2014 YEARBOOK

International Swimming Hall of Fame

“LET’S WATERPROOF AMERICA!”

“ENTERTAIN THEM HUGELY WHILE EDUCATING THEM GENTLY!”

“WATER IS A GOOD FRIEND BUT A DEADLY ENEMY!”

“DON’T SLAP AT THE WATER HUG IT BY THE ARMFUL”

“WATER UNLOCKS INHIBITIONS!”

“IN THE WATER ‘SAVE FACE’ AND YOU’LL SAVE YOUR LIFE!”

“If you want to get ashore reach for it!”

“A SWIM A DAY KEEPS OLD AGE AWAY!”

“EVERY AMERICAN A SWIMMER; EVERY SWIMMER A LIFE SAVER!”

“DON’T ENVY A GOOD SWimmer... BE ONE!”

“REMEMBER, A CANOE IS NOT A CANAL BOAT!”

“KEEP THE FUN IN FUNDAMENTALS!”

“MAKE EM’ MAD ENOUGH AND THEY WILL SAVE THEMSELVES!”

100 Years of American Red Cross Water Safety
Featuring The 50th Annual Honoree Induction Ceremony
Who is U.S. Masters Swimming?

We’re a FINA recognized governing body with more than 60,000 adult swimmers.

We’re fitness swimmers, triathletes, open water swimmers and competitive pool swimmers. There are more than 1,600 facilities offering Masters programs with coaching, group swims, socials and more. We sanction more than 500 events including pool championships, open water championships, regional events, clinics and fitness swims.

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Dedication

The American Red Cross

Fifty years ago, the International Swimming Hall of Fame’s President, Dr. James Counsilman, announced that “ISHOF was DEDICATED TO THE FUTURE – NOT THE PAST.” But in saying this, “Doc” knew better than anyone, that swimming history was important for both understanding the present and for planning the future of the sport.

With this in mind - at the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross Water Safety Division and Lifesaving Corps - we dedicate this issue of ISHOF’s yearbook to the American Red Cross and its first Commodore, Wilbert E. Longfellow.

Wilbert Longfellow first took up the cause of water safety and drowning prevention as a volunteer with the US Lifesaving Corps in 1904, following the General Slocum disaster. That’s when he started carrying his message of, “EVERY AMERICAN A SWIMMER, EVERY SWIMMER A LIFE SAVER” around the country. At the time, the accidental drowning death rate in America stood at an astonishing 140 per 100,000 people, a number comparable to cancer today. By the time he persuaded the American Red Cross to take up the cause in 1914, the death rate had been reduced to 102 per 100,000, and during his lifetime he saw the rate reduced to 30. Today, it stands at 12 – a number that shows the effectiveness of his work and the work of the Red Cross.

But there is still much work to be done, as there are many who still do not know how to swim and one senseless, preventable tragedy is too many. Won’t you join us, the American Red Cross and the multitude of other like-minded organizations, in setting a short-term goal of reducing this number to under 10 - and eventually making Every Child and Every Adult a Swimmer.

For the story of Lifesaving and the American Red Cross Water Safety Program, see pages 91-103.
Be Part of History . . .
Be Part of the Hall of Fame

How would you like to add your name to this list?
Buster Crabbe, Johnny Weissmuller, Aaron Peirsol, Dezso Gyarmati, Dawn Fraser,
Donna DeVarona, Mark Spitz, Klaus Dibiasi, Sylvie Frechette, Jenny Thompson,
Rowdy Gaines and YOU!

- You don’t have to be elected to the Hall of Fame to be in it! -
Calling all swimmers, divers, water polo players and synchronized swimmers
Donate your swimming or aquatic memorabilia to the
International Swimming Hall of Fame today!

Join our recent donors of memorabilia:
* 1977 Rick White’s High Dive Jacket
* 1964 Russell Phegan’s memorabilia from the 1964 Olympic Games
* 1976/1976 Germany Swimsuit - Arena
* Joan Brown’s original painting of swimming coach Charlie Sava
* 1972 Olympic Mascot “Waldi”

ISHOF is looking for historically significant items:
* Swim suits
* Scrapbooks
* Trophies
* Apparel
* Medals
* Meet programs and books
* Aquatic related research and thesis
* Olympic Memorabilia

Here’s how you can help ISHOF preserve the history of swimming for future generations, including your children & grandchildren:

* Become a member of ISHOF
* Donate your memorabilia to ISHOF
* Become a Donor or Sponsor of ISHOF

For information about the tax benefits of joining or donating to ISHOF,
contact Bruce Wigo or Ivonne Schmid at (954) 462-6536
What makes the International Swimming Hall of Fame Unique?

Swimming is unique among all other sports in that it is not just an enjoyable recreational activity, but it is an essential life skill that can save your life or help you save the life of others. The World Health Organization has estimated that as many as 500,000 person's drown each year and in many parts of the country drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death among school age children. In fact, drowning causes so many deaths that it is frequently classified as a disease. But this is one disease that has an almost 100% foolproof cure – swim lessons.

When a parent buys a child a baseball glove, football or basketball, they may be thinking “Hall of Fame” someday. But, when a parent buys their child a swim suit and signs them up for swim lessons their primary concern is water safety. They also know that swimming is a sport that can provide health benefits and be enjoyed for their child’s lifetime. That’s what makes the sport of swimming and the mission of the International Swimming Hall of Fame unique among all other sports Halls of Fame.

The mission of the International Swimming Hall of Fame

Our mission is to promote the benefits and importance of swimming as a key to fitness, good health, quality of life, and the water safety of children. We will accomplish this through operation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, a dynamic shrine dedicated to the history, memory, and recognition of the famous swimmers, divers, water polo players, synchronized swimmers, and persons involved in life saving activities and education, throughout the world, whose lives and accomplishments will serve to inspire, educate, and be role models for all those who participate in the Hall of Fame’s experience and programs.
REACH ONE WALL TO TEAR DOWN ANOTHER.
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The International Swimming Hall of Fame got its financial start from memberships by loyal fans and community conscious citizens backing “their” International Swimming Hall of Fame. To all of you who have contributed over the years - THANK YOU! To everyone else, we cannot continue to exist without YOUR support and ask that you please consider joining our growing membership rolls. For more information about membership and how to support ISHOF visit www.ishof.org or call us at (954)462-6536.

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Patric Mills (GBR)
Hatem Mohamed Ibrahim (EGY)
Peter Montgomery (AUS)
Jim Montgomery (USA)
David Morrill (USA)
Pamela Morris-Wingerter (USA)
Neil Mui (CN)
Felipe Munoz (MEX)
Kevin Murphy (GBR)
Gail Neall (AUS)
Soren Nielsen (DEN)
Monte Nitzkowsky (USA)
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Dave Norman (RSA)
Jarslov Novak (CZE)
Ron O'Brien (USA)
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Baliyari Ozeraldin (TUR)
Roger Parsons (ESP)
Dale Peterson (USA)
Andre Piper (GER)
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Claudio Plit (ARG)
Cynthia Potter (USA)
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Bjorn Soleng (NOR)
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1965-2014 Honorees By Country
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ALGERIA (ALG)
- Larfaoui, Mustapha (1998) Contributor

ARGENTINA (ARG)
- Campbell, Jeanette (1991) Swimmer
- Plt, Claudio (2014) Open Water Swimmer
- Zorilla, Alberio (1976) Swimmer

AUSTRALIA (AUS)
- Armstrong, Duncan (1996) Swimmer
- Beaurepaire, Sir Frank (1967) Swimmer
- Berry, Kevin (1980) Swimmer
- Carlile, Forbes (1976) Coach
- Cavill Family (1970) Contributors (6)
- Charlton, Andrew “Boy” (1972) Swimmer
- Cooper, Brad (1994) Swimmer
- Cotton, Frank (1989) Pioneer Contributor
- Cripp, Lorraine (1972) Swimmer
- Davies, John (1984) Swimmer
- Dennis, Clare (1982) Swimmer
- Devitt, John (1979) Swimmer
- Durack, Fanny (1967) Swimmer
- Ege, Richmond Cavill (1991) Pioneer Diver
- Ford, Michelle (1994) Swimmer
- Fraser, Dawn (1965) Swimmer
- Gathercole, Terry (1984) Swimmer
- Gould, Shane (1977) Swimmer
- Guthrie, Frank (1991) Coach
- Hackett, Grant (2014) Swimmer
- Healy, Cecil (1981) Swimmer
- Henricks, Jon (1973) Swimmer
- Herford, Sam (1992) Coach
- Hoad, Thomas (2011) Contributor
- Holland, Steve (1989) Swimmer
- Kieran, Barney (1969) Swimmer
- Komrads, John & Ilsa (1971) Swimmers
- Lane, Freddy (1969) Swimmer
- Lawrence, Laurie (1996) Coach
- Marshall, John (1973) Swimmer
- Montgomery, Peter (2013) Contributor
- Neill, Gail (1996) Swimmer
- O’Brien, Ian (1965) Swimmer
- O’Neill, Susan (2006) Swimmer
- Perkins, Kieren (2006) Swimmer
- Rose, Murray (1965) Swimmer
- Talbot, Don (1979) Coach
- Taylor Smith, Shelley (2008) Open Water Swimmer
- Theile, David (1968) Swimmer
- Thomas, Petria (2010) Swimmer
- Thorpe, Ian (2011) Swimmer
- Watson, Debbie (2008) Water Polo Player
- Wenden, Michael (1989) Swimmer
- Whitfield, Beverly (1995) Swimmer
- Wickham, Tracy (1992) Swimmer
- Windle, Robert (1990) Swimmer
- Wylie, Mina (1975) Swimmer

AUSTRIA (AUT)
- Neumann, Dr. Paul (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
- Wahle, Otto (1996) Pioneer Swimmer, AUT/USA

BELGIUM (BEL)
- Blitz, Gerard (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- Delfurghgravee, Fred (2008) Swimmer
- Plentinx, Joseph (1988) Pioneer Water Polo

BRAZIL (BRA)
- Borges, Gustavo (2012) Swimmer
- Lenk, Maria (1988) Swimmer

CANADA (CAN)
- Bauman, Alex (1992) Swimmer
- Bernier, Sylvie (1996) Diver
- Calkins, Michelle (2001) Synchronized Swimmer
- Cameron, Michelle (2006) Synchronized Swimmer
- Colvin, Cecil (1993) Contributor, CAN/RSA
- Corsan, George St. (1971) Contributor
- Davis, Victor (1994) Swimmer
- Firby, Howard (1985) Coach
- Frechette, Sylvie (2003) Synchronized Swimmer
- Gatze, George (1989) Coach
- Godfrey, Eldon (2012) Contributor
- Hodgson, George (1968) Swimmer
- Hutton, Ralph (1984) Swimmer
- Lumusdon, Clif (2013) Open Water Swimmer
- Pioneer Coach/Contrib/Synchro., USACAN/NZL
- Muir, Debbie (2007) Synchro Coach
- Nicholas, Cindy (2005) Open Water Swimmer
- Ottenbrite, Anne (1999) Swimmer
- Seller, Peg (1988) Pioneer Synchro
- Tanner, Elaine (1980) Swimmer
- Tewksbury, Mark (2000) Swimmer
- Thierry, Nick (2001) Contributor
- Vanderburg, Helen (1985) Synchro
- Vilagos, Penny & Vicky (2014) Synchro
- Young, George (2014) Pioneer Open Water Swimmer

CHINA (CHN)
- Chi, Liang (2013) Pioneer Swimmer
- Guo, Min (1998) Diver
- Fu, Mingxia (2005) Diver
- Hu, Jia (2013) Diver
- Mu, Chongkuan & Mu, Xiangxiong (2013)
- Pioneer Swimmer
- Peng, Bo (2014) Diver
- Sun, Shuwei (2007) Diver
- Tan, Liangde (2000) Diver
- Tian, Liang (2012) Diver
- Xiong, Ni (2006) Diver
- Xu, Yanmei (2000) Diver
- Xu, Yiming (2003) Diving Coach
- Zhou, Jihong (1994) Diver

CROATIA (CRO)
- Bukić, Perica (2008) Water Polo Player
- Rudic, Ratko (2007) Water Polo Coach, CRO/ITA/USA/YUG

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (TCH)
- Duchkova, Milena (1983) Diver

DENMARK (DEN)
- Andersen, Grethe (1969) Swimmer

EGYPT (EGY)
- Abouelfaat, Abdellatif (1998) Open Water Swimmer
- Smaika, Farid (2012) Diver

FRANCE (FRA)
- Boileau, Jean (1982) Swimmer
- Caron, Christine “Kiki” (1998) Swimmer
- Cousteau, Jacques-Yves (1967) Contributor
- Jany, Alex (1977) Swimmer
- Mivelle, Alsan (1980) Coach
- Padoa, Henri (1970) Water Polo
- Taris, Jean (1984) Swimmer
- Thivenot, Monique (1990) Pioneer Contributor

GERMANY & FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GER/FRG)
- Baithe, Walter (1970) Swimmer
- Biebenstein, Arno (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- Brack, Walter (1997) Pioneer Swimmer
- Fassnacht, Hans (1992) Swimmer
- Gross, Michael (1995) Swimmer
- Gunst, Fritz (1990) Pioneer Water Polo
- Gunther, Paul (1988) Pioneer Diver
- Happe, Ursula (1997) Swimmer
- Hase, Dagmar (2013) Swimmer
- Hoppenberg, Ernst (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
- Rademacher, Erich (1972) Water Polo/Swimmer
- Raasch, Emil (1968) Swimmer
- Ritter, R. Max (1963) Contributor, USA/GER
- Schrader, Hilde (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
- Sietas, Erwin (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
- van Almsick, Franziska (2010) Swimmer
- Walz, Gislab (1988) Pioneer Diver

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR)
- Anke, Hannelore (1990) Swimmer
- Ender, Kornelia (1981) Swimmer
- Hoffman, Falk (1990) Diver
- Kothaer, Rosemarie (1986) Swimmer
- Kramer, Ingrid (1975) Diver
- Krause, Barbara (1988) Swimmer
- Matthes, Roland (1981) Swimmer
- Metschuck, Caren (1990) Swimmer
- Otto, Kristin (1993) Swimmer
- Pollack, Andrea (1987) Swimmer
- Reinsisch, Rica (1989) Swimmer
- Richter, Ulrike (1983) Swimmer
- Schneider, Petra (1989) Swimmer
- Tauber, Ulrika (1988) Swimmer
- Thumer, Petra (1987) Swimmer

GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)
- Cameron, James Malcolm “Taffy” (2003) Contributor
- Cooper, M. Joyce (1996) Pioneer Swimmer
- Derbyshire, “Rob” (2005) Pioneer Swimmer/Water Polo/Coach
- Fletcher, Jennie (1971) Swimmer

Harup, Karen (1975) Swimmer
- Hveger, Ragnhild (1966) Swimmer

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* Forsberg, Gerald (1998) Pioneer Open Water Swimmer
* Gleitz, Mercedes (2014) Pioneer Open Water Swimmer
Grinhum, Judy (1981) Swimmer
* Hatfield, John (1984) Swimmer/Water Polo
* Hearne, George (1986) Pioneer Contributor
* Holman, Frederick (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
* Jarvis, John (1968) Swimmer
Lombrsah, Anita (1983) Swimmer
* Mann, Matt II (1965) Coach, USA/GBR
* Moore, Belle (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
Moorehouse, Adrian (1999) Swimmer
Murphy, Kevin (2009) Open Water Swimmer
* Parrington, Frank (1986) Pioneer Plunger
* Radmilovic, Paul (1967) Water Polo
Rawlinson, Austin (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
Read, Michael (2011) Open Water Swimmer
* Sarsfield, Norman (2014) Contributor
* Smith, Charles (1981) Water Polo
* Taylor, Henry (1969) Swimmer
* Traugummer, John (1974) Contributor
* Webb, Captain Matthew (1965) Swimmer
* Wilkie, David (1983) Swimmer
* Wilkinson, George (1980) Water Polo

