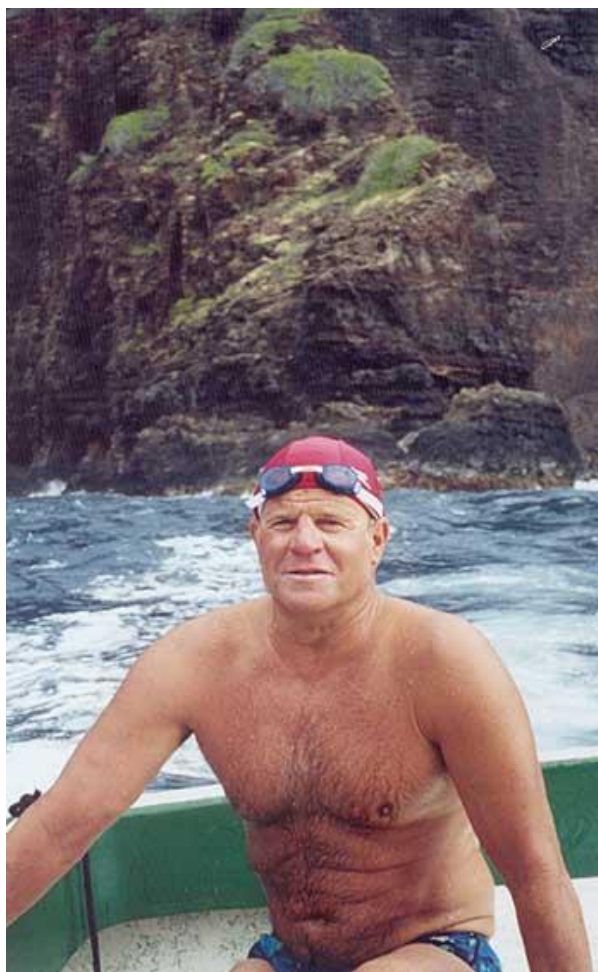




David Yudovin, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1999



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David Yudovin competed 23 first ever marathon swims. 1983 Santa Cruz Island to California Coast; 1984 North Coronado Island to México (also in 1991); 1990 Tsugaru Strait Honchu Island to Hokkaido Island Japan and 2003 Cape Wiwiki to Cape Brett, Bay of Islands New Zealand.

In Indonesia: 1996 Bali to Java; 1997 Nusa Penida to Bali; 2000 Sunda Strait Java to Sumatra; 2011 Sipika Island to Simaleko Island North Sumatra; Telo Island to Sigata Island North Sumatra; Tanah Masa Island to Pini Island North Sumatra; 2013 Simeleko Island to Tanahmasa Island Baluta Beach North Sumatra; Tanahmasa Island Rangas Beach to Simeleko Island North Sumatra; Telo Island to Sigata Island, North Sumatra; and Pini Island to Laga Island, North Sumatra.

In Portugal: 2008 Faial Pico Channel Azores from Faial Island to Pico Island; Pico S. Jorge Channel Azores from Pico Island to S. Jorge Island and Corvo Floress Channel Azores from Corvo Island to Flores Island and 2010 Iha Madeira Iha Desertas Grande Channel Madeira Islands from Iha Madeira to Iha Desertas Grande.

In Africa: 2012 Santo Antonio Island to San Vicente Island Cape Verde; Fogo Island to Brava Island Cape Verde; 2013 Maio Island to Santiago Island Cape Verde; 2014 Principe Island Around Gale' Rock Island/Principe Island Sao Tome'; and Tinhosa Pequena to Principe Island Sao Tome'.

He also completed previous accomplished swims including: 4 swims across the Catalina Channel in 11 hours 51 minutes in 1976, in 13 hours and 45 minutes in 1986, in 11 hours and 49 minutes in 1993, and in 10 hours and 46 minutes in 1995; from the South Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 4 hours and 20 minutes in 1992, in 4 hours and 25 minutes in 1992, and in 4 hours and 15 minutes in 1993); the third person to swim across the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain in 9 hours and 27 minutes; the English Channel in 13 hours and 37 minutes in 1986; the Santa Barbara Channel between Anacapa Island and the California mainland in 8 hours and 27 minutes in 1982; and 25 km Cook Strait from North Island to South Island in New Zealand in 9 hours and 38 minutes in 2004.

David's swims in Hawaii include: 16 km Lanai Island to Maui in 4 hours and 47 minutes in 2002; Molokini Island to Maui in 2 hours and 6 minutes in 2002 and in 2003 in 2 hours and 16 minutes; Maui to Molokai in 4 hours and 41 minutes; 12.9 km Maui to Kahoolawe Island in 4 hours and 18 minutes; and 16 km Molokai to Lanai in Hawaii in 5 hours and 11 minutes in 2003.

David was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014 and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award in 2016 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming. He was the seventh recipient in 2023 of The Dale Petranech Award for Services to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame.

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