



Paul Asmuth, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1982



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Paul Asmuth won 18 Majors: 1982, 1987 and 1988 Capri to Naples; 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, and 1990 Around Atlantic City; and 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986

World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation. He was the first to swim 50 km Nantucket-to-Cape Cod.

He swam the English Channel 3 times and set the men's record in 1985 in 8 hours and 12 minutes – which held until 1987. Paul set the speed record of 17 hours and 7 minutes in 1989 in the 64 km Lac t-Jean race – which stood in 2024 (and beyond). He won the 36 km Capri-Naples 3 times and set the overall speed record of 6 hours and 35 minutes in 1982 – which held until 2012. Paul set the overall speed record for the Around Manhattan swim in 1983 in 6 hour and 48 minutes which held for a day. He was a 4-time winner of the 27 km Les Quatorze swim in 50°F water and set the record of 5 hours and 35 minutes.

He finished 59 professional marathon swimming races. He won 6 times the 42 km Lac Memphrémagog race and 8 times the 36 km Around Atlantic City race. Paul swam the 34 to 40 km Lac St-Jean race 7 times and won 2 times.

Paul coached the USA National Team between 2006 and 2012 including the Beijing and London Olympics.

Asmuth was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2010.

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