BRITISH GUYANA (GYU)
* Spence Bros, Walter, Leonard, Wallace (1967) Swimmers

HUNGARY (HUN)
* Baranyi, Dr. Istvan (1978) Swimmer
* Csik, Ferenc (1983) Swimmer
Daranyi, Tamas (2000) Swimmer
* Donath, Leo (1988) Pioneer Contributor
Egerszegi, Krisztina (2001) Swimmer
Farago, Tamas (1992) Water Polo
Gyarmati, Andrea (1995) Swimmer
* Gyarmati, Denes (1976) Water Polo
Gyenge, Valerie (1978) Swimmer
* Hajas, Alfréd (1966) Swimmer
* Halassy, Oliver (1978) Water Polo
* Halmai, Zoltan (1968) Swimmer
Hargiay, Andreas (2008) Swimmer
* Homonnay, Marton (1971) Water Polo
* Hunyadi, Stéfen (1969) Coach, HUN/ITA/USA
Kapart, Gyorgy (1982) Water Polo
Kemény, Dr. Dániel (2011) Coach/Water Polo
Kiss, Laszlo (2012) Coach
* Komjádi, Bela (1995) Pioneer Water Polo
Kovacs, Agnes (2014) Swimmer
* Lendvai, Dezso (1998) Water Polo/Coach/Contributor
Markovits, Kalman (1994) Water Polo
Mayar, Mihaly (1987) Water Polo
Nagy, Jozsef (2014) Coach, HUN/USA/CAN/ESP
* Nemeth, Jano “Jim” (1969) Water Polo
Novak, Eva & Ilona (1973) Swimmers
* Rajki, Bela (1996) Contributor
Rona, Norbert (2005) Swimmer
* Sarosi, Imre (1981) Coach
Szabo, Jozsef (2012) Swimmer
Szeczy, Tamas (2010) Coach
Szekely, Eva (1976) Swimmer
Sziklo, Istvan (1996) Water Polo
* Szivos Jn, Istvan (1996) Water Polo
* Szivos Sr, Istvan (1997) Water Polo
Szoke, Katalin (1985) Swimmer
ITALY (ITA)
D’Altrui, Giuseppe (2010) Water Polo
D’Altrui, Marco (2010) Water Polo
Cagnotti, Giorgio (1992) Diver
Calignara, Novella (1986) Swimmer
Casagnetti, Alberto (2013) Coach
DeMagistris, Gianni (1995) Water Polo
Dibiasi, Klaus (1981) Diver
Fioravanti, Domenico (2012) Swimmer
* Hunyadi, Stéfen (1969) Coach, HUN/ITA/USA
Lamberti, Giorgio (2004) Swimmer
Lonzi, Gianni (2009) Water Polo, Coach
* Majoni, Mario (1972) Water Polo
Pizzo, Erardo (1990) Water Polo
Rubini, Cesare (2000) Water Polo
Silipo, Carlo (2014) Water Polo
JAPAN (JPN)
Aoki, Masayuki (1989) Swimmer
* Furushashi, Hiromochi (1967) Swimmer
* Furukawa, Masaru (1981) Swimmer
* Hamuro, Tetsuo (1990) Swimmer
* Hashizume, Shiro (1992) Swimmer
* Kishimoto, Kausai (1965) Swimmer
* Kiyokawa, Masaji (1978) Swimmer
* Koike, Reizo (1996) Pioneer Swimmer
Kotani, Mikako (2007) Synchronized Swimmer
* Maezato, Hidaka (1979) Swimmer
* Makino, Shozo (1991) Swimmer
* Miyazaki, Yasaji (1981) Swimmer
Nagasawa, Jiro (1993) Swimmer
* Osaki, Yoshihiko (2005) Masters Swimmer
Tachibana, Miya (2011) Synchronized Swimmer
Taguchi, Nobutaka (1987) Swimmer
* Taka, Isshu (1991) Pioneer Swimmer
Tanaka, Satoko (1991) Swimmer
* Terada, Nohoru (1994) Pioneer Swimmer
* Tsuta, Yoshishige (1968) Swimmer
Yamanaka, Tatsuyo (1983) Swimmer
* Yusa, Masanori (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
MEXICO (MEX)
Capilla, Joaquin (1976) Diver
Giron, Carlos (2001) Diver
Munoz, Felipe (1991) Swimmer
* Osorio, Javier (1981) Contributor
NEDERLANDS (NED)
* Braun, Ma (1967) Coach
* Braun, Marie (1980) Swimmer
De Brujin, Inge (2009) Swimmer
Den Ouden, Willy (1970) Swimmer
DeWit, Thea (2005) Contributor
* Kint, Cor (1971) Swimmer
Kok, Ada (1976) Swimmer
Kok, Mary (1980) Swimmer
Kuppers, Karin (2014) Water Polo
* Mastenbroek, Hendrika (1968) Swimmer
* Senff, Nida (1983) Swimmer
* Snellers, Jan (1973) Coach
van Berkel-de Nijs, Judith (2014) Open Water Swimmer
van den Hoogenband, Pieter (2013) Swimmer
* Van Deggelen, Iet (2009) Pioneer Swimmer
* Van Vliet, Nel (1973) Swimmer
* Willenrens, Herman (2008) Open Water Swimmer
NEW ZEALAND (NZL)
* Loader, Danyon (2003) Swimmer
PERU (PER)
Salinas-Abri, Sebastian (1999) Contributor
PHILIPPINES (PHI)
* Ylddefonso, Teofilo (2010) Pioneer Swimmer
ROMANIA (ROM)
Marcelescu, Corneliu (2010) Contributor
SERBIA (SRB)
Sostar, Aleksandar (2011) Water Polo
SOLOMON ISLAND (SOL)
* Wickham, Alick (1975) Contributor
SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)
* Colwin, Cecil (1993) Contributor, CAN/USA
Harrison, Joan (1982) Swimmer
Heyns, Penny (2007) Swimmer
Muir, Karen (1980) Swimmer
Skinner, Jonty (1985) Swimmer
SPAIN (ESP)
Estiarte, Manuel (2007) Water Polo
* Picornell, Bernardo (1993) Pioneer Contributor
Rollan Prada, Jesus Miguel (2012) Water Polo
* Zolyomy, Andreas “Bandy” (2010) Coach
ESP/PHI/ITA
Zuñiga, Martin Lopez (2004) Swimmer
SURINAM (SUR)
* Nesty, Anthony (1998) Swimmer
SWEDEN (SWE)
* Adler, Erik (1986) Pioneer Diver
* Borg, Arne (1966) Swimmer
* Brandsteds, Erlan (1966) Coach, USA/SWE
* Brandsteds, Greta Johansson (1973) Diver
* Henning, Thor (1992) Pioneer Swimmer
Knappe, Ulrika (1982) Diver
Larsson, Gunnar (1979) Swimmer
* Malmrodt, Hakan (1980) Swimmer
UKRAINE (UKR)
Klochkova, Vanya (2013) Swimmer
URUGUAY (URU)
Maglione, Dr. Julio, (2012) Contributor
USA (USA)
* Andersson, Terry (1986) Synchro
* Anderson, Miller (1967) Diver
* Armbruster, Dave (1966) Coach
* Arthur, Dr. Ransom (1990) Contributor
Asmuth, Paul (2010) Open Water Swimmer
Atwood, Sue (1992) Swimmer
Babashoff, Shirley (1982) Swimmer
Babbs-Sprague, Kristen (1999) Synchronized Swimmer
* Bachrach, Bill (1966) Coach
Ball, Catie (1967) Swimmer
Barrowman, Mike (1997) Swimmer
* Bauer, Carl (1967) Swimmer
* Bauer, Sybil (1967) Swimmer
Swimmer
Belote, Melissa (1983) Swimmer
Bennett, Brooke (2010) Swimmer
Berkoff, David (2005) Swimmer
Billingsley, Hobie (1983) Coach/Diver
O’Rourke, Heidi (1980) Synchronized Swimmer
* Osipovich, Albina (1986) Pioneer Swimmer
O’Toole Purcell, Maureen (2010) Water Polo
Oyakawa, Yoshi (1973) Swimmer
* Papenguth, Richard (1986) Coach
* Patnik, Al (1969) Diver
Pedersen, Susan (1995) Swimmer
Petranek, Dale (2014) Open Water Contributor
* Peppe, Mike (1966) Coach
* Pinkston, Betty Becker (1967) Diver
* Pinkston, Clarence (1966) Coach
* Pope, Paula Jean Meyers (1979) Diver
Potter, Cynthia (1987) Diver
* Poynton, Dorothy (1968) Diver
* Quick, Richard (2000) Swimming Coach
* Rawls, Katherine (1965) Swimmer/Diver
Redmond, Carol (1989) Synchronized Swimmer
Reese, Eddie (2002) Coach
Reese, Randy (2005) Coach
* Riggin, Aileen (1967) Swimmer/Diver
* Riley, Mickey (1977) Diver
* Ris, Wally (1966) Swimmer
Ritter, R. Max (1965) Contributor, USA/CIES
Robertson, Dave (1989) Contributor/Coach
Robbie, Carl (1976) Swimmer
* Robinson, Tom (1965) Coach
Roper, Gail (1997) Masters Swimmer
Ross, Anne (1984) Diver
* Ross, Clarence (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
* Ross, Norman (1967) Swimmer
Roth, Dick (1987) Swimmer
Rothhammer, Keena (1991) Swimmer
Rouse, Jeff (2001) Swimmer
* Ruddy, Joe (1986) Pioneer Water Polo
* Rude, Ray (1992) Contributor
Ruiz-Conforto, Tracie (1993) Synchro
Russell, Doug (1985) Swimmer
Ruaska, Sylvia (1976) Swimmer
* Saari, Roy (1976) Swimmer
* Sakamoto, Soichi (1966) Coach
Sanders, Summer (2002) Swimmer
* Sava, Charlie (1970) Coach
Savery, Jill (2008) Synchronized Swimmer
Schaeffer, E. Carroll (1968) Swimmer
* Schlueter, Walt (1978) Coach
Schmuyder, Nathalie (2013) Synchronized Swimmer
* Schoenfield, Al (1985) Contributor
Scholtes, Clarke (1980) Swimmer
Schollander, Don (1965) Swimmer
Schroeder, Terry (2002) Water Polo
Schubert, Mark (1997) Coach
Schuler, Carolyn (1989) Swimmer
Shaw, Tim (1989) Swimmer/Water Polo
Shephard, George (1989) Pioneer Diver
Silvia, Charles (1976) Contributor
* Sitzerberger, Ken (1994) Diver
Skelton, Robert (1988) Pioneer Swimmer
Smith, Bill (1966) Swimmer
* Smith, Caroline (1988) Pioneer Diver
* Smith, Dick (1979) Coach/Diving
* Smith, Harold “Dutch” (1979) Diver
* Smith, Jimmy (1992) Pioneer Water Polo
* Smith, R. Jackson (1983) Contributor/Diver
Spitz, Mark (1977) Swimmer
* Stack, Allen (1979) Swimmer
Staet, "Gus" (1982) Coach
* Stancil, Carrol (1999) Swimmer
* Stankel, Jill (2002) Swimmer
Stewart, Melvin (2002) Swimmer
Stickle, Ted (1995) Swimmer
Stock, Tony (1989) Swimmer
* Stoudt, Sharon (1972) Swimmer
* Stover Irwin, Jono (1980) Diver
Sudduth, Jill (2012) Synchronized Swimmer
* Svendsen, Clyde (1991) Pioneer Diver/ Coach/ Water Polo
* Taft, Ray (1996) Masters Swimmer
Thompson, Jenny (2009) Swimmer
Tinkham, Stan (1989) Coach
* Tobian, Gary (1978) Diver
Treadway, Kenneth (1983) Contributor
Troy, Mike (1971) Swimmer
Val, Laura (2002) Masters Swimmer
* Vande Vogege, Albert (1990) Swimmer
Van Dyken, Amy (2007) Swimmer
Vasallo, Jesse (1997) Swimmer
* Verdeur, Joe (1966) Swimmer
* Villem, Kay (1978) Synchro/Coach
Vogel, Matt (1996) Swimmer
Vollmer, Herbert "Hal" (1990) Pioneer Swimmer
* Von Salza, Chris (1966) Swimmer
* Wainwright, Helen (1972) Swimmer/Diver
Wales, Ross (2004) Contributor
Watson, Lillian "Pokay" (1984) Swimmer
Wayte, Mary (2000) Swimmer
Webster, Bob (1970) Diver
* Wehseleau, Mariechen (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
* Weissmuller, Johnny (1965) Swimmer
* White, Al (1965) Diver
Wichman, Shawn (1991) Swimmer
Wiggins, Albert M. (1994) Swimmer
* Williams, Esther (1966) Contributor
Wilson, Craig (2005) Water Polo Player
Woodbridge, Margaret (1989) Pioneer Swimmer
Woodhead, Cynthia (1994) Swimmer
Wrightson, Bernie (1984) Diver
Yoryz, Bill (1971) Swimmer
* Yudovin, David (2014) Open Water Swimmer

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Barkalov, Alexei (1993) Water Polo
Brsunlinca, Olga (2009) Synchro
* Dolgushin Ivanovich, Alexander (2010) Water Polo
Kabanov, Aleksandr (2001) Water Polo
Kaciucyte, Lima (1998) Swimmer
Kalinina, Irina (1990) Diver
Kiseleva, Maria (2010) Synchronized Swimmer
Pankratov, Denis (2004) Swimmer
Poklansky, Igor (2002) Swimmer
Popov, Aleksandr (2009) Swimmer
Prozmenschikova, Galina (1977) Swimmer
Sadovyi, Evgeni (1999) Swimmer
Salmikov, Vladimir (1993) Swimmer
Sharansov, Evgeny (2003) Water Polo
Vaitiekosvainas, Elena (1992) Diver
Vaain, Vladimir (1991) Diver

YUGOSLAVIA (YUG)
Bobic, Milivoj (2013) Water Polo Player
Bjedov, Djunicica (1987) Swimmer
Jankovic, Zoran (2004) Water Polo
* Jezic, Zdravko (2010) Water Polo
Milanovic, Igor (2006) Water Polo Player
Sandic, Mirko (1999) Water Polo Player
* Deceased
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Robert Warren “Bob” Dudley
2014 Gold Medallion

It became evident to coach Don Watson, soon after the Dudley family moved to Hinsdale from Hattiesburg, Mississippi and joined his swimming team in Hinsdale, Illinois - that Bob Dudley was a special individual with special talents and qualities that would lead him to become the head of British Petroleum today.

Bob made a commitment to Watson’s demanding year round training schedule and was a member of four state high school championship teams. He also took on the additional duties with the Hinsdale Guard, an organization of 40 plus students who supported school and community swimming programs and volunteered his time and service to teach school children swimming.

“Looking back to his years at Hinsdale high School” says Watson, “I think of Bob as being always Cool, Calm, Disciplined, Confident, Friendly, and Fair.... Family, Honesty, Integrity, Responsibility, Loyalty, Faith and Commitment are words that defined his character and personality – and still do.”

