



Steven Muñatones, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2002



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Steven Muñatones won 1 Major: 1982 BLDSA Windermere International Championship. He completed 4 first ever swims in Japan: 1989 42 km across Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake in 10 hours and 36 minutes; 1990, stage swim both directions of the 19.5 km Tsugaru Channel from Honshu to Hokkaido in 6 hours 11 minutes and 6 hours 41 minutes back from Hokkaido to Honshu. The negotiations to allow the return swim took several hours with Steven still in his swimming suit and all on the boat; 1993 37 km between Ishigaki Island, Iriomote Island and Taketomi Island in Okinawa in 10 hours and 16 minutes; and 1994 29 km through hundreds of hammerhead sharks around Yonaguni Island in Okinawa in 7 hours and 8 minutes.

He swam 35 km Atlantic City in 1985; 42 km lac Memphrémagog in 1984 and 1985; 34 km lac St-Jean in 1984, 38.6 km Los Cabos in México in 1984 and the 45.9 km around Manhattan in 1984. He won two USA National 10-mile championships in 1982 and 1991. He coached several USA Swimming national open water swimming teams, wrote the Open Water Swimming Dictionary, wrote Open Water Swimming – Swimming Without Lines and was the NBC Olympics commentator for the first Olympic 10 km Marathon Swim at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

He received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2011 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming and the Poseidon Award in 2017. He also won The Dale Petranech Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame in 2022.

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