y 2002 en Atlantic City, USA y Ohrid en Macedonia; 1997 en Río Coronda, Argentina; 1999, 2002 y 2004 en el Lago St-Jean, Canadá; 2003 y 2004 Capri-Naples, Italy; 2004 en Sabac, Serbia; y 2004 en el Lago Memphremagog, Canadá. Gabriel compitió contra otros nadadores dominantes de la era, como el homenajeado IMSHOF Petar Stoychev, y grabó dos victorias sobre él.

En la FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup Series se mantuvo en el podio durante seis ocasiones: 2nd in 1998, 2000 y 2003 y 3rd en 1999, 2002 y 2004.



# JULIAN CRITCHLOW, HONOR ADMINISTRATOR, GREAT BRITAIN

Julian Critchlow compiled the first comprehensive list of English Channel solo swimmers to ensure that there is a single reliable source of information on English Channel swims. The English Channel generates the most publicity for the sport and this database is a crucial element in giving swimmers/writers a factual basis for tens of thousands of future stories.



The database now enables the generation of endless metrics. Julian started the list to answer his first question: "What number swimmer of the English Channel am I?" before moving on to questions such as:

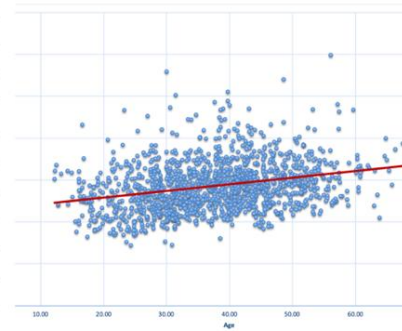
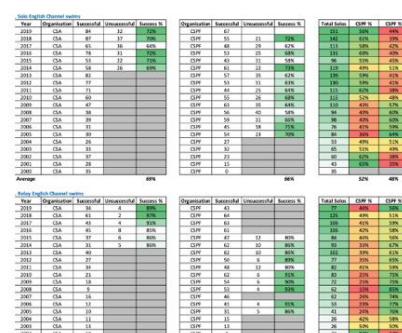
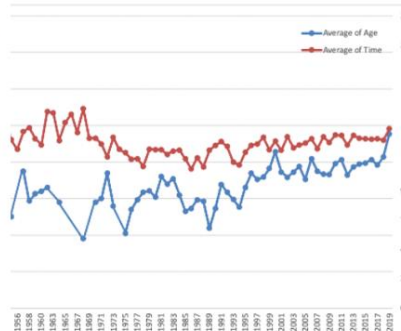
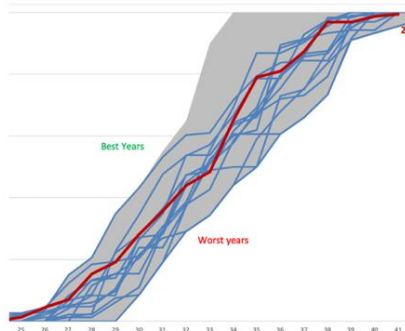
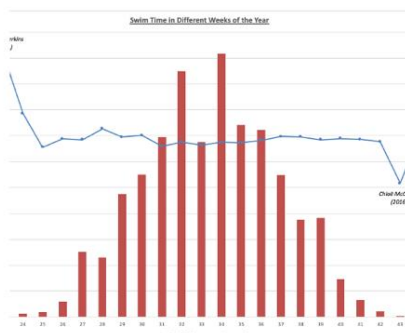
- Higher success rate - women or men? Women! But twice as many men attempt it

- Best month?  
July has the highest success rate
- Spring or Neap tides better?  
Similar but there are more swims now on Springs!
- Faster England to France or vice versa?  
The average one-way swim is faster from England to France although swimmers are no longer allowed to start in France.

The list is not commercial and can be downloaded from [www.tinyurl.com/solo-channel-database](http://www.tinyurl.com/solo-channel-database) for solo swims or [www.tinyurl.com/relay-channel-database](http://www.tinyurl.com/relay-channel-database) for relay swims. Julian also publishes a growing list of statistics and infographics which can be found at: [www.tinyurl.com/channel-facts](http://www.tinyurl.com/channel-facts).



Julian has swum the English Channel in 2004, 2014, 2017 and 2019 and Rottneet in 2016, raising nearly US\$200,000 for charity and was Vice-Chairman of the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming & Piloting Federation from 2012-16.





## STÉPHANE GOMEZ, HONOR SWIMMER, FRANCE

Stéphane Gomez competed in 20 countries as an elite racer for 11 years starting in 1999. In 87 events, in distances from 10 km to 88 km, he stood on the podium after almost half of the races. He was the silver medalist in the FINA World Championships at 25 km in 2001, the first French swimmer in history to medal at the open water world championships.

Stéphane won these prestigious races on the elite circuit: 2004 in Atlantic City, USA; 2004 in Rio Corondo, Argentina; 2004 in Rosario, Argentina; 2005 in Santa Fe, Argentina, 2006 in Hernandarias, Argentina; and 2008 in Capri-Naples, Italy.



In the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup Series, he medaled four times: 2nd in 2004 and 2005 and 3rd in 2001 and 2006. In the FINA Grand Prix Series, he was 3rd in 2008. The dominant swimmer of his era, IMSHOF Honoree Petar Stoychev won in each of these years.

He led the French team to the FINA World Championship Team Gold at 25 km in 2000 and 2004. After retirement he took 2nd places at the World Championship Ironman 70.3 in 2017 Chattanooga (USA) and 2019 Nice (France) at age group 40-44 years.

### French translation

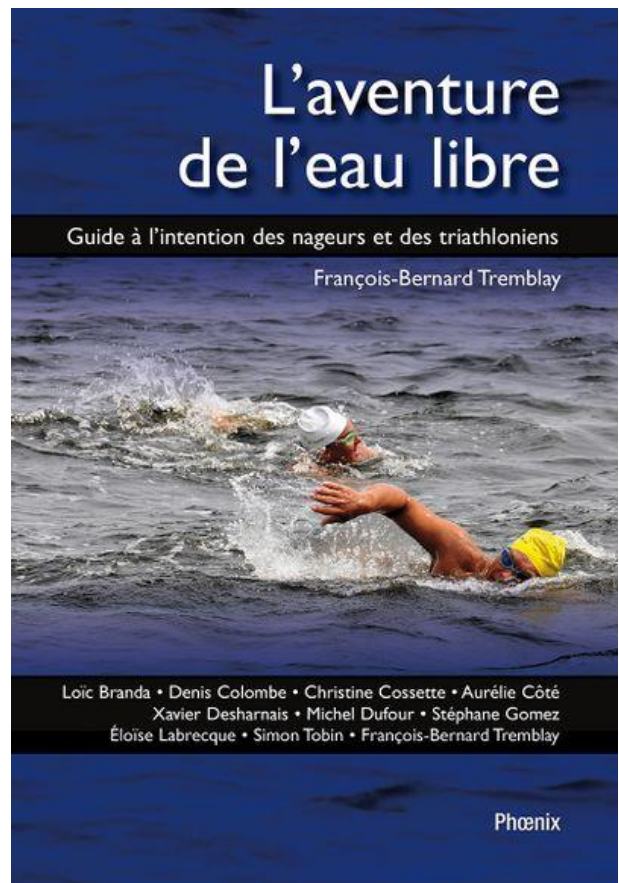
Stéphane Gomez a, à partir de 1999 et pendant 11 ans, concouru au plus haut niveau dans plus de 20 pays. Sur 87 épreuves, et des distances allant de 10 km à 88 km, il est monté sur le podium dans près de la moitié des cas. Il a reçu la médaille d'argent aux championnats du monde de la FINA sur 25 km en 2001, devenant le premier nageur français de l'histoire à être médaillé aux championnats du monde de nage en eau libre.