While a shoulder injury kept him from swimming in college and pursuing his dream of attending the US Naval Academy, he chose a different course that led him where he is today.

After earning a degree in chemical engineering, Bob Dudley went to work in the oil industry for Amoco, which was later acquired by British Petroleum. From 2003-2008 he was president and chief executive of a joint venture between BP and a group of Russian billionaires. Although the joint venture increased oil output by a third, the rocky relationship reached a point where he faced “sustained harassment” that led him to feel life-threatened, and left the country. In 2009, he was selected to be a managing director of BP, with oversight of the company’s activities in the Americas and Asia. One morning in April of 2010, while on business in India, he turned on the TV to catch up on news, only to find footage of the Deepwater Horizon inferno. Within hours he was on a plane headed for Houston from halfway across the world, charged with leading crisis resolution and restoration efforts for the gulf of Mexico and the beaches that he swam and played in growing up in Mississippi. In October, as BP shares were halved and talk swirled about it seeking bankruptcy protection, Bob Dudley was elevated to CEO and tabbed with saving the ship. And he has done so, steering BP to what Forbes Magazine calls one of the great corporate survival stories in business history.

Not only has he saved the ship, he created a new safety division that made BP the top industry leading Safety and Environmental Performer of 2013 and is one of the most admired corporate CEO’s in the world today.
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Barry Goldwater
U.S. Senator, Swimmer

1984
Art Linkletter
Entertainer, Swimmer

1985
William E. Simon
U.S. Treasury Secretary, U.S. Olympic Committee President, Swimmer

1986
Capt. David McCampbell
U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor, Diver

1985
Willard Garvey
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1988
Ronald Reagan
U.S. President, Swimmer

1989
Fred M. Kirby II
Industrialist, Swimmer

1990
James E. "Doc" Counsilman
Educator, Swimmer

1991
Donna de Varona
T.V. Spokeswoman, Swimmer

1992
Andrew Young
U.S. Ambassador, Swimmer

1993
Paul Tsongas
U.S. Senator, Swimmer

1994
Jim Moran
Entrepreneur, Swimmer

1995
Buddy Epsen
Entertainer, Swimmer

1996
Joao Havelange
FIFA President, Brazil IOC Life Member, Swimmer, Water Polo

1997
Paul W. Bucha
U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor, Entrepreneur, Swimmer
Peng Bo (CHN)

2014 Honor Diver

FOR THE RECORD: 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (3m springboard); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (3m springboard synchro); 2002 ASIAN GAMES: gold (3m springboard synchro); 2001 UNIVERSIADE GAMES: gold (3m springboard synchro); 2003 UNIVERSIADE GAMES: gold (3m springboard synchro); 2005 UNIVERSIADE GAMES: gold (3m springboard synchro); 2007 UNIVERSIADE GAMES: gold (3m springboard, 3m springboard synchro).

He was born in Nanchang, capital of the Jiangxi province of China in 1981 and began training in diving at the age of six at the Nanchang Sports School. He was selected to be a member of the Jiangxi Provincial Diving Team in 1991, joined the diving team of the PLA Navy in 1995 and became a member of the National Team in 1998.

Peng and his synchronized diving partner, Wang Kenan, won gold medals at the 2000 World University Games, at the 2001 FINA World Championships in Fukuoka and at the 2002 Asian Games.

In 2003, Peng won the Chinese national Championships in the 3 meter individual event and finished second at the FINA World Championships in Barcelona.

For the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Peng was selected to compete in both the 3 meter individual and synchronized event with partner Wang. First up was the synchro event and heading into the final round of dives, Peng and Wang held a comfortable lead. Then came disaster. A dreadful error by Wang resulted in a failed dive – a zero – and no medal.

Comeback, for diver Peng Bo, is a particularly appropriate word. You see, Bo means, “never give up” in Chinese. And eight days later, in the final of the individual event of the 3 meter springboard, Peng came back with a vengeance.

Overcoming his earlier disappointment, Peng Bo led from start to finish.

His victory was fourth of the six gold medals China would win in Athens, and with a margin of victory of over 30 points his was the most dominating performance in diving at the Games in Athens.
Sandra Bucha (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer


Like Annette Kellerman before her, this little girl earned her place in swimming history in the water and in the courtroom.

Sandra Bucha had been a top age grouper in Washington D.C. before her family moved to Illinois. Swimming under coach Don Watson, in Hinsdale, she became an American record holder and national champion. She trained with the boy’s high school team, as there were no high school swim teams for girls in the state of Illinois in the 1960’s; Before her senior year, with the support of her coach and parents, she filed suit against the Illinois High School Association to allow her to compete as a member of the boys team. Although she lost the suit, this was before the passage of the Title IX Amendments to the Civil Rights Act the famous battle of the sexes. It was a sign of things to come.

After just missing making the 1972 Olympic team, she decided to retire from swimming at 18 and focus on academics at Stanford University, which, like Hinsdale, did not have a women’s swimming team.

Returning home in the summer of 1973, Sandra saw an ad for a 10 mile lake swim in Lake Michigan with a prize purse of $5,000 for the winner and cash awards for second and third. She had never swum 10 miles straight before but Sandra thought this might be a good time to try. She trained only a couple of weeks and broke the race record. It was there, at the Lake Michigan swim where she first discovered that there was a professional circuit in Canada for open water swims.

In the nine marathon swims in which Sandra Bucha competed between 1973 and 1975, she finished first in the female events, undefeated in every race. Only once did she come in third to a male and every other swim she finished usually a close second to the first male swimmer. For the two La Toque 24 hour swims, she teamed up with her high school teammate and Hall of Fame Swimmer, John Kinsella, to set a record of 190 laps around the lake, winning the race for two years. She won two Lac St. Jean Races (26 miles) and two Laval Canada Swims (10 miles) and three Lake Michigan Swims (10 miles). Most of her swims were race records with only three males finishing ahead of her in her nine races. She retired in 1975 to pursue a career in law.

Her accomplishments in the water and as a social justice advocate helped pave the way for thousands of girls and women to participate in sports, the acceptance of women in the male dominated sport of marathon swimming and for marathon swimming to become an Olympic sport.
Charlotte Davis
International Swimming Hall of Fame
Inductee

1983 USA Synchro Coach of the Year
1984 Olympic Gold Medal Head Coach
1988 Olympic Team Manager
1992 Olympic Team Manager
National Team Director 1984-2000

Congratulations, Charlotte!
- USA Synchro
Charlotte Davis (USA)  
2014 Honor Coach


She began her love of swimming at age three. At 11, her older sisters taught her “water ballet” and she was immediately hooked. She loved the music, the creativity, the artistry and best of all, swimming upside down! She then discovered the Washington Athletic Club Synchronized Swimming Team, where she competed through high school. After high school, she moved and competed with the reigning National Champion, Santa Clara Aquamaids. It was with the Aquamaids, she became a National Team champion in 1970.

In 1971, Charlotte moved back to Seattle and formed her own synchronized swimming team. After a few years of coaching, a nine year-old swimmer who could barely swim the length of the pool, caught Charlotte’s eye. That little girl’s name was Tracie Ruiz. Soon after, another little girl, Candie Costie, stood out and decided she wanted to swim duet with Tracie.

Under Charlotte’s guidance, Tracie and Candy rose to the top very quickly, winning the Junior National Duet title at the age of 16. Five years later, in 1982, when the IOC announced the inclusion of the duet on the program for the 1984 Olympic Games, Charlotte and the girls made a pact to work hard and earn the right to represent the United States in Los Angeles. Their hard work and dedication paid off as Charlotte was named head Olympic coach and the girls went on to win the gold medal for the USA; because of the Soviet boycott, the IOC added the solo competition at the last minute. Tracie Ruiz won the gold medal in that event as well.

Charlotte Davis was instrumental in the formation of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Inc. program that began when the corporation was formed in 1979. She was hired as the organization’s first full-time National Team coach in 1984 and in 1992 was named National Team Director, a position she held until her retirement in 2000. During her tenure, the USA was the dominant force in international synchronized swimming. In addition to the gold medals in 1984 she coached the Josephson twins, Karen and Sarah, to the Olympic duet silver medal in 1988 and Tracie Ruiz to the gold in solo. In 1992 the Josephsons won the duet, while Kristen Babb won the solo gold in Barcelona. As the National Team Director and assistant Olympic coach in 1996, Charlotte also played a major role in the USA’s “perfect ten” performance in Atlanta. It was the first Olympic gold medal awarded for the team event in Olympic history.

Charlotte Davis shared her expertise by giving clinics around the world helping to make synchronized swimming one of the marquee FINA events.
Jon Erikson (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 11 ENGLISH CHANNEL CROSSINGS: four singles, two doubles, and one triple, 1969, youngest person; LAC ST. JEAN (Canada) 25 MILE CROSSING, seven times; the LA TOQUE (Canada) 24 HOUR TEAM-OF-TWO RELAY, five times; the MAR DEL PLATA (Argentina) 25 MILE MARATHON, two times; the SANTA FE-CORONADO (Argentina) 40 MILE RIVER MIILE MARATHON, two times; GUAYMAS (Mexico) 42 MILE MARATHON; MARATHON DU SAGUENAY (Canada) 28 MILE MARATHON, two times; HAMILTON (Canada) LAKE ONTARIO 10 MILER; LAVAL (Canada) LAKE ONTARIO 10 MILER; CHICAGO (USA) FESTIVAL LAKE MICHIGAN 10 MILER, four times; CHICOUTIMI (Canada) 16 MILE RIVER SWIM, two times; PASPEBIAC (Canada) 14 MILE BAY CHALET CROSSING, three times; and the PEPSI-CHALLENGE LAKE ONTARIO CROSSING of 32 MILES.

As his father Ted was getting interested in open water swimming, he took his son to swimming lessons with Chicago Park District’s Ridge Park program. The boy’s rapid progression led him to follow in his father’s wake as a great marathon swimmer.

Unlike most athletes, Jon Erikson started at the top. His first marathon swim was the crossing of the English Channel at the age of 14. He emerged on the shores of France, as the youngest boy to complete a successful crossing on August 12, 1969. His first crossing of the channel took 11 hours and 22 minutes.

After his initial channel swim, Jon swam a record 37 mile Lake Michigan, Chicago to Michigan City, on August 21, 1971, in 25 hours, 22 minutes, which was 12 hours under his Dad’s swim, 10 years earlier.

In 1975, Jon swam a world record English Channel double crossing on August 13-15 (England-France-England) in 30 hours, 3 minutes, again under the mark his father set 10 years earlier. In 1976, Jon made the inaugural crossing Grand Anse to Paspebiac (Canada’s Chaleur Bay), 14 miles of 53 degree water in 8 hours, 46 minutes. In 1977, he did a double crossing of Chaleur Bay, 30 miles on August 13, in 16 hours and 4 minutes.

Jon says his ‘dream of accomplishing a major athletic challenge, something that had never been done before by another human being, made the culmination of all his years of swimming worthwhile and uniquely meaningful.’ That dream was realized in 1981, when he became the first person to complete a three-way crossing of the English Channel with a time of 38 hours, 27 minutes. On this historic event, he was accompanied by his father, Ted Erikson and his trainer, Rosemary George.

Once he had met his goal of completing the English Channel triple, he retired. It was his 31st marathon swim; nothing else would ever compare to that feeling he had, knowing he was the first person ever to complete a triple crossing.
Grant Hackett (AUS)

2014 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle relay); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle); 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (1500m freestyle), bronze (4x200m freestyle relay); FIVE LONG COURSE WORLD RECORDS: 1 – 200m freestyle, 1 – 800m freestyle, 1 – 1500m freestyle, 2 – 4x200m freestyle relay; TEN SHORT COURSE WORLD RECORDS: 2 – 400m freestyle, 2 – 800m freestyle, 2 – 1500m freestyle, 4 – 4x200m freestyle relay; 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle, 800m freestyle); 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (800m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle), bronze (200m freestyle); 2005 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 1500m freestyle), silver (200m freestyle), bronze (4x200m freestyle); 2007 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (400m freestyle); 2001 GOODWILL GAMES: gold (200m freestyle, 1500m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 1998 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 2002 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: gold (1500m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle); 1997 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (400m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 1500m freestyle), silver (4x200m freestyle); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1500m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (400m freestyle); 2002 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (800m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, 4x100m freestyle, 4x200m freestyle), silver (200m freestyle, 400m freestyle)

This swimmer joins a list of Australians who have won more Olympic gold medals in the fifteen-hundred meter freestyle than any other nation - starting with Andrew "Boy" Charlton in 1924. Following Charlton were Murray Rose-1956, Jon Konrads-1960, Robert Windle-1964 and Kieran Perkins in 1992 and 1996.

Grant Hackett was born in Southport, on Australia’s Gold Coast. He joined coach Denis Cotrell’s team in 1992, at the age of 12. In 1999, he broke his first world record, surprising everyone by beating Hall of Famer, Giorgio Lamberti’s 200 meter freestyle record, while swimming the lead-off spot for his club at the Australian Championships.

In his specialty, the 1500 meter freestyle, he was unbeaten from 1997 to 2007, winning every major world competition. His four World Championship gold medals in this event make him the only swimmer to have won a world title in one event four times, and in total, he has won ten World Championship gold medals. In 2001, at the FINA World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan, he set a world record that lasted over ten years, finally broken by China’s Sun Yang, in Shanghai, at the 2011 Championships.

Hackett is best remembered for winning back to back gold medals in the 1500 meter freestyle at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney and the 2004 Games in Athens.

It was during the 1500 freestyle at the Athens Olympic Games in 2004, where Hackett may have given his most impressive performance. He was suffering from respiratory problems, a partially collapsed lung, but he still overcame the tough competition to win the gold medal in back to back Olympic Games. His Olympic career spanned from 2000 to 2008, all totaled, he won three gold, three silver, and one bronze medal in the freestyle events.

During his career, he set a total of 15 world records, 5 long course and 10 short course and still holds the world record in the 1500 meter short course event that he set in 2001.
Bruce Hopping (USA)

2014 Honor Pioneer Contributor

FOR THE RECORD: SINCE 1954, THE KALOS KAGATHOS FOUNDATION (PHYSICAL DISTINCTION AND NOBILITY OF MIND) HAS CONCEIVED AND COMMISSIONED OVER 16 MAJOR SCULPTURE HONORS REPRESENTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SWIMMING, DIVING AND WATER POLO; INITIATED FINA NO SMOKING RULE; PRESENTED FINA DIVING GRAND PRIX CERTIFICATES.

A great promoter of youth sports and art, Bruce Hopping was born in 1921 in Vietnam. He grew up in Asia and the islands of the South Pacific, where his parents had business interests. When he was ready for high school, his family relocated to the States, and then, like the rest of his graduating class in high school, he volunteered for the Army at the outbreak of World War II. He became a pilot and while searching for a missing plane, he was forced to ditch his plane into the Pacific. Battling storms, waves, sharks, sunburn and salt sores in a leaky raft, he survived on seagulls that roosted there and washed ashore in the Philippines two weeks later. It was a prime example of Hopping’s perseverance, tenacity and desire to live.

After the war, and after college, he read a study by the Society of University Physical Education Directors that determined swimming, above all the sports and exercises taught in college, to be the most useful and beneficial of all and that it should be a required subject taught in every school. This report convinced him to get involved in swimming as a volunteer with the Amateur Athletic Union. Shortly after serving a second stint in the military during the Korean War, his parents were killed in an accident, leaving him heir to the family fortune. He plowed his money into an endowment to promote swimming.

