



**Ashby "Bud" Harper, Honor Swimmer, United States
of America, 1984**



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Ashby T. Harper

Videos (please help if you can find any)

Ashby "Bud" Harper crossed the English Channel in 12 hours and 52 minutes, setting the record as the oldest swimmer at 65 - a record until 1987. Ashby was the 2nd, in 1984, to complete the 37.8 km Santa Barbara Channel (from Santa Cruz Island) - and the oldest at age 67. This was one of a handful of swims which inspired the creation of the Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association. He completed 3 times the 45.9 km Manhattan Island Marathon Swim in 1983 (9 hours and 3 minutes), 1990 (8 hours and 57 minutes) and in 1991 (9 hours and 24 minutes).

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)