Stéphane Gomez est arrivé en tête des épreuves suivantes : Atlantic City (Etats-Unis) en 2004, Rio Corondo

et Rosario (Argentine) la même année ; en Argentine également il s'est placé premier à Santa Fe en 2005 et à Hermandarias en 2006, gagnant Capri-Naples (Italie) en 2008.

Lors de la Coupe du Monde de natation de longue distance FINA il est monté sur le podium à quatre reprises, prenant la deuxième place en 2004 et 2005 et la troisième en 2001 et 200. Lors du Grand Prix FINA de 2008 il s'est placé 3ème.. Dans chacune de ces compétitions, c'est Petar Stoychev, qui dominait le sport à l'époque, qui a gagné la première place.

Stéphane Gomez a emmené l'équipe de France vers l'or aux championnats du monde FINA et 2000 et 2004 sur 25 km Après sa retraite, il s'est placé en seconde place aux championnats du monde Ironman 70.3 en 2017 a Chattanooga (Etats-Unis) et à Nice (France) en 2019 dans la catégorie des 40-44ans.



*Stéphane Gomez active as contributor to educating open water swimmers and triathletes*



## YVETTA HLAVÁČOVÁ, HONOR SWIMMER, CZECH REPUBLIC

Yvetta Hlaváčová set the all-time fastest female English Channel time in 2006 at 7 hours and 25 minutes 15 seconds. This broke the 28-year old record held by IMSHOF Honoree Penny Lee Dean. As of 2020 only 9 male times are faster. She completed two other crossings one also under 8 hours. Yvetta completed two epic Vltava River stage swims for charity: downstream in 2007 138.7 km in 7 consecutive days and upstream in 2008 142.4 km in 35 hours and 2 minutes in 7 consecutive days with water temperatures down to 8.3°C.



*Yvetta launching her second book*



She also competed successfully for 9 years in the FINA World Cup. In 25 events she stood on the podium for about one-third of the races. In the 2002 FINA World Cup 10 km in Egypt she won beating IMSHOF Honorees Britta Kamrau and Angela Maurer. Altogether she swam marathons in 20 countries.

Yvetta earned other medals: 2002 and 2004 FINA World Championships (25 km Team swim) – bronze and 1991 European Championship 5km silver. She was a champion pool swimmer as well: 82 Czech titles, 9 medals in FINA Swimming World Cup (free, fly and medley in Brazil 1998) and 3 European masters records. After 1996 most of Yvette's travel and all training were self-funded and self-organized.

### Czech translation

Yvetta Hlaváčová zaplavala v roce 2006 historicky nejrychlejší ženský čas přes kanál La Manche (the English Channel) za 7 hodin, 25 minut a 15 sekund. Tím překonala 28 let starý rekord držitelky vyznamenání síně slávy IMSHOF, Penny Lee Dean. Až do roku 2020 bylo pouze 9 mužských časů rychlejších. Yvetta absolvovala celkem tři přeplavby kanálu La Manche. Dvě z nich byly pod 8 hodin. Yvetta úspěšně absolvovala dvě legendární charitativní plavby po řece Vltavě: po proudu v roce 2007, 138,7 km za 7 dní po sobě, a proti proudu v roce 2008, 142,4 km za 35 hodin a 2 minuty za 7 dní po sobě s teplotou vody až 8,3° C.

Úspěšně také 9 let soutěžila ve světovém poháru FINA. V 25 závodech stála ve cca. třetině závodů na stupních vítězů. Na Světovém poháru FINA 2002 v Egyptě na 10 km zvítězila nad držitelkami vyznamenání síně slávy IMSHOF Brittou Kamrau a Angelou Maurer. Plavala maratony celkem ve 20 zemích.

Yvetta získala další medaile: 2002 a 2004 (plavání týmů na 25 km) - bronz a mistrovství Evropy 1991 na 5 km - stříbro. Byla také úspěšná v bazénovém plavání: 82 českých titulů, 9 medailí ve světovém poháru FINA (volný způsob, motýl a polohový závod v Brazílii 1998) a 3 rekordy European Masters. Po roce 1996 si Yvette většinu cestování a veškeré tréninky financovala a organizovala sama.

## NEVILLE SMITH, HONOR ADMINISTRATOR, SOUTH AFRICA

Neville Smith has been involved in marathon and open water swimming for more than 30 years as a parent, coach, administrator and official. A FINA Open Water Swimming Referee, he has served on the SSA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee and officiated at National, Continental and World Championships and was on the start and finish pontoon at the 2008 Olympics. He is an event organizer and manager at the National Federation level (attending events in more than 10 countries).

Fondly referred to as the "grandfather" of open water swimming in South Africa, Neville has been at the forefront of the sport in his native South Africa as well as helping expansion of the discipline throughout the continent.

He led initiatives to increase open water safety regulations and helped develop mass participation community swims from 400 meter to 10 km including assisting at the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Midmar Mile. He was responsible for the establishment of a sponsored national open water swimming series. These events grew the profile nationally and it saw the discipline become the fastest growing recreational sport in South Africa. He established a national squad system which supported open water swimming athletes, coaches and technical officials.

A successful Coach, he has also worked with several swimmers with Disabilities, including Down Syndrome athletes who have established World records and won multiple World Championship medals.



## VIOLA VALLI, HONOR SWIMMER, ITALY

Viola Valli won 2 Majors: 2003 10 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship and 2001 25 km FINA World Championship. In both cases she beat IMSHOF Honorees Edith Van Dijk and Angela Maurer.



She competed in only 5 elite marathon races in four years starting in 2000: 4 FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship and 1 World Cup – taking 1st or 2nd in all. Despite a short career, Viola is one of the most successful women in FINA Open Water World Championship history. She was the first swimmer to be crowned World Champion in the 5 km, 10 km and 25 km and won 12 World Championships medals (5 km, 10 km and 25 km - Individual and Teams).