In 1953, Yale’s famed coach, Bob Kiphuth introduced Hopping to Joe Brown, a sculptor in residence at Princeton University, with the idea of creating an award to be given by the AAU. The result was a sculpture of the Greek god Poseidon calming the seas with outstretched arms for two swimmers. The first recipient of this award was FINA in 1954. It was to be the first of many specially commissioned sculpted awards to follow, many of which are housed in the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

In 1966, Hopping was introduced to Professor Ted Brunner, Chairman of the Classics Department at the newly formed University of California at Irvine. Brunner introduced Hopping to the ancient Greek ideal of education of youth, which was perfection of Kalos Kagathos, the combination of physical distinction and nobility of mind and he started evangelizing for aqua-athletics.

Hopping placed great social value upon bodily development of youth and imprinting boys and girls alike with the importance of regarding the human body as the most beautiful of creations. He believes aquatic sports and art can help inspire young people to not only gain exemplary self esteem and good citizenship, but also by extension, to love and respect other persons and resources, including man’s ecological treasures, like our land, sea and air.

Since 1953 Bruce Hopping and the Kalos Kagathos Foundation have given much to the world of aquatics through the creation of art, awards and the hundreds of youth sports exchanges he has organized and administered for the benefit of thousands of youth worldwide. At the age of 93 his is still a lighthouse of ideas and every day he never fails to walk down to the beach and feed the seagulls in repayment for saving his live so many years ago.
Agnes Kovacs (HUN)
2014 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: bronze (200m breaststroke); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m breaststroke); 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m breaststroke); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m breaststroke), bronze (100m breaststroke); 1995 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (4x100m medley), bronze (100m breaststroke); 1997 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke); 1999 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke); 2000 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke), silver (200m breaststroke); 2006 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke); 1999 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): silver (50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke); 2002 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS (25m): bronze (100m breaststroke); two-time EUROPEAN SWIMMER OF THE YEAR: 1997 and 1998; HUNGARIAN SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR: 1997-2000.

Born in Budapest, Agnes Kovacs learned to swim when she was just two and a half years old, and loved the water from the very start. When she was just nine years old, her swimming teacher, Bea Szucs recommended she join the program at the Kőer St. Pool where she made rapid progress. At the age of 13 she had her first success in the Hungarian National Age Group Championships and as a fourteen year old, she won the European Junior Championship in the 100 yard breaststroke. Within days of her fifteenth birthday, she won the Olympic bronze medal in the 200 meter breaststroke in Atlanta, in 1996.

Following in the wake of Hall of Famer Krisztina Egerszegi, Agnes would be named Hungary's best female swimmer and her country's Sportswoman of the year for the next four years. Dominating the 200 meter breaststroke in all international competition from 1997 to 2000, she won gold at both the FINA World Championships in 1998, and then the Olympic gold medal, in Sydney, in 2000.

Following her Olympic success, Kovacs won her event again at the 2001 FINA Championships in Fukuoka, Japan, before moving to the United States to attend Arizona State University. When she left ASU in 2005 it was as a fifteen-time All-American, as the schools top senior female athlete, and with a degree in supply chain management.

Returning to Hungary, she rejoined the national team program and was a crowd favorite, winning three medals at the 2006 European Championships in the same pool where she first learned to swim twenty-two years earlier, on Budapest's historic Margaret Island.

In addition to her Olympic and NCAA success, Agnes won a total of 25 medals at the European Championships, long and short course, and was a 53-time Hungarian National Champion from 1996 through 2007.

For Agnes, the support of her family was key to becoming a top level swimmer. She is currently married and lives with her husband and son in Hungary, where she is a PhD student at the Semmelweis University Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Sciences.
Karin Kuipers (NED)

2014 Honor Water Polo Player


She was appointed Knight of the Order of Orang-Nassau in 2011, a chivalric order open to everyone who has earned special merits for society because of her great services to Dutch Water Polo. It is a grade comparable with the ranks of the Order of the British Empire in the UK.

Wearing her famous number 7, she started playing in the first division at the age of 14. She was three times voted the best player in the world; in 1993, 1998, 1999, and played in over 1000 official games, scoring over 3000 goals during her career.

Her greatest years came before women’s water polo was added to the Olympic program, when her Dutch team was the best in the world and won either the gold or silver medal at every FINA world cup and FINA world championships from 1991 to 1999. Her team entered the 2000 Olympic Games as one of the favorites, but finished a disappointing fourth.

Now a mother of two, she competes in triathlons and competes with her old water polo friends in Dutch masters competitions.
Tom Malchow (USA)

2014 Honor Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 1996 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (200m butterfly); 2000 OLYMPIC GAMES: gold (200m butterfly); 2004 OLYMPIC GAMES: Team Captain and 4th place (200m butterfly); ONE WORLD RECORD: 200m butterfly: 1998 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (200m butterfly); 2001 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: silver (200m butterfly); 2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: bronze (200m butterfly); 1995 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: silver (200m butterfly); 1997 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (4x200m freestyle), silver (200m butterfly); 1999 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m butterfly), silver (4x200m freestyle); 2002 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (200m butterfly); 1995 SUMMER UNIVERSIADE: gold (200m butterfly).

He was introduced early to the water and started swimming competitively at the age of seven to help combat his chronic asthma. A naturally tall and lean kid, Tom Malchow played a little basketball and baseball in grade school, but it was swimming that he showed the most promise. Swimming for coach Paul Lundsten, state, zone and sectional times came easily to him. At St. Thomas Military Academy he held the pool record, in every event except for diving, and was recruited by some of the nation’s top collegiate programs. He chose Michigan because he liked the coach, Jon Urbanchek, and the overall program.

When he got to Ann Arbor in 1995, he wasn’t the “big dog” he had been in high school and it was a difficult transition for him. He was getting worked in practice and was given the nickname “Puppychow”, but that just made him hungry for success. Following his freshman season, Tom surprised everyone but Urbanchek when he upset the reigning Olympic 200 meter butterfly Champion, Mel Stewart, to qualify for the 1996 Olympic Games as the team’s youngest member, and then moved from sixth place at the last turn to win the silver medal in Atlanta.

Finishing just behind Hall of Famer, Denis Pankratov, who won gold, was a critical turning point for Malchow. The silver medal wasn’t good enough for him, he wanted the gold. So, for the next four years, he and Urbanchek decided what needed to be done differently so he could stand on top the medal stand with a gold medal around his neck.

Chasing Pankratov’s world record had been made more difficult by the rule change that limited underwater swimming to 15 meters after Atlanta, but Tom finally broke it in June of 2000. Three months later, he won the gold medal in the 200 meter butterfly and broke the Olympic record as well.

In order to take home the gold medal from Sydney, Tom swam six days a week for 10 years; but every day since he was seven he endured frequent asthma attacks, bouts with pneumonia and eight or nine hospitalizations due to his chronic condition. He learned early on that the most effective way to deal with his enemy was to meet it on its own terms. “I picked a sport I could do, became motivated, and gave it everything I had.”
FOR THE RECORD: 1980 OLYMPIC GAMES: Assistant Coach (HUN); 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES: Assistant Coach (HUN) (boycott); 1988 OLYMPIC GAMES: Unofficial Coach (USA); Coach of 1990 European Record Holder, Sergio Lopez; 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: Coach of 200m breaststroke gold medalist, Mike Barrowman, Assistant Coach (SPN); 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES: Assistant Coach (CAN); 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES: Assistant Coach (CAN); 1991 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Assistant Coach (USA); 2009 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Assistant Coach (CAN); 2010 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (SC): Assistant Coach (CAN); 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: Assistant Coach (CAN); 2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (SC): Assistant Coach (CAN); COACH OF TWO WORLD RECORD HOLDERS SETTING NINE WORLD RECORDS AND ONE RELAY WORLD RECORD; COACH OF THREE SWIMMERS WINNING ONE GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDAL AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS; 37 YEAR HISTORY OF NUMEROUS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HUN, USA, SPN, CAN; 2010 COMMONWEALTH GAMES: Assistant Coach (CAN); 2007 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: Assistant Coach (CAN); 1985, 1991, 1987, 1999, 2000 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Assistant Coach; FOUR-TIME CANADIAN COACH OF THE YEAR (Female).

He was born and raised in Hungary and may know more about the breaststroke than anyone in the world. Not surprisingly, Jozsef Nagy was a breaststroker himself. He won the Hungarian Jr. National Championship in 1973 and competed for Hungary internationally. After he retired from swimming in 1976, he studied physical education at the University of Budapest and earned a prestigious Master Coach certificate. During this time, he read an article on the pattern of ocean waves by Nobel physicist Richard Feynman. Applying principles of physics to swimming, the idea for “wave-action breaststroke” was born. It was originally just a theory, created on paper – but then proven in “practice” by Janos Dzvonyar, who placed 5th in the Moscow Olympic Games of 1980.

Until Nagy came along, breaststrokers glided along the surface like alligators. Their bodies rode low in the water, with only their backs and the crowns of their heads visible. In the 1980’s, breaststrokers began to resemble buoyos bobbing in the water as the stroke became more vertical.

In 1986, Nagy moved to the United States and began coaching Mike Barrowman, the first swimmer to perfect “the wave” by channeling his power into smooth, undulating motions.

To help Barrowman grasp the idea, Nagy showed him footage of a cheetah on the run. “A cheetah keeps his head down and lifts his shoulders to run,” Barrowman said, “It really did help me to get a mental picture of what the shoulders needed to do in the stroke.”

Between 1988 and 1992, Barrowman dominated the 200 meter breaststroke, winning 15 of 16 major national and international competitions and the world record he set at the Barcelona Olympic Games held for ten years.

In addition to Barrowman, Nagy coached swimmers from four different nations to international success including, Roque Santos of the USA, Sergio Lopez of Spain, Gabriella Cespo and Norbert Rozsa of Hungary, and Canada’s Annamay Pierse.

The inventor of the “wave action breaststroke,” Jozsef Nagy developed numerous dry land exercises and swim sets that are now widely used and he has generously shared and explained his ideas via articles, speeches and lectures around the world since the late 1980’s.
Norman Sarsfield (GBR)
2014 Honor Contributor


When he wanted to join the local Rowing Club in Durham City as a ten-year old, his mother insisted he should swim first. He liked it so much he took up swimming rather than rowing. Six years later Norman Woods Sarsfield was the city champion.

He was qualified as a teacher before enlisting in the British Army in 1940 and achieved the rank of Captain, serving in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Austria. In 1943, he was awarded the Military Cross for “gallantry under fire.” At the war’s end, he won gold medals at the Army Swimming championships before returning to Dunham where he reclaimed his championship titles and played on the water polo team until 1956.

This is the brief background for a man who would give a lifetime of service to promote swimming on local, national and international levels and whose induction into the Hall of Fame is long overdue.

From 1947 through 1970, Sarsfield was a school swimming teacher. That was his day job. In his “off time” he was a tireless volunteer with the local and regional chapters of the Amateur Swimming Association. He officiated at the 1948 Olympic Games, wrote instructional books and made training films for divers. He also coached both swimmers and divers and moved rapidly up the ranks of the ASA. In 1955, he started traveling as manager or coach of various England and British Swimming and Diving Teams and in 1958 was awarded the “European Swimming Coach of the Year” at the European Championships in Budapest.

In 1961, he developed the Personal Survival Awards. The awards were designed to promote confidence, learn to swim, fun, personal achievement and survival. He gave the commercial rights to the ASA and provided it, as a result, with much needed funding. He also devised the flipper-float method of teaching swimming for anyone to learn how to swim in ten minutes.

In 1966, he was elected President of the ASA, the youngest person to hold the office in the 20th century and in 1970 retired from teaching to become the first full-time, professional secretary general of the ASA. That same year he was appointed Chairman of the FINA Technical Swimming Committee and became a member of LEN’s Executive Committee and would serve as LEN’s Honorary Secretary for almost twenty years. He served as a member of the sports councils of the Central UK, Europe and the Commonwealth Games and was an outspoken proponent for the inclusion of synchronized swimming in the 1973 FINA World Championships and later for developing Masters Swimming and teaching the disabled to swim.

Sarsfield was a renowned orator and formidable debater who was also active in politics, first elected to the Durham Council in 1955 and then Mayor in 1964. During the time of the 1980 Moscow Olympic boycott, he was an outspoken critic of Prime Minister Thatcher’s desire to stop the British team from competing at the Games, saying that sport was non-political. He refused to accept the Prime Minister’s view, personally giving her his opinion, which won the day leading to the team’s successful competition at the Games.

He is author of four instructional books with a combined 11 editions titled: “Swimming for Everyone”, “Better Swimming”, “Competitive Swimming” and “Diving Instruction”.

In 1981 he was awarded the O.B.E., The Order of the British Empire, by Queen Elizabeth. He received the FINA Silver Pin in 1990 and was presented with the FINA Trophy by President Mustapha Larfaoui, for all his services to swimming. He passed away in 2003 at the age of 93.
Carlo Silipo (ITA)
2014 Honor Water Polo Player


He started in water polo with the Rowing Club of Naples, moved up to the famed Club Posillipo and became one of the most important players in Neopolitan and Italian water polo history.

When he joined the national team in 1992, Italy hadn’t won a gold medal in water polo since 1960 and finished a distant sixth in the 1991 World Championships. But it did have Ratko Rudic, the gruff disciplinarian who coached Yugoslavia to its Olympic championships in 1984 and 1988.

Rudic changed the Italian water polo culture. He brought a winning philosophy with him to Italy, and selected a core of young players who were willing to train until they dropped and pummeled their opponent into submission, no matter how long it might take. Carlo Silipo, only 21 years old, bought into the system. At six feet, six inches tall and weighing 210 pounds, he had the physical qualities Rudic was looking for at the center defender position and Silipo became the leader and symbol of Italy’s famed Settebello, or “seven diamonds” for the next fifteen years.

His greatest success came early, when he helped Italy win the gold medal over the home team favorite at the ‘92 Olympics in Barcelona. Behind Silipo’s stellar defense, Italy held a 6-3 lead in the third period and seemed to have the game under control, but Spain rallied behind their flamenco-beat clapping fans, and their superstar, Hall of Famer Manuel Estiarte, to send the game into overtime. With defense the key, Italy ended on top when Gandolfi scored the winning goal in the sixth overtime period.

If there was a more exciting game in Olympic history, it might be the bronze medal match in Atlanta, when Silipo’s Settebello beat the Hungarians, again in overtime.

Playing for CN Posillipo, in the world’s premier professional league, Silipo led his team to seven league championships and scored 574 goals in 462 appearances, a record for a defender. He retired in 2006 and is the fifteenth Italian to enter the Hall of Fame and the eighth for water polo.

“Carlo Silipo is a great role model,” said Paolo Barelli, President of the Italian Swimming Federation. “A leader in the tank, professional in his training, generous with advice and encouragement to his teammates and always congratulatory for his opponents.”
Penny & Vicky Vilagos (CAN)
2014 Honor Synchronized Swimmers

FOR THE RECORD: 1992 OLYMPIC GAMES: silver (duet); 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (team); 1985 FINA WORLD CUP: gold (team); 1991 FINA WORLD CUP: silver (team); 1981 PAN-PACIFIC GAMES: gold (team); 1983 PAN AMERICAN GAMES: silver (duet), gold (team); 1980, 1981, 1984, 1991 SWISS OPEN: gold (duet); 1st DUET IN THE WORLD TO RECEIVE A PERFECT ‘10’ IN DUET; SEVEN TIME CANADIAN NATIONAL DUET CHAMPIONS.

