



Jon Erikson, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1981



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Jon Erikson was the first person to do a 3-way English Channel in 1981 in 38 hours and 27 minutes. As part of 11 total crossings, he also completed 3 times 2-way swims. In his first in 1975 he set the record as the youngest which stood until 1977 for men and 2006 for me.2022 (and beyond). Jon first completed the channel in 1969 as a 14 year old setting a male record which stood until 1988.

Erikson completed 23 professional marathon swims, between 16.1 km and 54 km, in Canada; México; Argentina and United States. This included Lac St-Jean 7 times between 1970 and 1978.

He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame (2014).

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