



**Cliff Golding, Honor Administrator, Great Britain,
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Cliff Golding has been involved as a marathon swimming administrator for 32 years. During this time, he has assisted on over 120 solo marathons (involving swimmers from 14 different countries): English Channel, around Jersey Island, Jersey Island to France, Lake Zurich, and Lake Windermere. Cliff spent more than 25 years as part of the Dover Beach crew, helping and joining hundreds of swimmers to complete 6-hour qualification swims. All these efforts were as an unpaid volunteer, except for the small stipends given when he acted as an official observer.

Cliff was a founding member of the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Channel Swimming and Piloting Federation (CS&PF), served two terms as a committee member, and has been the Master of Ceremonies for over 20 years at the CS&PF annual dinner and awards ceremony, where solo and relay swimmers from the previous year are honored. He also acts as the Master of Ceremony at the IMSHOF Honor Organization the Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club annual dinner and awards ceremony. He has also sponsored the Junior of the Year award at that dinner for the past 25 years.

He is an accomplished marathon swimmer: 2 English Channel Solo Swims, 2 Jersey to France Solo Swims, 3 Lake Windermere Swims, 3 Lake Zurich Swims (26.5 Km), and 3 Round Jersey Island Solo Swims (51 km). Cliff was unsuccessful on his first 6 English Channel attempts – giving him a special connection with aspirants and those returning after an unsuccessful swim.

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