A pair of overweight, uncoordinated twins is the way they describe themselves in elementary school. But when they were eight years old they discovered synchronized swimming; they had a natural talent for it and they loved it. It was the perfect sport for identical twins, swimming like mirrored images.

Just like another pair of Hall of Fame synchro twins, Karen and Sarah Josephson, Penny and Vicky Vilagos became inseparable in synchro duet swimming. They competed for National team coach Julie Sauvé at CAMO in Montreal. At age 17, in 1980, they were crowned National Duet Champions and expected to perform at the 1980 Moscow Olympics with synchro as a demonstration sport. When the boycott spoiled those plans, the Swiss Open Championships became their milestone as the pair received the world’s first duet perfect score of “10”, just beating out Hall of Famers, Tracie Ruiz and Candy Costie. Their routines were innovative and creative and over the next three years they were among the world’s top performers.

Then, in 1984, they failed to make the Olympic team. After fourteen years of training and striving, they had to accept that their Olympic dream would remain out of reach. They retired from swimming to finish their university degrees and start their careers.

Then, one day in 1990, while watching a synchro competition, they experienced an unexpected sensation and realized their Olympic dream was still alive. “Si on n’essaie pas, on ne le saura jamais!” they say - “If we don’t try, we’ll never know!”

The challenges were immense. They only had two years to train for the 1992 Olympic Games. In addition, they did not qualify for funding, so they had to try this comeback, while working full time jobs and practicing five hours a day each day after work. They also had to fund all their international travel to events while keeping up their grueling schedule, all the while not knowing if they'd even make the team. But they believed in themselves and with a team of four dedicated coaches to push them to their limits, they achieved an unprecedented comeback at the age of 27 and realized their Olympic dream by winning the duet silver medal in Barcelona. This is one of the great comeback stories in FINA history.
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Stephen “Sid” Cassidy
Aquatics Director and Head Coach, St. Andrews School
2014 Paragon Award / Competitive Swimming

Stephen A. “Sid” Cassidy is known worldwide as one of Open Water Swimming’s most respected leaders. Perhaps his greatest contribution to open water swimming was his role in placing a marathon 10K swim permanently in the Olympic Games program. He is a member of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee (TOWSC) and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. Cassidy has served in nearly every role in the sport; a former professional marathon swimmer, a record breaking channel swimmer; a National Team Coach; USA Swimming and FINA Administrator; Olympic official, race announcer, race director, and strong advocate of the sport.

Cassidy’s dedication to the sport has been recognized by his peers as well as the international swimming community. He was awarded USA Swimming’s highest honor, the prestigious “USA Swimming Award”, which is given annually to the individual or organization with the most outstanding contributions to the sport of swimming. Sid was a technical expert for the “USA Swimming Open Water Swimming Safety Task Force”. His recommendations were ultimately accepted by the FINA Bureau as a concrete means to improve safety in its open water swimming competitions.

Sid has worked tirelessly on nearly every continent for over four decades as an athlete, coach, race director, promoter, administrator, referee, lecturer and FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Chairman. He has balanced a long term vision with pragmatism in organizing and running the Olympic 10K Marathon Swim; the FINA 10K Marathon Swimming World Cup; and the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix during his role with FINA.

Sid Cassidy’s early passion for open water swimming was developed under his coach and mentor, Bob Mattson, in the early 1970’s in Avondale, Pennsylvania. Cassidy was ranked as high as fourth in the world as a professional marathon swimmer in 1979, a feat which is amazing if you consider Sid was lifeguarding at the time and open water swimming was just something fun to do. He wasn’t even focused on training, just something he did in his spare time. He swam several “Around the Island Swim” 36k (22.5 mile) marathon swims in Atlantic City and has competed in professional marathon races in Chicago, Canada, England, France and Egypt. Sid has competed in the famous, La Toque 24 hour swim, the Bay of Chaleurs and the Nile River 27 mile Marathon Swim. He coached and swam on a record-setting, double crossing of the English Channel by the USA National Team in 1991, where he still remains one of the English Channel relay record holders. Cassidy was inducted as an Honor Administrator in to the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005.

In addition to all his accolades and accomplishments in the open water swimming world, Sid has had just as much success in the pool as both a swimmer and a coach. As a collegiate swimmer, he attended NC State University and UCLA. He was a three-time Division 1 NCAA All American and was a gold medalist eleven times in twelve races at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships for North Carolina State University. As a coach, Sid has consistently led teams and individuals to success at every level. He has coached on the collegiate level at the University of Tampa and Florida State University in an assistant coach role, and was named head coach at James Madison University and the University of Miami. He was Aquatics Director for Atlantic City, where he and ISHOF Gold Medallion winner, Mayor Jim Whelan began one of the first of its kind in the Northeast, Mannar minority swimming program. In 2005, he became the Aquatics Director and Head Coach at the Saint Andrews Prep School in Boca Raton. He has been named “Florida High School Coach of the Year” four times while at Saint Andrews: Boys in 2008, and Girls, 2009, 2012 and 2013.

Sid is married to Kara Keenan Cassidy, Swim School Director at Saint Andrews School. They have two children, Quinn and Kate, both extraordinary swimmers and water polo players. Quinn attends the University of Florida as a member of the UF swim team, while Kate focuses mostly on water polo and attends Saint Andrews.

Unselfish dedication, unflagging perseverance, creative vision, enthusiastic leadership, entertaining speaking style and a larger than life personality are all examples that best capture the essence and character of Sid Cassidy.
Robert “Bob” Burnside
Founding President, United States Lifesaving Association
2014 Paragon Award / Aquatic Safety

Bob is perhaps the best known and most iconic lifeguard in the United States. His contributions to water safety are extraordinary. His love of aquatics was probably most influenced by his stepfather, 1920 Olympian and ISHOF Honoree, Stubby (Harold Herman) Krueger, and his mother, Jane Mackenzie, who was a Ziegfield Follies dancer.

In his early years, Bob was selected 22 times to the “All American Swim Team”, and three times to the “All American Water Polo Team”. In high school, he was the national record holder in the 100 yard backstroke and the 120 yard IM. He was the first high school swimmer in the US to break the one minute barrier in the 100 yard backstroke!

Bob was hired as an ocean lifeguard by Los Angeles County in 1951. When a representative of Surf Lifesaving Australia met with Los Angeles County leaders, Bob was appointed to become the president of what was to be called the “Surf Life Saving Association of America”, created solely to compete in an international lifesaving competition to be held in Australia during the year of the 1956 Olympics. Bob was a member of that team, which had never competed in an international lifesaving competition. Bob placed third in the international belt race at Torquay Beach.

In 1963, Bob invited lifeguards from various lifeguard agencies in Southern California to meet and discuss the concept of creating a true national association of professional ocean lifeguards. The various delegates agreed, and in 1964, the “Surf Life Saving Association of America” was formally created as a nonprofit organization of professional beach lifeguards. Bob was elected president and served in that capacity for four years. The organization changed its name twice, and it is known today as the “United States Lifesaving Association”.

In 1967, Bob served as manager of a new competition team, which toured and competed in Australia and in New Zealand. The following year, 1968, he toured the East Coast of the US in an effort to promote membership and to broaden the interest in and to help move the organization toward a true national base. Bob designed and produced the revolutionary plastic “Burnside Rescue Can” (patrol can), which is now a standard for lifeguards worldwide, and an iconic symbol for beach lifeguards. It was the symbol for the TV Series “Baywatch”.

Professionally, in Los Angeles, Bob was instrumental as a member of the affirmative action committee to mandate women’s rights to take the beach lifeguard test that led to the hiring of the first female ocean lifeguards by the department. He eventually rose to become the chief lifeguard of Los Angeles County. During his tenure, Los Angeles County created the first lifeguard paramedic program, a hyperbaric chamber, lifeguard certification program and pioneered the “prevention first” concept in lifeguarding. Previously the profession had focused primarily on “reaction” to people in distress, rather then “preventing” distress. Also, during his tenure, most of the municipal beach lifeguard agencies in Los Angeles County were merged into a single county agency, which continues to exist today.

Bob is the founder of “Club Tortuga” a USLA approved Mexican water safety development project. As part of this operation, the first Spanish beach lifeguard training manual was developed, primarily as a translation of the USLA Training Manual. He also organized the development of a video depicting lifeguard issues throughout Mexico, and coordinated on site training and political support for Mexican lifeguards. Those efforts established Mexico’s first government beach lifeguard employees, now serving under the state fire division chief.

Bob earned the Australian Bronze Medallion, the Canadian and Royal Lifesaving Instructors Certificate, the New Zealand Instructor Certification and the American Red Cross Instructor Certificate for first aid and water safety. He has been certified by the USCG as a rescue board operator and he was part of the first certified Los Angeles County Diving Scuba Instructors and a longtime member of the Department’s underwater rescue and recovery unit, which was the first such team in the West!

Bob was a Grand champion in World Body Surfing in 1989, and for 13 consecutive years, the winner in his age division. He has been a masters division national champion twelve times at the USLA National Lifeguard Championships in the Iron Man, swim rescue board and rescue race events. He has been a national master’s division swim champion and a National Dorymen’s Association Champion, and winner of the Masters Inter-Mountain Downhill Ski Championship!
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Cynthia Potter won 28 nationals to become the most winning woman diver in U.S. history. She retired in 1980 and no one has broken her record yet. She has also won 20 gold medals in world competitions and she was voted “World Diver of the Year” three times. Cynthia competed in the sport of diving for the USA for a record 20 years, both on the springboard and the platform.

She has been given many awards, some of which include: the “I” from Indiana University, and the 1998 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award. She was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Diver in 1986, is a member of the Lamar High School Hall of Fame, is a member of the Indiana University Athletic Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the World Acrobatic Society Gallery of Honor in 2001.

Since hanging up her suit, Potter has continued with just as successful a career out of the water, but sticking to what she loved best: diving. Cynthia is a Trustee for the United States Diving Foundation, a volunteer for "Champions of Life", an outreach program of the USOC, was the diving coach at SMU from 1981-1984, diving coach of the University of Arizona from 1984-1996, and was owner and head coach of Arizona Diving, a club program in Tucson, from 1984-1996. She has been a volunteer for Special Olympics, and for the U.S. Academy of Youth Sports Leadership in various cities, sponsored by the USOC, has been an International diving judge for the U.S.; Elected to the USA Diving Board of Directors through 2004; served on the ISHOF Board of Directors, 2000-2005; was co-chair of USA Diving’s campaign to raise funds to benefit young divers; and served on almost every committee for USA Diving since her retirement in 1980.

Potter IS diving, when it comes to television. She has been an expert analyst for most high profile events over the past 30+ years, some of those events include: ABC Sports for their Olympic coverage in 1984 (Los Angeles) and for the Olympic Trials in 1984; NBC’s triplecast coverage of diving at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona; the Olympic Games on NBC in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, as well as the Olympic Trials; the USA Diving National Championships that have appeared on television since 1984; and the Men and Women’s NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships since 1997.

"She has been a great ambassador for USA Diving", says Linda Paul, President and CEO of USA Diving, Cynthia and her husband, Peter Lasser, established the Benjamin Foundation Coaches Performance Award, based on results from Olympic Games and World Championships. The gift to the United States Diving Foundation was made possible thanks to the efforts of Cynthia and Peter. Elizabeth and Baret O. Benjamin were Peter’s great aunt and uncle, and Peter now serves as a trustee of the Benjamin Foundation. Baret O. Benjamin was an intercollegiate diving champion at Yale.

Cynthia has been the driving force that put USA Diving on the path to begin a serious fund raising effort. Thanks to Cynthia, USA Diving has created an event called “Rings of Honor”, USA Diving’s own Hall of Fame that celebrates the stellar history of USA Diving and honors those who have achieved excellence and contributed to the success of the sport. The first “Ring of Honor” event was held at the 2012 Olympic Trials and USA Diving was able to formally recognize important individuals in the sport.

Cynthia is always willing and ready to give back to her sport. It has been said, “She puts her heart into all that she does...with both her time and her talents.” With the efforts of Cynthia Potter, her dedication, commitment and love of the sport, USA Diving can only continue to grow and flourish and become a premier sport in the United States. Cynthia has certainly been there for others and has great compassion. By her leadership, she has sown seeds of philanthropy that will benefit others for generations to come.
It was 1989, when Olga Pinciroli first organized women’s water polo in Brazil by securing a sponsorship that allowed the team, that was not yet considered an official team by the federation, to participate in a championship in Alhambra, CA. After that performance, the Brazilian Aquatic Federation agreed to create Women’s Water Polo (WWP) of Brazil. It was because of Olga’s involvement, and her tenacity in obtaining sponsorships, that the Brazilian Women’s Water Polo Team participated in so many international tournaments and competitions.

In 1990, Olga was confirmed as the Director of the Brazilian Federation WWP during the World Championships in Perth, Australia. According to the President at that time, she was “a director with presidential power”. She remained director until 2003. In 2012, Olga was asked to return to her unique position of CEO/Director of the Brazilian Federation, WWP, due to the upcoming 2016 Olympic Games, which were to be held in her country of Brazil.

She has organized the Brazilian WWP team to be internationally competitive. She stimulated the coach’s interchange of ideas; organized both regional and national events, as well as one of two international championships; brought the junior and the national teams together to practice; brought and worked with the sports media to follow women’s water polo; and gained the respect and partnership of the clubs, to organize the practices and the tournaments. The Brazilian team won the silver medal at the Pan-American Games, held in Winnipeg, Canada in 1999.

Olga organized beach tournaments, acquired important sponsorships, which enabled the national team the freedom to plan its schedule in a yearly timeline. She developed an alignment of goals and values, focusing on having integration among all the members of the Brazilian delegation: players, coaches, officials, physical trainers, doctors, and leaders. As an active member of this group of talented and passionate participants, she helped bring forth an intensive movement. A goal was to have woman’s water polo included as an event at the Olympic Games. She was a leader in this movement, having earned respect among woman’s sports figures of other countries. The goal of the inclusion of women’s water polo was finally achieved and realized at the Olympic Games, held in Sydney Australia in 2000.

She has led Brazilian Water Polo for 15 years, and during that time period, she has brought forth values and teachings that strongly contribute to the everyday professional sports, and to the family life of the players. She celebrated those 15 years in a farewell in 2003. She has been recognized for her contributions to women’s water polo with many accolades and awards, and even has a prestigious award named after her — “The Olga Pinciroli Trophy”, which is given to the winner of the Brazilian Woman’s Water Polo Championships.

Olga Pinciroli has been the Brazilian women’s water polo inspiration, and is the best example possible that dreams can become reality. She has talent, is a tireless worker, and has held inspiring positions that have positively influenced others in and outside the sport of women’s water polo!
Wally James
Chairman, WWA Safety Committee
2014 Paragon Award / Recreational Swimming

Wally James has been one of the most prolific aquatic industry volunteers of the last 30 years and by anyone’s definition is the perfect example of a “waterpark safety professional.” He has been engaged in the business of safety in the leisure and more conventional industries since the early 1960’s. His training and experience extend from the advent of OSHA, and its industrial development, and the early issues involving snow-ski bindings, through the many steps of evolution in the leisure industries. He was the first President of the WWA, and has led the development of APSP, an ASTM standards for special use pools. He has been a steward in waterpark safety, and has written a book about the development of safety standards for the waterpark industry, as well as numerous papers and articles in most industry publications regarding waterpark safety and operations. He is known as an inveterate trainer and teacher.