### Italian translation

Viola Valli ha vinto 2 Master Maratone di nuoto: 2003 10 km FINA Open Water Campionato di nuoto; 2001 25 km FINA Campionato Mondiale. In entrambi i casi ha battuto IMSHOF Honorees Edith Van Dijk ed Angela Maurer.

Ha partecipato in solo 5 gare di maratona di prestigio in quattro anni a partire dal 2000: 4 FINA Open Water Campionati Mondiali di nuoto e 1 Coppa del mondo piazzandosi sempre prima o seconda. Nonostante una carriera breve, Viola è una delle donne di maggior successo nella storia di FINA Open Water Campionati Mondiali. È stata la prima nuotatrice d'essere incoronata come Campionessa Mondiale nei 5 km, 10 km e 25 km ed ha vinto 12 medaglie di Campionati mondiali (5 km, 10 km e 25 km - Individuali e Squadre).





## RONNIE MAN CHIU WONG, BBS, JP, HONOR ADMINISTRATOR, HONG KONG

Ronnie Man Chiu Wong, BBS, JP has been a leader of the elite competitions for nearly three decades as a member of the FINA Technical Open Water Swim Committee (TOWSC). A member since 1992 and Chair since 2009 he took responsibility for the 10 km in the London 2012 and Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympics. He visited over 30 countries and 50 cities on FINA's behalf. The TOWSC is responsible for rules establishment and overall direction of all the FINA marathon competitions (Olympics, World Championships, Grand Prix, World Cup, World Series and Junior Events).

He led Hong Kong to organize the Open Water World Cup series with China to form the Asia cluster from 2001 for over 15 consecutive years. This was of utmost importance prior to admitting marathon swimming into the Olympics, because before the Beijing Olympics, there were no elite competitions in Asia.

Ronnie represented Hong Kong in the Olympics: 1968 at age 16 (100, 200 & 400 free, 100 & 200 back and 200 IM) and 1972 (100 free, 100 fly and 20 IM). He also organized annual mass participation open water event from 2011 with 4,000 swimmers swimming across the Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong in 2018 (about 2km).

He was awarded two honors by the government: Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) and Justice of the Peace (JP).



## THE IRVING DAVIDS/CAPTAIN ROGER W. WHEELER MEMORIAL AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME: COLIN HILL

Colin Hill changed open water swimming in Great Britain. He inspired a “mass participation” open water swim which became the Great Swim Series. The tens of thousands competitive 1-mile swim spawned a generation of new marathon swimmers. This provided a massive publicity boost for the sport. Colin then led as the Marathon Swimming Technical Operations Manager for the London Organising Committee of the 2012 London Olympic Games. The Olympic 10K Marathon Swim, in the Serpentine, in the middle of a London Park, showcased the sport of open water marathon swimming to a new generation. After his Olympic success, Hill set up the Big Chill Swim in Windermere in the Lake District of England. This led to the Chills swim Coniston – 5.25 miles End to End and a restart of the historic Windermere Cross Lake Swim. Colin went to become the Technical Operations Manager for the 2018 LEN European Open Water Swimming Championships in Loch Lomond. He had held a position as Open Water Swimming consultant for both FINA and London Marathon to develop mass participation events.

Colin helped make spending a weekend going open water swimming into a trendy activity – even becoming “cool”. Colin now has an open water swimming coaching venue at Ullswater (UK Lake District) where he can be found daily coaching those new to open water and providing boat support for long distance swimmers. He received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2021 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming. Colin is also an accomplished marathon swimmer with a 10 hours and 30 minutes English Channel swim and a two-way crossing of Lake Windermere





## THE POSEIDON AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING HALL OF FAME: SARAH THOMAS

Sarah Thomas competed a 128.7 km/80.0 miles Lake Powell (Arizona USA) swim in 2016 in 56 hours and 5 minutes – that's more than two days of swimming! According to the previous lists published by The Daily News of Open Water Swimming: it was the longest distance EVER lake swim surpassing those by other IMSHOF honorees: Vicki Keith – 104 km/64 miles double-crossing of Lake Ontario in 1987 and Abdel-Latif Abo-Heif/Ted Erikson 96.5 km/60 miles Lake Michigan in 1963. Sarah's swim was also the 13th longest swim EVER in terms of time, according to Openwaterpedia.

The swim was covered by Associated Press, ESPN, The New York Times and AP, Swimming World, the Triathlete Forum (SlowTwitch) and another 50+ media outlets. Her swim expanded the horizon of marathon swimmers. Sarah broke the record this year with a 168 km/104.6 mile Lake Champlain swim. This took 67 hours and 16 minutes and drew similar media and Facebook attention. It put her #7 on the list for the longest swim ever in terms of time. In 2019 she also completed an unprecedented 4-way crossing of the English Channel.

Sarah completed the Triple Crown in 2012 and Loch Ness in 2015. She was the first person to complete double crossings of Lake Tahoe (67.5 km/42 miles) and Lake Memphremagog (80 km/50 miles).



She received The Poseidon Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2021 for her high level performance that advanced the development and status of Marathon Swimming to the world.





## DALE PETRANECH AWARD: COMMANDER GERALD FORSBERG, OBE, MASTER MARINER, FNI, ROYAL NAVY (RETIRED)



Commander Gerald Forsberg, OBE, Master Mariner, FNI, Royal Navy (Retired) competed in 211 long distance swims, logging 2,021 km (1,256 miles) in championship swims and was President of the Channel Swimming Association between 1963 and 1997. Commander Forsberg was the British Long Distance Swimming Association champion in Windermere (1957-1958), Tobray (1958), Loch Lomond (1959) and the record holder in Lough Neagh, Morecambe Bay 2-way, Windermere 2-way, and the English Channel (record holder between 1957 and 1959 from England to France). He also set a record in the Bristol Channel in 1964 and completed over 14,162 km (8,800 miles) of swimming in open water.

He was the president of the British Long Distance Swimming Association between 1982 and 1983, president of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame and a Life Member of the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association.

He was the author of three books, numerous articles promoting the Royal and Merchant Navy's swimming, live

saving interests and long distance swimming and was a regular columnist for the Nautical Magazine starting in 1957 and Swimming Times promoting long distance swimming for 40 years. His publications include Long Distance Swimming (1957), First Stokes in Swimming (1961), Modern Long Distance Swimming (1963), Salvage from the Sea (1977) and numerous short stories, articles and papers for general periodicals and technical journals. For these works he received the Buck Dawson Authors Award and Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award in 1971 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming from the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In 1998, he was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as a Pioneer Contributor (1998). He is the fifth recipient in 2021 of The Dale Petranech Award for Service to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.



*Memorial to Commander Gerald Forsberg  
in Morecambe, England*

## IN MEMORIAM

In the past year the following inductees have passed on:

### Herman Willemse

Herman Willemse won 11 Majors: 1961 and 1962 Canadian National Exhibition; 1961, 1962 and 1963 Lac St Jean; 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 Around Atlantic City; and 1963 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation.

