



## 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. 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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