Wally has presented numerous seminars for AIMS, WWA and IAAPA, to name a few, and has spent countless hours on ASTM, the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP), chairing the “APSP-9 Standard”, and now serves on the technical committee for the International Code Council (ICC). He has been the chair of the WWA Safety Committee since its inception, and was instrumental in developing the landmark publication “WWA Considerations for Operating Safety and Waterpark Signs”. He is known as a no-nonsense expert, and operates his own safety consulting business. His influence toward safety within the waterpark industry has helped to create a safer environment for all those involved and all those who enjoy waterparks.

In 2012, James was awarded the coveted “George Millay Waterpark Award” by AIMS, the first time the award was given to an individual who has made “significant contributions to water ride and waterpark safety.” Wally was recognized for his years of exemplary service in the field or waterpark safety.

James is President of his consulting business, Con-Serv Associations, Inc., specializing in the areas of engineering, administration, risk management, maintenance, construction and operations. Wally performs safety inspections, consultation and lawsuit defense for a variety of amusement park clients, including a large number of family entertainment centers.

Miwako Homma
Member, FINA Synchronized Swimming Technical Committee
2014 Paragon Award / Synchronized Swimming

Miwako Homma, of Japan, has been involved in synchronized swimming on all levels; elite athlete, author, professor, judge, evaluator, official and coach, Miwako Homma has participated in all realms.

As an athlete, Miwako was the 1984 bronze medalist in both the solo and duet events at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In addition, she won the bronze medal in both the solo and the team events at the 1982 World Championships in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She has coached Japan’s National Team from 1986 to 1991, and was on the coaching staff for the 1986 and 1990 World Championship Teams. Miwako has been a FINA synchronized swimming judge from 1994 to present, a FINA synchronized swimming evaluator from 2000 to the present, as well as serving as a member of the FINA Technical Committee from 2000 to present.

She has edited the synchronized section of the “FINA Handbook”, as well as the “Figures Section” of the “FINA Manual”. Miwako serves on the Board of Directors for the Japan Swimming Federation; is chairperson for Japan’s Synchronized Swimming Committee; and is a professor at the Institute of Health and Sport Sciences at the University of Teukuba. She has written several academic journal articles involving the techniques employed in synchronized swimming, and has done extensive research analyzing the “eggbeater (rotary) kick” which is utilized in synchronized swimming today.

Miwako Homma has made great contributions to the sport of synchronized swimming over the past 30 years and proudly represents Japan on the international stage for her sport.
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Marnie Young has been a leader in the adapted aquatics arena, as well as in other types of aquatic programs, including diving, for most of her life. Her commitment to excellence spans many different types of activities that she has been involved in, as a teacher and coach within her professional organizations. She believes that the goal of adapted aquatics is to ensure that students with disabilities are safe, comfortable and independent in the aquatic environment. Her leadership with the Oceanside Unified School District Adapted Aquatics and Adapted Physical Education Programs, for over 20 years, has made a huge positive impact on the lives of many children with disabilities.

Marnie has a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Masters of Science Degree from California State University, Long Beach, as well as teaching credentials in physical education and adapted physical education. Marnie has been active in her professional organizations and in leadership positions as Chair of the State Council on Adapted Physical Education (California), and the Conference Director for the 42nd National Adapted Physical Education Conference. Ms. Young has been recognized for her efforts with The Adapted Physical Educator of the Year and with an Exemplary Program Award from the California Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

The John K. Williams Adapted Aquatics Award’s Committee and International Swimming Hall of Fame are pleased to award Marnie Young this honor for her career of service to adapted aquatics.

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Torill Hindmarch, M.A.

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Torill Hindmarch first started with baby swimming in 1975 in Bristol England. She believes her most important work was done in Norway in the early 1980’s when she pioneered aquatic activities for babies and toddlers in the Oslo region. In 1982 Torill developed a teaching program for her local branch of the Norwegian Lifesaving Society (NLS) that moved away from “training” babies.

Since 1988 she has worked to promote and change the methodology in Norway away from the dive orientated methods that prevailed at that time. Torill was strongly influenced by Daniel Zylbeberg and his work in Paris after the conference in 1988. This led her to rethink the practice in Norway which created quite a stir at the time. She saw that not all babies were happy in classes and the approach was still too forceful for the more sensitive families. Torill was putting tools into the hands of inexperienced parents with little background in aquatic education. This lack of experience and understanding meant that parents were exceeding the limits of safe activity which resulted in negative reactions from babies and children with lasting consequences. She had to change their approach even if it alienated her from many swimming instructors at the time.

Torill Hindmarch has a Master’s Degree in Early Years Education and has managed two preschool and child care centers in Norway, promoting Forest School methodology. Her passion and knowledge of the advantages of movement in water was instrumental in developing programs in these centers for weekly sessions at the pool for the preschoolers, and in particular, those children that were developmentally challenged. This pedagogical approach was effective and enhanced speech and motor skills development as well as social skills. This background has been a great advantage in developing a child centered approach in baby swimming.

Early Childhood Education has been an important part of Torill’s working life; her experiences gave her an appreciation of the importance of strong relationships between teacher and pupil. By listening to the pupil, the teacher becomes a more effective teacher. The advances in research into child development and learning have been central to the development of her teaching philosophy in aquatics for young children in Norway. From Vygotsky through Meltzoff, Kuhl and Gopnik to the work of Trevarthen, she found inspiration and wonder at the power of social interaction and the child’s desire to communicate. The tiniest baby is ready from birth to communicate with its closest careers and is ready to learn if only we take time to make that connection. This interactive communication is an important part of the aquatic learning process. This and the sheer joy of being at one with the aquatic environment is the cornerstone of her pedagogical approach.

Torill now works for the Norwegian Life Saving Society as an education consultant at the head office in Oslo with responsibility for education in water safety and drowning prevention (Section for families and children), curriculum development, instructor qualifications and teacher support.

Torill has a background in competitive swimming and lifesaving, and parallel to her work with babies, she has been educating swimming and lifesaving instructors for the NLS and the NSF since the 80’s. She helped establish sport lifesaving in Norway, serving two terms as chair of the sports committee and was the national coach for life saving for four years. She has also gained inspiration from several teachers in the field of antenatal aquatics, following programs from France and Australia that focus on preparing the mother for birth, breathing and relaxation exercises and encouraging the connection between mother and child at this early stage. Torill believes all this has helped her develop a holistic approach to teaching swimming, survival and water safety to young children and their parents.
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86 Years of Swimming Excellence

The City of Fort Lauderdale’s competitive swimming heritage dates back 86 years to the grand opening of the Casino Pool on January 29, 1928. As the first pool of Olympic size (50m x 20m) in Florida, it remained at the forefront of the swimming scene for nearly half a century, and consequently witnessed a great deal of American swimming history.

In 1965 Fort Lauderdale welcomed the first hall of fame for swimming with the opening of the International Swimming Hall of Fame and Fort Lauderdale Municipal Pool. Since then, 10 world records have been set in Fort Lauderdale while serving as host to hundreds of national and international events. Today, continuing the great tradition of swimming, plans are underway for a new aquatic center to inspire new generations of swimmers.

World Records - Fort Lauderdale

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John McLaughlin
2014 Lifetime Achievement Award

John McLaughlin, known to all as “Big John”, is a deep sea diver, marine engineer, underwater cinematographer, marine mammal trainer, coast guard certified master diver, demolition instructor, and deep sea salvage for the U. S. Navy and more. He is best known as a Hollywood underwater stuntman, and his business card reads, “License to thrill.” As there was already an actor with the name John McLaughlin, he changed his name to “Big John” and ever since has been known as Big John McLaughlin.

Big John got his start with the “Sea Hunt” T.V. series and it was there that he struck up a great friendship with its star, Lloyd Bridges. Thanks to Big John, Bridges donated his “Sea Hunt” wet suit and other materials to the ISHOF Museum.

During the 1960’s and the 1970’s, Big John, along Film Director, Ricou Browning, made the James Bond series, “Shaken, Not Stirred”. His favorite film was “Thunderball”, where he was a stunt double for 34 different people. He also worked as a stunt double for “Goldfinger”, “The Spy Who Loved Me” and “Never Say Never”. In addition to the Bond films, McLaughlin worked on some 30 other films, some of which included: “Day of the Dolphin”, “Nam the Killer Whale”, “Around the World Under the Sea”, “Cocoon”, “Police Academy V”, and “Mako: The Jaws of Death”. Big John was also involved with hit television shows. He worked on the TV series “Flipper”, “Gentle Ben”, “The Six Million Dollar Man”, “The Bionic Woman”, and 12 other shows.

Big John had a hand in preparing the tables used by divers around the world, including Saturation Diving Techniques. He ascended to 520 feet at Lake Michigan and was one of the first to dive using neon gas. He was also one of the first to experiment with outside or saturation of mixed gases. In 1970, a light airplane crashed into Lake Mead, killing the U.S. Atomic Energy Commissioner, who was on board with four others. The recovery effort was so deep, John had to use a diving bell at the site complete with a barge and decompression chamber.

In 1998, John was named “Diver of the Year” by divers and equipment managers. He has taught many movie stars to dive including Sean Connery, Tom Cruise, and Brooke Shields. Big John's passion for the environment moved him to make a public outcry about the coral at Fort Lauderdale which being destroyed by ship anchors. His words fell on deaf ears, but Big John could not be stopped. Ten years and an act of Congress later, the coral preserving-anchoring patterns were finally put into place. Big John played a vital role in saving these reefs for future generations of divers to enjoy.

In later years Big John married the late Dorothy “Dottie” McLaughlin, long time ISHOF employee. The numerous contributions that Big John McLaughlin has made to the diving world is why he is truly a legend in his field.
EVERY CHILD A SWIMMER

Congratulations to the ISHOF Honoree Class of 2014 &

Barry Shaw
2014
Judge G. Harold Martin Award Recipient
Barry Shaw
2014 Judge G. Harold Martin Award

Born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1952, Barry Shaw began his career with Every Child a Swimmer as a Director, but soon became Vice President.

At age four, he nearly drowned at the old Holiday Hotel on Fort Lauderdale Beach. Luckily he was revived, and the experience didn’t make him fear the water. He soon joined the Junior Olympic Swim Team, coached by Jack Nelson. His real love was yet to come: surfing! He first began body boarding at age ten and a couple of years later, he began surfing and soon joined the Greenback Surf Club.

Barry traveled to Puerto Rico and California and was voted the most improved surfer in the Greenback Surf Club. He won the State Surfing Championship, and with Bill Stewart, they became the two top surfers in the state, competing together over the next few years. He traveled to Hawaii and competed in Costa Rica and was elected President of South Florida Surfing Association, competing on long boards. He competed in both professional and amateur events.

Barry’s main contribution to swimming was as Director of Every Child a Swimmer, eventually serving as Executive Vice President of the organization.

In 1993, as the President of the Kiwanis Club of Pompano Beach, Barry led his group in starting an Every Child a Swimmer, Learn to Swim project, which taught over 2000 children about water safety.

His enthusiasm for the Every Child a Swimmer concept continues, a position in which he continues to serve in.

In 1999, when Swim Central was under consideration his program was continually presented as an example of “it can be done”, and it was.

He was founder and President of the S.W.I.M.S. Foundation in support of Swim Central and continues to be involved in its activities as Treasurer.

Congratulations to
Sandra Bucha & Bob Dudley
from
Hinsdale Central Swim Alumni

(and of course we all love Don Watson!)
2014 ISHOF Honoree Induction Ceremony

ISHOF's CEO welcomed an audience of over 400 aquatic enthusiasts.

Janet Evans and Jason Lezak: This dynamic MC duo made the night even more enjoyable.

Honor Coach Charlotte Davis (USA) shares a laugh with presenter Gail Emery and MC Jason Lezak.

Honor Open Water Swimmer Sandra Bucha (C) receives her honor from her brother and Gold Medal recipient Buddy Bucha (L). Janet Evans (R) is first to congratulate Sandra.

Jon Erikson, the first to finish a three-way crossing of the English Channel, receives his award and sash from Michael Read.

Honor Swimmer Tom Malchow receives his honors from his former coach and ISHOF Honoree Jon Urbanchek.

Bruce Hopping receives his honors from Steve Clark.

Agnes Kovacs (HUN), 2014 ISHOF Honor Swimmer with Jason Lezak.
2014 ISHOF Honoree Induction Ceremony

Right: Norman Sarsfield Jr. accepts his father's long overdue honor for his worldwide contributions to swimming.

Left: 2014 Honor Water Polo Player Carla Silipo from Italy with MC Janet Evans

Below: The 2014 Gold Medal recipient Robert Dudley (C), with previous Gold Medal recipient Buddy Bucha (L) and ISHOF's CEO Bruce Wigo

The Vilagos twins during their acceptance speech as 2014 Honor Synchronized Swimmers

2014 Honor Coach Jozsef Nagy with one of his ISHOF Honor Swimmers Mike Barrowman.

The 2014 ISHOF Class: L-R: Bruce Hopping (USA) - Honor Contributor; Jon Erikson (USA) - Honor Open Water Swimmer; Norman Sarsfield Jr. accepting for his father Norman Sarsfield (GBR) - Honor Pioneer; Charlotte Davis (USA) - Honor Synchro Coach; Twins Vicky and Penny Vilagos (CAN) - Honor Synchronized Swimmers; Sandra Bucha (USA) - Honor Open Water Swimmer; Bob Dudley (USA) - Gold Medalist; Agnes Kovacs (HUN) - Honor Swimmer; Jozsef Nagy (HUN, USA, CAN, SPN) - Honor Coach; Tom Malchow (USA) - Honor Swimmer; Carla Silipo (ITA) - Honor Water Polo Player
The 2014 Paragon Award Winners

Sid Cassidy (USA) - Paragon Competitive Swimming
Sid Cassidy joyfully accepts his award from ISHOF's CEO Bruce Wigo
Sid with his family after the official ceremony: L-R: Mother in Law Joan, wife Kara, Sid, daughter Kate and son Quinn

Cynthia Potter (USA) - Paragon Award Competitive Diving with Bruce Wigo
Three Diving Girls: L-R: Cynthia Potter, Linda Paul & Micks King

Barbara McNamee accepting for Miwako Homma (JPN) - Synchronized Swimming

Olga Pinciroli (BRA) - Paragon Water Polo (C) with daughter Christina (L) and husband Pedro (R)

Olga Pinciroli accepting her award from Bruce Wigo

Co-host Sheila Taormina with Recreational Swimming, Paragon Award Winner Wally James

Bob Burnside (R) with his friend from the Fort Lauderdale Beach Patrol Jim McCrady (L)

Bob Burnside (USA) accepting his Paragon Award for Aquatic Safety
The 2014 ISHOF Award Winners

“Big John” John McLaughlin accepting ISHOF's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

L-R: Karen Lowell, friend, Big John, Cindy Ellis, Laura Daksta and ISHOF's Bob Daenkel.

The Lifetime Achievement Award

Torill Hindmarch (NOR) - Virginia Hunt Newman Award.
L-R: Rob McKay, Steve Graves, Torill and ceremony guest.

Marnie Young (USA) - John K. Williams Jr. International Adapted Aquatics Award

The ISHOF Team L-R: Bob Dillon, Stathis Aromanidis, Bob Daenkel, Janet Lowe, Bruce Wigo, Marcia Meiners, Ivonne Schmid, Meg Kellam, Marvin, Laurie Marchwinski, Gay DeMarco
USAS welcomes the 2014 International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Best wishes to the IMSHOF Honorees and all USMS Members
2014
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Honoree
Induction Ceremony

Jacksonville, Florida
Criteria:
Masters athletes must have competed for a minimum of 16 years, spanning four five-year age groups. The minimum age requirement for beginning consideration is 25 years of age (as established by FINA).