He was known as the Flying Dutchman and dominated professional marathon swimming between 1960 and 1964. He also won the 37 km (23-mile) la Descente ou remontée du Saguenay in 6 hours and 15 minutes in 1966, the 16 km (10-mile) Trois Riviere Swims in 1961, 1962 and 1963 in Canada, the 58 km (36-mile) Santa Fe-Coronda race in Argentina in 1963 with two third-place finishes in 1964 and 1966, 45 km (28-mile) Mar del Plato in Argentina, 42 km (26 miles) in the Suez Canal in Egypt, 88 km (54.6-mile) Hernandaras-Parana swim in Argentina and fourth in the 36 km (22.3-mile) Maratona del Golfo – Capri-Napoli in Italy.

He finished second to the IMSHOF Honoree Abdellatief Abou Heif for the World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation in 1964, 1965 and 1966. Herman is credited with changing the image of marathon swimming when he won the Canadian National Exhibition Swim in 1962. He was one of the first to use a scientific approach to a swim. For example, he studied the water conditions including temperature, to develop a race strategy. Teamed with IMSHOF Honoree Regent Lacoursiere, he also won the initial La Tuque 24-hour team race in Canada in 1965 and again in 1966. He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2008). Herman was the second recipient in 2018 of The Dale Petranech Award for Service to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.



*Herman Willemse*

### Chad Hundebly

Chad won 3 Majors: 1994 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup; 1993/1994 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series and 1991 25 km FINA World Championship.

He set the Channel Swimming Association record for a one-way English Channel crossing in 7 hours and 17 minutes in 1978. Hundebly was honored as the Open Water Swimmer of the Year by the USA Swimming in 1991, 1993 and 1994. He also won numerous marathon swims around the world and set a Catalina Channel record in 1993 in 8 hours and 14 minutes.

He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2012).



*Chad Hundebly*



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The IMSHOF has three sources of income, Benefactors, Bequeaths, and Donations which are noted as Patrons of IMSHOF. This helps with the costs of the website and newsletters (including some paid assistance); Facebook; Induction and Awards Dinner and an annual contribution to the ISHOF under which we operate. The IMSHOF recently changed the name member to “patron” because it reflects the role better.

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# WHAT THE IMSHOF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTUALLY DOES...



## Inductions and 3 Awards

This is the area that takes 75% of our effort and accounts for 75% of our annual expenses. There are 4 main elements in the activities: nominations, selection, announcements and the ceremony

### Nominations:

In 2019 the Executive Committee agreed changes to the process and produced standardized forms. This helps ensure that the selectors will see 50 nominations that are easier to understand and compare. Each nomination now requires the individual/organization to sign for accuracy and ethics compliance plus a member of the Executive Committee for applicability and high-level quality assurance.

In addition, we have taken steps to ensure that the elite racers with the most podium positions over the previous 20 years will always be approached with an offer of help to prepare a nomination. In the past some of these individuals missed out on this opportunity.

A similar target list of traditional marathoners, administrators, coaches, organizations and pilots is also maintained – new countries, new swims, etc. Anyone can nominate anyone and often those with the most unique background/career are the first to be selected.

### Selection:

An annual ballot is prepared and sent to more than 50 selectors (from more than 20 countries and several eras!). New inductees and 2 of the awards are then determined by their votes. This past year the Executive Committee defined the role/obligation and set terms for all selectors. Being a selector is an onerous, difficult and often requires a month of annual mental agony before voting. Voting is mandatory. Lobbying is not allowed and being a selector is an obligation to the IMSHOF – not an honor!

### Announcements:

The new Inductees and Award winners are contact in person or by phone. A day or two of excitement is allowed, then they each get fully involved in getting their career history completed across 25+ IMSHOF database

categories, a 250 word announcement agreed (and often translated into their native language), press photos agreed, local press coordination and IMSHOF announcement on Facebook (which will reach 4,000 to 25,000 users).

### Induction and Award Ceremony:

The venue and timing are usually agreed 1+ years in advance – and we rely on local hosts to do a huge amount of the work. These inductions were all in Florida until 2013 and now 5 out the last 7 have been outside the USA! The IMSHOF sponsors 2 tickets for each Inductee and Award winner (our major annual expenses). Then it is about logistics: selling tickets; getting a good attendance; preparing a circa 30 page booklet, videos and PowerPoint presentations, name tags, table assignments; national flags; procuring sashes, certificates, awards etc. and finally prepared speeches, dry runs on the day and registration volunteer staff.

Usually a less formal dinner happens the night before, a gathering in a pub after the ceremony and a swim or two during the weekend!

## Communications

The IMSHOF takes an active role on promoting the sport and the Hall, educating all involved (example – how to measure open water distances), connecting individuals/organizations and of course translating announcements and biographies into local language to make the communication more effective.

- Facebook: trying for fresh content EVERY day.
- Keeping posted on the status of Honorees: awards, big swims, new events, retirement and unfortunately their passing.
- Website: evolving over time.
- Instagram: our newest channel.
- Newsletters: at least 4/year.
- One-to-one: reuniting old friends, answering questions, trying quietly to resolve issues, etc.

## Research

A simple question drives continual research, which you often see on Facebook or in articles/newsletters. How many Honorees are book authors – and the titles? Which Honorees have done TEDTalks – and the URLs? Which Honorees were involved with the Olympics – and results?

Coming soon we hope – scanning all the old paper records in the Henning Library in ISHOF (Fort Lauderdale Florida), indexing by Honoree and putting them on-line. Getting the old/full FINA race results into the MSF Long Swim Database.

## Finances

IMSHOF doesn't pay the Executive Committee members or fund their travel. The annual budget is tiny and met by generous donations, Ceremony tickets, new Patrons and selling of merchandize.

## Relationship with the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF)

IMSHOF is part of ISHOF and they manage our USA tax free status, finances and hold all open water memorabilia in their facility. IMSHOF contributes annually to their cost, contribute nominations to the ISHOF, gives input on some key overall decisions, takes seriously the selection of the 2 ISHOF Award winners and some IMSHOF Honorees are involved in their selection process. Finally, at least one Executive Committee member tries to attend the ISHOF annual ceremony as an IMSHOF Honoree is usually being inducted.

## Branding

IMSHOF's mission is to maintain a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history and recognition of marathon swimmers and contributors. "Shrine" is a big word. It involves constant thought, care and burnishing. We protect against any rust and dents and keep trying to improve.

In the past years it has involved massive improvements like adding ethical considerations to Honoree requirements (removing 2 who fell afoul and preventing several nominations for swimmers/contributors that did not meet the ethical standards). We have a safety

messaging role and down to simple things like making sure all Honorees at the annual ceremony wear the green sash.

