



Jabez Wolffe, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1968



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Jabez Wolffe set 10 long-distance records including 38 km 2-way Brighton to Worthing; 54 km 2-way Margate to Herne Bay; Southsea to Ryde 2-way; Eddystone Lighthouse to Plymouth Pier; and Dover to Ramsgate. He made at least 22 unsuccessful English Channel attempts between 1906 and 1913. He was reported to have missed the Channel crossing by a few meters in 1911 and 1 km on at least 3 other occasions.

Jabez was one of the first coaches to channel swimmers. His successes included the best women of his era, including IMSHOF Honoree Sunny Lowry, MBE in 1933. He wrote several books on swimming.

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