Approximately nine inductees shall be selected annually. Representation shall be proportionate to each discipline’s numbers of participants worldwide: three female swimmers, three male swimmers and three divers, synchronized swimmers, water polo players or contributors.

The Selection Committee, comprised of international authorities in the sport, receives and considers nominees. A ballotting process is used to finalize those selected for induction.

A point ranking system has been devised for the swimming discipline only:

World Rankings-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 1 point

World Records-Fina Masters since 1986, Long Course Meters & Short Course Meters
Each World Record - 10 points

World Championships-Fina Masters since 1986
1st Place Gold - 3 points
2nd Place Silver - 2 points
3rd Place Bronze - 1 point

USMS Rankings-From 1972-1985
(Serious competition took place in the USA prior to FINA involvement)
1st Place - 5 points
2nd Place - 3 points
3rd Place - 1 point

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David Guthrie (USA)
2014 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-767, Pre 1986 Points- 0, Total Points-767; Since 1995, he has competed in five age groups (30-34 through 50-54). 43 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

He came from a small fishing town in Newfoundland, Canada, where it was freezing cold and there was no swimming pool. He began swimming with the Little Rock Dolphins when his family moved to Arkansas, but he didn’t become serious about swimming competitively until college. Making up for lost time, he enrolled at Hendrix College in 1977, and joined the swim team. David racked up a number of honors, including National Champion and All-American titles in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Capitalizing on his collegiate success, David continued to excel in US swimming competitions during the early ’80s and qualified for the 1984 Olympic Trials.

He didn’t have time to compete while working on a master’s degree in architecture at Rice University during the latter half of the 1980’s, but he plunged in again as a Masters swimmer during the next decade. He was amazed and inspired by swimmers in their 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, and is now swimming faster than he swam in college.

“We’re seeing a redefinition of the sport in terms of what’s possible,” he says. “Who would have guessed that a 90-year-old guy could swim the 100-meter backstroke in 1:45? As we get older, we’re still discovering what we can do. It’s all a big experiment. I’m my own guinea pig to see what I can do.”

David broke his first FINA Masters World Record in 1992 in the 50-meter breaststroke and since then has earned a total of 43 FINA World Records; 24 long course meters and 19 short course meters, all in the breaststroke events, ranging from 50 meters to 200 meters.

Swimming faster than he swam in college, in the 50 plus age group, David credits his most recent success to his teammates and coaches at Rice Aquatic Masters, and to exploring new training ideas in dry-land, massage and a focus on nutrition. He loves swimming as an important piece of his day. But it’s only a piece. He’s in the water only 30 to 40 minutes a day, which he says, is not a huge commitment, and his enthusiasm for swimming is matched by his enthusiasm for his job as the G.S. Wortham Assistant Professor in the School of Architecture at Rice University.
Pam Hutchings (AUS)
2014 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points – 954, Pre-1986 Points- 0. Total Points - 954. Since 1987, she has competed in six age groups (50-54 through 75-79); 28 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Pam Singleton competed in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics in the 100 meter backstroke event. She later became Pam Hutchings and began competing in Masters swimming in 1987. She competes regularly for her team, the Seaside Pirates, in BPS meets as well as state, national and international meets for her birth country of Australia.

Pam has been in the Top Ten for 24 years and has set 28 FINA Masters World Records in the freestyle and backstroke events. She has competed in six FINA World Championships since 1990, winning 19 gold, 11 silver and one bronze medal.

This 78 year old Aussie likes to swim distances of 50, 100 and 200 meters. She has set 16 long course and 12 short course FINA Masters World Records in the freestyle and backstroke. In world rankings since 1986, she has 37- number 1, 47- number 2 and 13- number 3 long course and 28- number 1, 33- number 2 and 16- number 3 short course for a total of 65- number 1, 80- number 2 and 29- number 3 total world rankings in the freestyle and backstroke.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (DIVER): 1992 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m), silver (tower); 1998 MASTERS WORLD GAMES: gold (1m, 3m), silver (tower); 2004 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, 3m, tower); 2006 FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: gold (1m, tower), silver (3m); CURRENTLY HOLDS FINA WORLD RECORDS IN TWO AGE GROUPS- 1m, 3m, platform (35-39), 1m, platform (40-44); COMPETED IN AT LEAST ONE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS EACH YEAR SINCE 1990; WINNER OF 105 GOLD, 19 SILVER, 1 BRONZE INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TITLES; WINNER OF 22 GOLD, 2 SILVER, 2 BRONZE IN SYNCHRONIZED NATIONAL DIVING; CURRENTLY HOLDS NATIONAL RECORD IN 1 METER DIVING (40-44), PLATFORM DIVING (40-49), GRAND MASTERS (35-49); WINNER OF SABLE/KRAHN AWARD EIGHT TIMES; SERVED AS SECRETARY OF MASTERS DIVING UNDER THREE CHAIRMAN; SERVED AS FINA OFFICIAL AND JUDGE AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS; SERVED AS MASTERS CHAIRWOMAN.

She started diving on a dare and it became her life’s passion. Jennifer Mangum grew up diving in her home state of Illinois and continued diving through high school and college. She began competing in Masters Diving in 1990 in the 25-29 age group and has competed every year in the U.S. Masters National Championships, winning 72 gold and 10 silver medals in the 1-meter, 3-meter and tower events. At the FINA Masters World Championships she has amassed four-1 meter, three-3 meter, and two-tower gold medals.

Jennifer currently holds FINA World Records in two age groups: 35-39 (1-meter, 3-meter, tower) and 40-44 (1-meter and tower) and has won the Vi Cady Krahn Award eight times as the years top U.S. scorer.

Jennifer says it is diving that has helped her recover from serious illnesses much quicker than most people, as it motivates her to get up and get going. It is also diving that she credits for travelling to places that she may never have been able to visit.

Off the board, Jennifer has served as Secretary for U.S. Masters Diving, a FINA official and judge at the World Championships and as a Safety Instructor for USA Diving 2008-2012. She has been a Diving Coach for over 25 years and is an Advanced Placement Physics Teacher at Lee High School in Midland, Texas, where she also serves as the Head Swimming and Diving Coach for MISD.

When somebody asked her a few years ago how long she was going to keep diving, she said until she got into the Hall of Fame through the Masters Division. Well, Jennifer, now that you’ve made it what are you going to do next?
Radovan Miskov (CRO)
2014 Honor Water Polo Player

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: BORN 1945; MEMBER OF CLUB VETERAN 70 SINCE 1981; SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB FOR TEN YEARS; WORLD MASTERS GAMES IN PERTH 1993 (35+silver); PORTLAND 1998 (40+ gold, 45+ silver); FINA MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: IN SHEFFIELD 1996: (40+ silver); CASA BLANCA 1998 (40+ silver); 2000 MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS: (45+ SILVER); 2004 RICCIONE (no placement); EUROPEAN LEN MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SPLIT 2001 (45+ gold); 2003 KRANJ (50+ bronze); NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS IN EUROPE AND AROUND THE WORLD; FIVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TOURNAMENTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL; NOMINATED AS BEST PLAYER OR GOAL SHOOTER IN MANY TOURNAMENTS.

He was a versatile athlete who had success in many sports, including handball, basketball and swimming, before he started to play water polo.

Radovan Miskov began his water polo career in 1963 at the Water Polo Club, Jadran-Split. In the ninety-year history of the famous Jadran Club, Radovan has the record of representing the club the most times, in 324 games, and was one of its all-time best players and shooters. He was the forerunner as the modern back, very talented in swimming and playing, with finesse and skill to oppose physically superior competitors.

Seventy times he played for the national team of the former Yugoslavia, and participated in many international tournaments, at a time when the former state, was considered a superpower in water polo.

The end of his playing career, did not finish his sports career, as he has continued to play water polo for the Masters Club, Veteran 70. The club was established in 1970, 16 years before the first FINA World Championships in Tokyo in 1986. Veteran 70 is considered the forerunner of Masters Sports in the water polo world and is one of the oldest and most successful clubs promoting lifelong fitness.

Radovan Miskov has been a member of the Veteran 70 Masters water polo club since 1981. He is considered by many to be its most successful and best player. Miskov was also President for many years at a time when the club, due to the war in Croatia, could not participate at the national level so it had to direct its activity toward international competition and tournaments.

He and his Veteran 70 Masters teammates have won gold or silver medals in his age group in nearly every World Masters Games and World FINA Masters Championships since Perth in 1993, and in tournaments all over the world. He has also won five national titles and has been named top player or top scorer at many events.
INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-679, Pre 1986 Points- 0, Total Points-679; Since 1992, he has competed in five age groups (60-44 through 60-64). 32 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS: 26 individual, six relays.

He grew up in Miami, Florida and swam for the legendary George Breen at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon graduation, Tim Shead moved to California, in 1975, to pursue his dream of becoming an Olympic swimmer. Although his Olympic dream was never realized, his experience fueled his passion for coaching and nutrition. He returned to South Florida where he built a powerhouse team that included a young swimmer named David Marsh, and was selected to coach a US National Team European trip.

In 1983, he left coaching and the USA for the opportunity to develop a nutritional business in South Africa. It was there that he discovered Masters Swimming and would gain the success he had longed for as a younger athlete.

It wasn’t until 1997, at 45 years of age, that Tim Shead broke his first World Record. Tim first appeared on the Masters Top Ten list in 1992 and has been listed there every year since. A versatile swimmer, Tim has set 33 FINA Masters World Records, 20 long course meters and 13 short course meters in the I.M., backstroke, breaststroke and relay events. In 2007, he ranked top ten in the world in all but three events - in 33 of 36 events - short and long course.

At the suggestion of his old swimmer, David Marsh, Tim returned to the USA and formed a new performance based nutritional company geared to meet the needs of swimmers. P2Life has also become a corporate partner of US Masters Swimming.

Tim believes his success is a combination of experience, technique, training, rest and most importantly knowing his body and what it needs - specifically giving the body proper nutrition. He swears that “nothing is more important than your health” and takes his company, P2Life’s nutritional products every day - and has for 25 years. He thinks his performance proves it!
Jean Troy (USA)  
2014 Honor Swimmer

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS (SWIMMER): World Points-1090, Pre 1986 Points-1, Total Points 1091. Since 1976, she has competed in five age groups (60-64 through 85-89). 37 FINA MASTERS WORLD RECORDS.

Jean Troy joined her first swim team at the age of ten in Tarboro, North Carolina. The pool had been built as a WPA Project and she competed in area meets for several years. At Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, she joined the swim team and synchronized swimming team before transferring to the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1948.

After marriage and children, Jean decided she needed something to engage her interests. The local YMCA and teaching swimming became her focus. She was so successful that she went on to become the Y’s Aquatics Director in Wilmington, Delaware, where at the age of 45, she got back in the pool and started swimming laps. She doesn’t remember her first Masters meet in 1975 specifically, but she does remember the thrill of accomplishment.

Jean Troy competed for the Mid-Atlantic Masters until the Troy’s moved to Sun City, Florida. It was there that she was approached by fellow swimmer Paul Hutinger, to join his team the Maverick Masters.

Since competing in her first meet in 1975, Jean has competed in 268 Masters meets, spread over 18 states and two countries. Her big breakthrough came when she aged up to the 80-84 age group in 2007. She shattered eight FINA short course and long-course world records, and was named Swimming World Magazine’s “World Swimmer of the Year.” To date, she has established a total of 37 FINA Masters World Records, 19 long course meters, in the freestyle, butterfly and the I.M. and 18 short course meters, in the freestyle and the I.M.

In 2013, Jean’s 50 meter freestyle time was just 8 seconds slower than her 1975 time, and her 100 free was 17 seconds slower than her 1975 time. She credits Masters swimming with slowing down the aging process and keeping her more agile than she would be otherwise.

“It’s not winning or losing that’s important”, Jean says, “it’s the competition.” To which her husband Ed responds, “that’s only because she always wins!”

He first became interested in diving at the age of 15, while he was working as a counselor at a YMCA camp near Louisville, Kentucky and a friend taught him some dives. He went on to become a Kentucky State High School Champion and was offered a four-year scholarship to Florida State University.

Like most Masters athletes, Ted Witte put his love of aquatics on the back burner to live "life." Some years later while living in San Diego, Ted learned of a Masters Diving Meet in Irvine and he decided to see what it was all about. It was then that Ted got back on the boards and was so enthused that he wanted to spread the word about Masters Diving. Ted not only wanted to promote the sport, but to inform athletes of upcoming events, meets and other news of interest to the Masters Diving community. Ted originated, designed and continues to operate the Masters Diving website, www.MastersDiving.org. It was 1995 and USA Diving did not even have a website. Ted had to learn all about computer programming, jargon, html coding and more. It was a new world and Ted wanted Masters Diving to be part of it.

Ted's idea of a website, more than 20 years ago, was a godsend for all Masters athletes and it continues to grow and promote the sport of Masters Diving for athletes and friends from all over the world. It has been a major contribution to Masters Diving, keeping the people apprised of national and international meets, results of meets, records and the posting of messages from divers, and other general interest and links to the same. It serves as a very viable communication tool.

In addition to his great contribution, Ted is also an accomplished Masters diver, winning gold medals at both the US Masters and World Masters Games competitions.
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2014 International Masters Induction
Jacksonville, FL

L-R: 2014 Masters Swimmer Tim Shead, ISHOF and ISHOF Honoree Laura Val and MC Tom Boak

2014 ISHOF Honor Swimmer David Guthrie with ISHOF Inductee Carolyn Boak

2014 ISHOF Honor Swimmer Jean Troy with ISHOF Inductee Richard Burns

The Masters Class of 2014 (L. R.): David Guthrie (USA), Tim Shead (RSA), Jennifer Mangum (USA), Jean Troy (USA), Ted Witte (USA) and Radovan Misikov (CRO)

Ted Witte (L.), 2014 ISHOF Contributor, with presenter and ISHOF Honoree John Deitinger

Honor Masters Diver Jennifer Mangum receives her honors from Felix Grossman, who got inducted into ISHOF in 2013

During the cocktail hour, memorabilia of the “Mother of Masters Swimming”, June Krauser, was displayed

A captivated audience

L-R: 2014 Masters Honoree Radovan Misikov, ISHOF Honoree Jean Durston and Zoran Kacic
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Isle of Bute, Scotland

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2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference Agenda

Friday, 19 September

17:30 Welcome Reception at Mount Stuart House, Isle of Bute, Scotland
Documentary films shown throughout the reception:

Blue Journey-Amerika Samoa – Stronger Together: The Waterman’s Way (film by Bruckner Chase)
Dancing With The Water, Crossing of Lake Pontchartrain (film by Wayne Ewing about Matthew Moseley’s Lake Pontchartrain crossing)
Bering Strait Swim Chukotka - Alaska (film by Admiral Konstantin Sidenko about the relay between Russia and Alaska)
The Clean Swim – Hong Kong to Macau (film about Simon Holliday’s Pearl River Delta crossing)

Saturday, 20 September

09:00 Registration and Coffee at Mount Stuart House, Isle of Bute, Scotland

10:00 Keynote Speech: Colleen Blair (Scotland) on The History of Scottish Swimming

10:20 Christopher Guesdon (Australia) on Multidimensional Roles In The Sport

10:30 Colin Hill (England) on Recent Explosion in UK Open Water

10:50 Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia) on The Feminine Code of Achievement - How a Lady from Down Under Revolutionised Professional Marathon Swimming

11:10 Simon Murie (England) on Open Water Swimming Holidays: How A New Sector Was Created Within The Travel Industry