## Recruitment

It may be a surprise, but recruitment is constant: making sure we have sufficient/quality nominations annually, new selectors, good attendance at the annual ceremonies, the next members of the Executive Committee identified and "brought along" and volunteers for as much as possible.

Volunteers bring in nominations, help with the website, do research, bring new ideas and help identify/create the daily content for Facebook.

## The Future

The Executive Committee looks forward 1, 5 and even 10 years. What are the trends? Where do we want to lead? Where are the challenges? How do we become even more international? Moving away from male/female gender labels as these become more fluid.?

## The Style

Today the Executive Committee meets annually (at the ceremony) and stays connected by monthly calls and email. Consensus happens on just about every topic. We rarely get into a situation decided by a 3-2 vote. Some of you reading this will be future members of the Executive Committee – please let us know your interest, we'll find you a role and draw you in over time! Currently new members of the Executive Committee are invited to join. As interest in the IMSHOF grows and more volunteer to taken on projects/responsibility we hope to see all Honorees voting for future members.



*The IMSHOF Executive Committee at the 2018 Ceremony:  
Melissa Cunningham, Richard Broer, Beth Yudovin and Ned Denison*

# DEFINITION AND LISTING OF THE “MAJORS”

## Background

Until FINA's involvement about thirty years ago, our sport did not have a set of globally accepted World Championship and multi-event Series Championships. Before the 1990s there were competing Associations/Federations and individual events, some being promoted as World and International Championships and/or offering substantial prize money/media attention.

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF), in documenting the achievements of swimmers of all eras, wishes to establish a uniform method of categorization. IMSHOF take a lead from Golf and Tennis – which coin the term “Majors” and add our own flavor.

## Historic Majors

- Wrigley Ocean Marathon Race: (Catalina Channel, California, USA) 1927
- Canadian National Exhibition: (Lake Ontario, Toronto, Canada) 1927-1934, 1935 and 1936 were 10k, 1937, no marathon races 1938-1946 (WW2), 1947-1953, 1954 relay only, 1955, no races 1956-1960 and 1961-1963
- English Channel Race: Daily Mail 1950-1951 (no 1952) (1953 only UK) Butlins 1954-1959 and International (sponsored by His Royal Highness, Prince Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz) 1978-1979
- Capri to Naples: (Italy) 1953 -1990
- Around Atlantic City: (New Jersey, USA) 1954 – 1964
- Lac St. Jean: (Quebec, Canada) 1958 -1964
- World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation: 1963-1990
- BLDSA Windermere International Championship: 1966 -1982 (every 4 years)
- International Marathon Swimming Federation World Ranking: 1991 (only)
- Marathon Swimming World Series Championship: 1992/93, 1994/95, 1995/96 and 1996/97
- FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup: 1986 (2 different races held that year) every 2 years to 1996
- FINA Marathon Swimming World Series: 1993/94 and 1997 - 2006
- FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup: 2007 - 2017
- FINA Grand Prix Series: 2007 - 2017
- FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship: 2000 - 2010 every 2 years

## Current Majors

- FINA World Championship: 1991 (every 2 years)
- Olympics: 2008 (every 4 years)
- FINA Marathon Swim World Series Cup: 2018 (yearly)
- FINA UltraMarathon Swim Series: 2018 (yearly)

## Clarifications

1. It takes a team to produce a Major winning swimmer. IMSHOF will name only the swimmers, but IMSHOF also remember their families, friends and team of administrators, coaches, trainers, nutritionists, therapists, etc.
2. A Major could only be won in one or more races – that is to say, multiple swimmers in the water at the same time. This rules out incredible solo swimming accomplishments like Captain Matthew Webb as the first to swim the English Channel or Gertrude Ederle breaking the male/female speed record for the same. These accomplishments are recognized in many other places in the IMSHOF records.
3. All Majors needed to have an international field of swimmers (ideally the top swimmers of the day). Due to the cost/difficulty of international travel this did not really happen in the early days of the sport – hence no Majors are named before 1927. In many cases an event started with a solo or several local swimmers – before becoming international. These starting “solo” years were not considered as Majors.
4. Ideally the individual race (or points-based series) was advertised as a World or International Championship and the winners were announced, promoted, reported as such. In several cases, the event was not listed as a World or International Championship – but in hindsight, it filled that role.
5. IMSHOF only lists as a Majors those races of 10 km or greater.
6. Only in the 1958 English Channel Race (where the organizer announced winners) as the only exception – a swimmer needed to finish the swim to be listed.
7. No junior or team events are considered. This rules out two-person relays in Le Tuque and recent FINA relay and team championships. These can be noted separately.
8. Many early events featured a mix of male and female swimmers and awarded the winner based only on the finishing place. IMSHOF lists male and female winners and notes when the overall winner was female.
9. Some swimmers kept their amateur status for many reasons. This was particularly prevalent in Great Britain where marathon swimmers had exceptional strong ties to local clubs and the IMSHOF Honor Organization the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) controlled all the key domestic swims. To protect the status of amateur swimmers, the BLDSA generally barred professional elite racers from their events. The distinction between amateur and professional mostly vanished by the 1990s. Where IMSHOF can determine earlier amateur winners – they will be listed. It is recognized that the early decades of the sport focused on professional swimmers.



10. There are mistakes/contradictions/gaps in the old records. As an example, an old International Long Distance Swimming Federation handbook shows Diana Nyad (1973 and 1974) and Tina Bischoff (1977 and 1978) as female race winners in Capri to Naples. The actual results show only 1974 for Diana. Tina who raced as a professional was beaten by another professional women in 1977. In 1978 no women finished the race. IMSHOF have always deferred to records closest to the actual race results – as opposed to annual yearbooks or press reports.
11. There are probably gaps in the listing of some amateur and female Major winners – which will be addressed as they are identified.
12. There is a larger document with discussion of the detailed logic used and notes of any historically inaccurate records. This notes the winners of Majors

who are not presently Honorees of IMSHOF only for the purposes of future checking. It can be provided on request.

### **Suggested use in the Future**

The sport history is filled with reference to “World Champions” in print media and more recently on the web. Many swimmers have appropriately and proudly listed World Champion as part of their resume for decades. It would not be possible to “correct/edit” all these old references – however IMSHOF would ensure that the IMSHOF.ORG website biographies do not include an abbreviated “World Champion” description or different marathon World Championship descriptions. During the creation of this document – several old (incorrect) references have already been deleted on the IMSHOF.ORG website.

