



Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1991



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Dr. Chris Stockdale, MBE, swam the English Channel three times: England-to-France in 17 hours and 30 minutes in 1977 and in 15 hours and 56 minutes in 1981 plus France-to-England in 14 hours and 50 minutes in 1984. He completed the 36 km Capri-Naples in 1982; 45.9 km Around Manhattan in 1987; 26.4 km Lake Zurich in 1991 and 1993; 33.8 km 2-way Lake Windemere in 1995 in 16 hours and 7 minutes; Delos to Paros in Greece in 2000; and at age 62 26 km Lake Erie in 2006 in 14 hours and 15 minutes.

In 2023, together with IMSHOF Honoree Kevin Murphy their 6-person relay team, “One Foot in The Wave 3”, crossed the English Channel in 17 hours and 5 minutes. The team's average age was 77 years and 106 days and set the record for the oldest team to swim – which stood in 2024 (and beyond).

He served as the long-time physician (Medical Officer) to the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming Association and led the initiatives in the 1980s to require full written medical certificates and to obtain samples for doping analysis from selected swimmers. These were believed to be the first such initiatives in non-FINA open water swimming. He raised more than \$350,000 for charity based on his sporting adventures.

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