



Michael Oram, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004



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

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Michael Oram began escorting swimmers in the English Channel in 1982 and served as a IMSHOF Honor Organization the 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 IMSHOF Honor Organization 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.

Michael has escorted over 500 English Channel crossings with a 75% success rate – as of 2019 (and beyond). His successes include record swims by 4 IMSHOF Honorees: 3-way crossings by Philip Rush in 1987 in 28 hours and 21 minutes and Alison Streeter, MBE in 1990 in 34 hours and 40 minutes); and speed records by Petar Stoychev in 2007 in 6 hours and 58 minutes and Trent Grimsey in 2012 in 6 hours and 55 minutes.

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