## **Majors won by inductees**

### **Greta Andersen (13 Majors):**

1961 Canadian National Exhibition; 1958 and 1962 Lac St, Jean; 1957 and 1958 English Channel Race; 1956, 1967, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1962 and 1963 Around Atlantic City; and 1959 Capri to Naples [beat all men in the 1958 Lac St Jean and English Channel Race]

### **Abdellatif Abou Heif (7 Majors):**

1963 Canadian National Exhibition; 1955 English Channel Race; 1963 and 1964 (tied) Capri to Naples; and 1964, 1965 and 1968 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

### **Aleksey Akatyev (1 Major):**

1998 25 km FINA World Championship

### **David Alleva, PhD (1 Major):**

1990 Capri to Naples

### **Paul Asmuth (10 Majors):**

1982, 1987 and 1988 Capri to Naples; and 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

### **Marilyn Bell (1 Major):**

1954 Around Atlantic City

### **Tina Bischoff (1 Major):**

1980 Capri to Naples

### **Damián Blaum (1 Major):**

2013 FINA Grand Prix Series

### **Peggy Büchse (3 Majors):**

1998 and 1999 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series; and 2001 10 km FINA World Championship

### **Karen Burton (3 Majors):**

1995/1996 and 1996/1997 Marathon Swimming World Series Championship and 1992 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup

### **Alfredo Camarero (4 Majors):**

1959 English Channel Race; 1955 and 1956 Capri to Naples and 1957 Around Atlantic City

### **Anne Chagnaud (1 Major):**

1997 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series

### **Christine Cossette (2 Majors):**

1980 and 1981 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

### **Ana Marcela Cunha (9 Majors):**

2010, 2012 and 2014 FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup; 2011, 2015, 2017 and 2019 25 km FINA World Championship; 2018 FINA Marathon Swim World Series Cup and 2021 Olympics.

### **Melissa Cunningham (2 Majors):**

1996 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup; and 1994 25 km FINA World Championship

### **Silvia Beatriz Dalotto (1 Major):**

1990 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

### **Brojen Das (1 Major):**

1958 English Channel Race

### **Penny Lee Dean (1 Major):**

1979 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

### **Diego Degano (5 Majors):**

1989 Capri to Naples; 1989 and 1990 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation; 1991 International Marathon Swimming Federation World Ranking and 1992/1993 Marathon Swimming World Series Championship

### **Edith van Dijk (9 Majors):**

2000, 2001 and 2005 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series; 2000 10 km and 2000 and 2002 25 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; and 2005 10 km and 2003 and 2005 25 km FINA World Championship

### **Captain Nabil Elshazly (4 Majors):**

1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 Amateur Capri to Naples [1st overall in 1962 beating all professionals]



**Nasser Elshazly (3 Majors):**

1976 and 1977 Amateur and 1983 Capri to Naples [1st overall in 1977 beating all professionals]

**Pilar Geijo (5 Majors):**

2010, 2011, 2014 (tied) and 2015 FINA Grand Prix Series; and 2019 FINA UltraMarathon Swim Series

**Spiros Gianniotis (3 Majors):**

2012 FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup and 2011 and 2013 10 km FINA World Championship

**Elaine Gray (1 Major):**

1966 BLDSA Windermere International Championship

**Martina Grimaldi (2 Majors):**

2010 10 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship and 2013 25 km FINA World Championship

**Trent Grimsey (1 Major):**

2012 FINA Grand Prix Series

**Chad Hundeby (3 Majors):**

1994 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup; 1993/1994 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series and 1991 25 km FINA World Championship

**Horacio Iglesias (5 Majors):**

1967, 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1973 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Larisa Dmitriyevna Ilchenko (4 Majors):**

2006 and 2008 10 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; 2007 10 km FINA World Championship and 2008 Olympics

**Helge Jensen (2 Majors):**

1958 and 1959 Lac St. Jean

**Britta Kamrau (6 Majors):**

2003 and 2006 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series; 2002 and 2004 10 km and 2004 25 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; and 2007 25 km FINA World Championship

**James Kegley (1 Major):**

1987 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Jerry Kerschner (1 Major):**

1951 Canadian National Exhibition

**John Kinsella (7 Majors):**

1979 English Channel Race; 1978 Capri to Naples; and 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1979 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Yuri Kudinov (5 Majors):**

2000 and 2002 25 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; and 2001, 2003 and 2007 25 km FINA World Championship

**Irene van der Laan (5 Majors):**

1983 and 1987 Capri to Naples; 1989 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation; and 1982 BLDSA Windermere International Championship

**Regent LaCoursiere (1 Major):**

1960 Lac St. Jean

**Annemie Landmeters (1 Major):**

1988 Capri to Naples

**Stéphane Lecat (3 Majors):**

1997, 1999 and 2000 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series

**Cliff Lumsdon, CM (7 Majors):**

1949, 1950, 1952, 1953 and 1955 Canadian National Exhibition; and 1956 and 1959 Around Atlantic City

**Thomas Lurz (7 Majors):**

2009, 2011 and 2013 FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup; 2004 10 km, 2006 10 km, 2009 10 km and 2013 25 km FINA World Championship. Additionally, Olympic medals 2008 Bronze and 2012 Silver plus other FINA World Championships at 5 km and Team.

**Alawi Mohammed Makki Al-Ibrahim (1 Major):**

1978 English Channel Race

**Angela Maurer (7 Majors):**

2002 and 2004 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series; 2007, 2008 and 2011 FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup; 2006 25 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; and 2009 25 km FINA World Championship

**Attila Molnár (1 Major)**

1994/1995 Marathon Swimming World Series Championship

**Magda Molnár (1 Major):**

1958 Capri to Naples

**Steven Muñatones (1 Major):**

1982 BLDSA Windermere International Championship

**Marvin "Duke" Nelson (3 Majors):**

1930, 1933 and 1934 Canadian National Exhibition

**Marc Newman (3 Majors):**

1986 (two) and 1988 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup

**Cynthia Nicholas, CM (2 Majors):**

1979 English Channel Race; and 1976 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Judith de Nijs (11 Majors):**

1965, 1966, 1967 and 1970 Capri to Naples; 1964 Lac St. Jean and 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1970 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Martha Norelius (1 Major):**

1929 Canadian National Exhibition

**Esther Nuñez Morera (2 Majors):**

2007 and 2012 FINA Grand Prix Series

**Diana Nyad (2 Majors):**

1974 Capri to Naples and 1974 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Poliana Okimoto (2 Majors):**

2009 FINA 10 km Marathon Swimming World Cup and 2013 10km FINA World Championship

**Tom Park (4 Majors):**

1956 English Channel Race; and 1954, 1955 and 1968 Around Atlantic City

**Baptista Pereira (1 Major):**

1954 English Channel Race

**Claudio Plit (5 Majors):**

1979, 1980, 1981 and 1986 Capri to Naples and 1975 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Francis "Frank" Pritchard (1 Major):**

1937 Canadian National Exhibition

**Shadia El Rageb (4 Majors):**

1971 and 1972 Capri to Naples and 1971 and 1972 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Michael P. Read, MBE (1 Major):**

1970 BLDSA Windermere International Championship

**Hassan Abdel Rehim (1 Major):**

1950 English Channel Race

**Éva Risztov: (1 Major):**

2012 Olympics

**Veljko Rogošić (4 Majors):**

1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974 Capri to Naples

**Johannes "Johan" Schans (1 Major):**

1970 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Marty Sinn (4 Majors):**

1962 and 1963 Canadian National Exhibition; 1964 Around Atlantic City; and 1963 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Tomi Stefanovski (1 Major):**

2016 (tied) FINA Grand Prix Series

**Petar Stoychev (12 Majors):**

2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup; 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 FINA Grand Prix Series; and 2011 25 km FINA World Championship

**Greg Streppel (2 Majors):**

1992 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup; and 1994 25 km FINA World Championship

**Shelley Taylor-Smith (7 Majors):**

1990 Capri to Naples; 1991 International Marathon Swimming Federation World Ranking; 1992/1993 Marathon Swimming World Series Championship; 1988 and 1994 FINA Long Distance Swimming World Cup; 1993/1994 FINA Marathon Swimming World Series; and 1991 25 km FINA World Championship [highest number of International Marathon Swimming Federation World Ranking Points of all swimmers]

**Patty Thompson (1 Major):**

1969 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Giulio Travaglio (6 Majors):**

1965, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1970 Capri to Naples and 1966 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Viola Valli (2 Majors):**

2003 10 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship and 2001 25 km FINA World Championship

**Ernst Vierkoetter (1 Major):**

1927 Canadian National Exhibition

**Maarten van der Weijden (2 Majors):**

2008 25 km FINA World Open Water Swimming Championship; and 2008 Olympics

**Monique Wildschut (8 Majors):**

1986 and 1989 Capri to Naples and 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Herman Willemse (11 Majors):**

1961 and 1962 Canadian National Exhibition; 1961, 1962 and 1963 Lac St Jean; 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964 Around Atlantic City; and 1963 World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation

**Steve Wozniak (1 Major):**

1948 Canadian National Exhibition

**George Young (2 Majors):**

1927 Wrigley Ocean Marathon Race and 1931 Canadian National Exhibition





## INDUCTEE LISTING BY "CLASS OF"

### 1963

Sir William "Billy" Butlin  
Gertrude Ederle  
Marty Sinn  
Captain Matthew Webb  
Herman Willemse  
George Young

### 1964

Antonio Abertondo  
Abdellatief Abou Heif  
Greta Andersen  
Tom Blower  
Judith de Nijs  
William Wrigley Jr.

### 1965

Pedro A. Candiotti  
Brojen Das  
Commander Gerald Forsberg, OBE,  
Master Mariner, FNI, Royal Navy  
(Retired)  
Annette Kellerman  
General Mohamed Omar Sabry  
John Sigmund

### 1966

Florence Chadwick  
George Duthie  
Hassan Abdel Rehim  
Mihir Sen  
Giulio Travaglio  
Charles Zibelman

### 1967

Marilyn Bell  
Cavill Family  
Juan "Johnny" José Cortiñas  
Horacio Iglesias  
Keo Nakama  
Charlotte "Lottie" Schoemmel

### 1968

Barrie Devenport  
Otto Kemmerich  
Linda McGill, MBE  
Tom Park  
Henry Sullivan  
Jabez Wolffe

### 1969

Mercedes Gleitze  
Carlos Larriera  
Cliff Lumsdon, CM  
Dr. David Smith  
Bert Thomas  
Patty Thompson

### 1970

Robert Dowling  
Helge Jensen  
Johannes "Johan" Schans  
Brenda Sherratt  
Montserrat Tresserras  
Johnny Weissmuller

### 1971

Elaine Gray  
Kevin Murphy  
Baptista Pereira  
Shadia El Rageb  
Enrico Tiraboschi  
James Toomey  
Major Jason Zirganos

### 1972 (None)

### 1973

Lilian Harrison  
Eva Morrison  
Imre Szénási  
Barry Watson  
Feng Yao-Hsien  
Major General Ahmed Zorkani

### 1974 (None)

### 1975 (None)

### 1976

Traversée internationale du lac St-Jean

### 1977

Dennis Matuch  
Conrad Wennerberg

### 1978

Alfredo Camarero  
Ted Erikson  
Jerry Kerschner  
John Kinsella  
Regent Lacoursiere  
Cynthia Nicholas, CM  
Diana Nyad  
Michael P. Read, MBE  
Des Renford, MBE  
Ernst Vierkoetter

### 1979

Ersin Aydin  
Nasser Elshazly  
Joe Grossman  
Alawi Mohammed Makki Al-Ibrahim  
Marvin "Duke" Nelson  
Steve Wozniak

### 1980

Penny Lee Dean  
Paolo Donaggio  
Ishak Helmy  
Tom Hetzel, PhD  
John Slater

### 1981

James "Doc" Counsilman  
Jon Erikson  
Claudio Plit  
Gus Ryder, CM  
Ralph Willard

### 1982

Paul Asmuth  
Lord George Gordon Byron  
Christine Cossette  
Lynne Cox  
Stella Taylor

### 1983

Tina Bischoff  
Tom Burgess  
Benjamin Franklin  
David Morgan  
Audrey Scott  
Ray Scott

### 1984

Ashby "Bud" Harper  
Ted Keenan  
May Looney  
Martha Norelius  
Norman Ross

### 1985

Irene van der Laan  
Magda Molnár  
Jim Moran  
Julie Ridge  
Philip Rush  
Jan van Scheijndel  
Alison Streeter, MBE

### 1986

Thomas H. Watch

### 1987

Taranath Narayan Shenoy

### 1988

Lyndon Dunsbee  
Marc Newman  
Bridget Young

### 1989

John York



## 1990

Val Parsons  
Shelley Taylor-Smith

## 1991

James Kegley  
Annemie Landmeters  
Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE

## 1992

David Alleva, PhD  
Lello Barbuto

## 1993

William Forrest "Buck" Dawson  
Monique Wildschut

## 1994

Fédération internationale de  
natation  
Carole Hunt  
Sarah Hunt

## 1995

Jacques Amyot  
Diego Degano  
Dale Petranec

## 1996

Channel Swimming Association  
Chad Hundebly  
Greg Streppel

## 1997

Dr. Harry H. Briggs  
Marian Cassidy  
Roger Parsons

## 1998

Anne Chagnaud  
Attila Molnár  
Veljko Rogošić  
Trevor Smith

## 1999

Karen Burton  
Billy Wallace  
David Yudovin

## 2000

Margaret Park  
Carol Sing

## 2001

Baron Abílio Couto  
Gustavo Oriozabala  
James Whelan

## 2002

British Long Distance Swimming  
Association  
Steven Muñatones  
Willy van Rysel

## 2003

Reg Brickell Sr.  
Peggy Büchse  
Maurice Ferguson  
Rosemary George  
Dr. Vicki Keith, CM  
Norman Trusty

## 2004

Lynn Blouin  
David Stevens Clark  
Robert Cossette  
Captain Leonard Hutchinson  
Right Honourable Captain William J.  
Long, OBE  
Michael Oram  
Francis "Frank" Richards  
Igor de Souza  
Christof Wandratsch

## 2005

S.A. "Sid" Cassidy  
Silvia Beatriz Dalotto  
Peter Jurzynski  
Dr. Marcy MacDonald, PDM  
Susie Maroney, OAM  
Daniel Eulogio Carpio "Carpayo"  
Massioti  
Sally Anne Minty-Gravett, MBE  
Joe Smith  
Freda Streeter, MBE  
Duncan Taylor  
Carl Walker

## 2006

Dr. Julie Bradshaw, MBE  
Dr. Tim Johnson, DPS, PE  
Gilles Potvin  
Mervyn Sharp  
Nora Toledano Cadena

## 2007

Edith van Dijk  
James Doty  
Stéphane Lecat  
Dr. Osama Ahmed Momtaz  
Jerry Nason  
Charles "Red" Silvia  
Vicko Soljan  
David Whyte

## 2008

Maria Louisa Cabañeros Sanchez de  
Leon  
Britta Kamrau  
Sunny Lowry, MBE  
Francis "Frank" Pritchard  
Petar Stoychev

## 2009

Aleksey Akatyev  
Ray Brickell  
Reg Brickell Jr.  
Christopher Guesdon  
Yuri Kudinov  
Angela Maurer  
Penny Palfrey  
James Pittar  
William "Bill" Sadlo Jr.

## 2010 (none)

## 2011

Richard "Dick" Campion  
Catalina Channel Swimming  
Federation  
Anne Cleveland  
Francis Crippen  
Drury Gallagher  
William "Bill" Goll  
Dr. Harry Huffaker  
Yuko Matsuzaki  
Rottnest Channel Swim Association

## 2012

Sri Chinmoy  
Ned Denison  
Marcos Aurelio Díaz Domínguez  
Faros Maratón  
Christopher Green  
Larisa Dmitriyevna Ilchenko  
Irish Long Distance Swimming  
Association  
David Parcells  
Maarten van der Weijden

## 2013

Nick Adams  
Channel Swimming & Piloting  
Federation  
Melissa Cunningham  
Midmar Mile  
Dennis Miller  
Rose Pitonof  
Lewis Pugh, OIG  
Don Watson

## 2014

James Anderson  
Sandra Bucha  
Elizabeth Fry  
Indonesian Swimming Federation  
Dr. Jane Katz  
Vojislav Mijić

## 2015

Antonio Argüelles Díaz-González  
Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club  
Forrest Nelson  
George Park  
Martin Strel  
Varne Ridge Holiday Park  
Marty Veen

## 2016

Charlie Gravett  
Attila Mányoki  
Chloë McCardel  
Tomi Stefanovski

## 2017

David Barra  
Richard Broer  
Tamara Bruce  
Gibraltar Strait Swimming  
Association  
Colin Hill  
David O'Brien, OAM  
Captain John Pittman  
Captain Mickey Pittman  
Ricardo Continentino Ratto  
Stephen Redmond

## 2018

Cindy Cleveland  
Albert Coward  
Pilar Geijo  
Martina Grimaldi  
Trent Grimsey  
Zhang Jian  
Linda Kaiser  
Kathrin Lammers  
Mohamed Marouf  
Jaimie Monahan  
Rohan Dattatrey More  
Anna-Carin Nordin  
Poliana Okimoto  
Sarah Thomas  
Hugh Tucker  
Jacques Tuset

## 2019

Kimberley Chambers  
Luciano Cotena  
Ana Marcela Cunha  
Bob Duenkel  
Ida Elionsky  
Pat Gallant-Charette  
Sue Guesdon  
Thomas Lurz

Michelle Macy

## 2020

Cameron Bellamy  
Damián Blaum  
Marcia Cleveland  
Captain Nabil Elshazly  
Bryan Finlay, PhD  
Spiros Gianniotis  
Massimo Giuliani  
IJsselmeer Zwemmarathon  
Esther Nuñez Morera  
Walter Poenisch  
Éva Risztov  
Doug Woodring

## 2021

Capri-Napoli  
Gabriel Chaillou  
Julian Critchlow  
Stéphane Gomez  
Yveta Hlaváčová  
Neville Smith  
Viola Valli  
Ronnie Man Chiu Wong, BBS, JP





# CATALINA CHANNEL SWIMMING FEDERATION & IMSHOF

The Catalina Channel Swimming Federation welcomes more Catalina Channel solo swimmers to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. Congratulations to Class of 2021 inductees.



Honoree William Wrigley Jr. (Class of 1964/USA) organized the Wrigley Ocean Marathon in 1927 – won by Honoree George Young. This first successful crossing of the Catalina Channel became one of the top news stories in the decade of the Roaring 20s and one of marathon swimming's top ten stories of all time. The Wrigley Ocean Marathon greatly helped advance our sport.

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## **Australia**

James Pittar (2009)  
Penny Palfrey (2009)  
Chloe McCardle (2016)

## **Canada**

George Young (1963)  
Tom Park (1968)  
Dr. Vicki Keith, CM (2003)

## **Cuba**

Jose Cortinas (1967)

## **Denmark**

Greta Andersen (1964)

## **Great Britain**

Kevin Murphy (1971)  
David Morgan (1983)  
Alison Streeter, MBE (1985)  
Sally Minty-Gravett, MBE (2005)  
Nick Adams (2013)

## **Greece**

Jason Zirganos (1971)

## **Hungary**

Attila Mányoki (2016)

## **India**

Taranath Narayan Shenoy (1987)  
Rohan Dattatreya More (2018)

## **Ireland**

Ned Denison (2012)  
Stephen Redmond (2017)

## **Mexico**

Nora Toledano Cadena (2006)  
Antonio Arguelles (2015)

## **New Zealand**

Kimberley Chambers (2019)

## **South Africa**

Cameron Bellamy (2020)

## **Sweden**

Anna-Carin Nordin (2018)

## **United States of America**

Florence Chadwick (1966)  
Henry Sullivan (1968)  
Penny Lee Dean (1980)  
Lynne Cox (1982)  
John York (1989)  
Dale Petranek (1995)  
Chad Hundebly (1996)  
Karen Burton (1999)  
David Yudovin (1999)  
Carol Sing (2000)  
David Sevens Clark (2004)  
Dr. Marcy MacDonald PDM (2005)  
Anne Cleveland (2011)  
Elizabeth Fry (2014)  
Forrest Nelson (2015)  
David Barra (2017)  
Cindy Cleveland (2018)  
Jaimie Monahan (2018)  
Sarah Thomas (2018)  
Pat Gallant-Charette (2019)  
Michelle Macy (2019)  
Marcia Cleveland (2020)

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