11:30 Swimming The Oceans Seven, a roundtable discussion moderated by Kevin Murphy (England) with Stephen Redmond (Ireland), Anna-Carin Nordin (Sweden), Darren Miller (USA), Adam Walker (England), Kimberley Chambers (New Zealand)

12:30 Break

13:00 World Open Water Swimming Awards Luncheon with co-hosts Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia) and Steven Munatones (USA)

Pádraig Mallon (Ireland), 2013 World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year
Olga Kozydub (Russia), 2013 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year

2014 Global Open Water Swimming
Conference Agenda

Saturday, 20 September

13:00 International Ice Swimming Association (South Africa), 2013 World Open Water Swimming Offering of the Year

14:00 International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) Induction Ceremonies with co-hosts Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia) and Steven Munatones (USA). Recognition of IMSHOF and ISHOF honorees:
* Elizabeth Fry (USA), IMSHOF Honour Swimmer
* Vojislav Mijić (Serbia), IMSHOF Honour Swimmer
* James Anderson (USA), IMSHOF Honour Administrator
* Dr. Jane Katz (USA), IMSHOF Honour Administrator
* Indonesian Swimming Federation Open Water Committee, IMSHOF Honour Organisation
* Melissa Cunningham (Australia), Irving Davids — Captain Roger Wheeler Award by ISHOF
* Sandra Bуча (USA), ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer
* Jon Erikson (USA), ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer [represented by Sandra Bуча]

15:30 Alexey Salmin Pavlovich (Russia) and Dmitry Dragozhilov (Russia) on the 2016 Winter Swimming World Championships [film]

16:00 Sally Minty-Gravett (Jersey) on Motivating Swimmers

16:20 Dmitry Blokhin (Russia), Aleksei Veller (Russia) on the First World Ice Swimming Championships [film]

16:40 Matthew Moseley (USA)'s Dancing With The Water, Crossing of Lake Pontchartrain [film]

18:00 International Swimming Hall of Fame introduction (video) with host Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia)

18:15 Dinner

19:00 International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) Induction Ceremonies with host Shelley Taylor-Smith. Recognition of International Swimming Hall of Fame honourees:
* Mercedes Gleitze (England), ISHOF Honor Pioneer Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer [represented by daughter Doloranda Pember]
* Dale Petranec (USA), ISHOF Honor Open Water Contributor and IMSHOF Honour Administrator
* Claudio Pliț (Argentina), ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer [represented by Shelley Taylor-Smith]
* Judith van Berkel-de Nijs (Netherlands), ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer [represented by Niek Kloots]
* George Young (Canada), ISHOF Honor Pioneer Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer (represented by the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation)
* David Yudovin (USA), ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmer and IMSHOF Honour Swimmer

20:00 Induction group photos

Sunday, 21 September

09:00 Registration and coffee at Mount Stuart House, Isle of Bute, Scotland

10:00 Nuala Moore (Ireland) on The Mindset of 1000m at 0°C

10:20 Admiral Konstantin Sidenko (Russia)'s Bering Strait Swim Chukotka - Alaska in 2013 [film]

10:40 Ned Denison (Ireland) on Swimming The World

11:00 Simon Holliday (England) and Doug Woodring (Hong Kong)'s The Clean Swim – Hong Kong to Macau 2014 [film]

11:20 Bruckner Chase (USA)'s BlueJourney-Amerika Samoa – Stronger Together: The Waterman’s Way [film]

11:40 Rok Kerin (Slovenia) on Lifestyle Benefits From Open Water Swimming

14:00 Swim at Stravvana Bay, Isle of Bute
Sandra Bucha (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer


Like Annette Kellerman before her, this little girl earned her place in swimming history in the water and in the courtroom.

Sandra Bucha had been a top age grouper in Washington D.C. before her family moved to Illinois. Swimming under coach Don Watson, in Hinsdale, she became an American record holder and national champion. She trained with the boy’s high school team, as there were no high school swim teams for girls in the state of Illinois in the 1960’s. Before her senior year, with the support of her coach and parents, she filed suit against the Illinois High School Association to allow her to compete as a member of the boys team. Although she lost the suit, this was before the passage of the Title IX Amendments to the Civil Rights Act, the famous battle of the sexes. It was a sign of things to come.

After just missing making the 1972 Olympic team, she decided to retire from swimming at 18 and focus on academics at Stanford University, which, like Hinsdale, did not have a women’s swimming team.

Returning home in the summer of 1973, Sandra saw an ad for a ten mile lake swim in Lake Michigan with a prize purse of $5,000 for the winner and cash awards for second and third. She had never swum ten miles straight before but Sandra thought this might be a good time to try. She trained only a couple of weeks and broke the race record. It was there, at the Lake Michigan swim where she first discovered that there was a professional circuit in Canada for open water swims.

In the nine marathon swims in which Sandra Bucha competed between 1973 and 1975, she finished first in the female events, undefeated in every race. Only once did she come in third to a male and every other swim she finished usually a close second to the first male swimmer. For the two La Tuque 24 hour swims, she teamed up with her high school teammate and Hall of Fame Swimmer, John Kinsella, to set a record of 190 laps around the lake, winning the race for two years. She won two Lac St. Jean Races (26 miles) and two Laval Canada Swims (ten miles) and three Lake Michigan Swims (ten miles). Most of her swims were race records with only three males finishing ahead of her in her nine races. She retired in 1975 to pursue a career in law.

Her accomplishments in the water and as a social justice advocate helped pave the way for thousands of girls and women to participate in sports, the acceptance of women in the male dominated sport of marathon swimming and for marathon swimming to become an Olympic sport.
Jon Erikson (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: 11 ENGLISH CHANNEL CROSSINGS: four singles, two doubles, and one triple, 1969, youngest person; LAC ST. JEAN (Canada) 25 MILE CROSSING, seven times; LA TUQUE (Canada) 24 HOUR TEAM-OF-TWO RELAY, five times; MAR DEL PLATA (Argentina) 25 MILE MARATHON, two times; SANTA FE-CORONADO (Argentina) 40 MILE RIVER MILE MARATHON, two times; GUAYMAS (Mexico) 42 MILE MARATHON; MARATHON DU SAGUENAY (Canada) 28 MILE MARATHON, two times; HAMILTON (Canada) LAKE ONTARIO 10 MILER; LAVAL (Canada) LAKE ONTARIO 10 MILER; CHICAGO (USA) FESTIVAL LAKE MICHIGAN 10 MILER, four times; CHICOUTIMI (Canada) 16 MILE RIVER SWIM, two times; PASPEBIA (Canada) 14 MILE BAY CHALEUR CROSSING, three times; and PEPSI-CHALLENGE LAKE ONTARIO CROSSING (Canada) 32 MILES.

As his father Ted was getting interested in open water swimming, he took his son to swimming lessons with Chicago Park District’s Ridge Park program. The boy’s rapid progression led him to follow in his father’s wake as a great marathon swimmer.

Unlike most athletes, Jon Erikson started at the top. His first marathon swim was the crossing of the English Channel at the age of 14. He emerged on the shores of France, as the youngest boy to complete a successful crossing on August 12, 1969. His first crossing of the channel took 11 hours and 22 minutes.

After his initial channel swim, Jon swam a record 37 mile Lake Michigan, Chicago to Michigan City, on August 21, 1971, in 25 hours, 22 minutes, which was 12 hours under his Dad’s swim, 10 years earlier.

In 1975, Jon swam a world record English Channel double crossing on August 13-15 (England-France-England) in 30 hours, 3 minutes, again under the mark his father set 10 years earlier. In 1976, Jon made the inaugural crossing Grand Anse to Paspebiac (Canada’s Chaleur Bay), 14 miles of 53 degree water in 8 hours, 46 minutes. In 1977, he did a double crossing of Chaleur Bay, 30 miles on August 13, in 16 hours and 4 minutes.

Jon says his “dream of accomplishing a major athletic challenge, something that had never been done before by another human being, made the culmination of all his years of swimming worthwhile and uniquely meaningful.” That dream was realized in 1981, when he became the first person to complete a three-way crossing of the English Channel with a time of 38 hours, 27 minutes. On this historic event, he was accompanied by his father, Ted Erikson and his trainer, Rosemary George.

Once he had met his goal of completing the English Channel triple, he retired. It was his 31st marathon swim; nothing else would ever compare to that feeling he had, knowing he was the first person ever to complete a triple crossing.
Mercedes Gleitze (GBR)

2014 Honor Pioneer Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: BRITISH LONG DISTANCE SWIMMER: 1921-1932;
FIRST EUROPEAN FEMALE TO SWIM THE ENGLISH CHANNEL: 1927;
FIRST SWIMMER TO COMPLETE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR: 1928;
COMPLETED 51 ENDURANCE SWIMS, HALF OF THEM LASTING OVER 26 HOURS.

When Winston Churchill defined success as going from failure to failure without
the loss of enthusiasm, he might have been thinking of Mercedes Gleitze.

She worked as a stenographer but dreamed of being a professional swimmer and
the first woman to swim across the English Channel. But swimming the Channel
would not be easy for Mercedes Gleitze. She made her first attempt in 1922,
failed seven times and lost her dream to Gertrude Ederle in 1926. But she
had a never-say-die spirit and became the first English woman to conquer
the Channel, on her eighth attempt, in 1927.

Mercedes Gleitze may have been lost to history if the Channel Swimming
Association had not questioned the legitimacy of her swim. She was so
upset by the insinuation of cheating, that she announced she would swim it
again 14 days later, to prove the naysayers wrong. Of course this caused a
big media stir, and brought her to the attention of Hans Wilsdorf, founder
of the Rolex watch company. For what she called her “vindication swim”
Wilsdorf asked her to wear his newly invented “Oyster,” the world’s first
waterproof watch. She agreed and wore it on a ribbon around her neck.
Afterwards, the Oyster was found to have kept perfect time throughout
its immersion. The swim itself, however, was not successful. The water
was much colder than it had been a fortnight earlier and Mercedes had to
be pulled out of the sea. Still, the

Association admired her pluck, acknowledged her courage in undertaking
this swim and agreed to recognize her first swim. It also proved to be a
brilliant piece of marketing for the Rolex.

It wasn’t just her association with Rolex that made Mercedes Gleitze an
international sports celebrity. In the years that followed, she set dozens of
marathon and endurance records around the globe. The media followed her
every move and marketers established connections between her stamina and
glamour - with products as varied as honey, tea, whiskey and corsets. Her
reputation was further enhanced when she established a Fund for Destitute
Men and Women.

In an era when women were taught to believe that their role in life was purely
domestic, the star persona of Mercedes Gleitze inspired women and girls
around the globe to realize they were not weak and fragile human beings.
Dale Petranech (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimming Contributor


Dale Petranech has been a leading figure, promoter, historian and organizer of Open Water Swimming competitions in the United States and around the world for the past 35 years. He has accepted every challenge head on and is well respected internationally for his work.

He began his administrative career in 1977, when he was selected to be chairman of the first USA Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee and developed successful domestic and international programs. After organizing an “unofficial” marathon exhibition during the Los Angeles Olympic Games, in 1984, Dale urged FINA President Bob Helmick to establish a FINA Open Water Swimming Commission, to study adding Open Water Swimming to the FINA and Olympic programs. Under Dale’s leadership as chairman, the commission developed FINA’s first set of rules and procedures, which led to the formation of the FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee. As that committee’s Honorary Secretary, Dale helped set the agenda, which included adding the 25K marathon swim to the program of the 1991 FINA World Aquatic Championships in Perth, Australia. He helped to write the accepted and standard international rules and served in many capacities internationally as an event official, from clerk of course to assistant referee, to FINA special observer. He also presided over many FINA Open Water Clinics, served on the organizing committees for the FINA Manhattan Island and Absecon Island Swims and mentored younger members of the committee to attain future leadership roles.

After the death of Commander Gerry Forsberg in 1998, Dale assumed the role and duties of Secretary General for the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, and since then has been responsible for formulating the nomination ballots and for organizing the annual IMSHOF induction.

An accomplished open water swimmer in his own right, Dale became the oldest person to swim the 21 mile Catalina Channel, at the age of 50, in 1985. In order to preserve Marathon Swimming history, Dale is working to publish the personal files of the, now deceased, Joe Grossman, the World Professional Marathon Swimming Association Administrator.
Claudio Plit (ARG)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer


Enrique Tiraboschi. Lillian Harrison. Jeanette Campbell. Horatio Iglesias. Claudio Plit. These are the great names in Argentine swimming history.

Born in Rosario in 1954, Claudio Plit began swimming in the Paraná River as a boy and would go on to enjoy a professional swimming career that spanned three decades and over 250 marathon swims throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

After winning three consecutive national long distance championships, Claudio Plit made his first trip abroad in 1973. It was to Egypt for the Nile River marathon swim. Soon after arriving he fell sick with typhus. Only his desire, competitive spirit and physical strength enabled him to recover in time for the race. It was the beginning of his long and successful international campaign that would take him four times to the title of World Open Water Champion.

From 1974 to 1986, Claudio finished in the top three in 45 of the 48 races he entered. He was winner of the famous and spectacular Italian, Capri to Naples marathon, in 1979, ‘80, ‘81 and 86’, the same years he was World Champion. Five times he emerged victorious in the most arduous race on the international calendar, the Traversée of Quebec’s Lac St. Jean, in Canada. It was here he had some of his most memorable races and developed a fierce but friendly, decade-long rivalry with New Zealander Phillip Rush. Not only does the Traversée demand determination and guts to finish, but also great physical and mental strength to endure the 18 hour crossing in 55 degree waters.

He swam in 25 Lac St. Jean Traversees, 20 Atlantic City, New Jersey “Around-the-Island Marathon Swims,” and won races in the Nile River and the Suez Canal, and many more.

Now in retirement, Claudio is currently the Race Director of the annual FINA 10K Marathon Swimming World Cups in Argentina. He is also active as a coach-trainer and escorts swimmers participating on the professional circuit, and has been a guest presenter at FINA Open water swim seminars. For several years, Claudio was the founder and President of the Professional Marathon Swimming Federation Association.

Claudio Plit was not only a great swimmer, but is a tenacious advocate of swimming, who has helped introduce many into the hard but exciting world of the open water.
Judith van Berkel-de Nijs (NED)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer


When women’s swimming was added to the Olympic program in 1912, it was inconceivable that women could ever compete equally against men in sports. The impossible became possible when Gertrude Ederle beat the record time of the male Channel swimmers in 1926.

Before the 1990’s, professional marathon swimming was unique in the world of sports with its inter-gender competitions. Men and women competed head-to-head, mano-a-mano for the same prize money and some extraordinary women often came out on top. In the 1950’s Greta Anderson beat every male marathon swimmer of her era at least once. And then came Judith de Nijs.

Judith was born in Hilversum, Holland, where she trained under the famous Dutch coach and Hall of Famer, Jan Stender, with her older sister, Lenie. Both girls became record breaking, elite swimmers for their native Holland. Judith began her career, specializing in the 400 meter individual medley and in 1961, she set a European record in the event. She then began swimming longer distances, swimming the 1500 meter freestyle, where she became the national champion in the event in 1962.

Inspired by the success of the Flying Dutchman, Herman Wilemse, Judith began competing in open water competitions in 1962. But when she entered the Canadian National Exposition, in 1964, she was a relative unknown among a field of the greatest marathon swimmers ever assembled. The CNE race was a grueling 32 miles across Lake Ontario from Toronto to St. Catherines, in near frigid waters. Almost from the start, Judith and the race favorite, the great Egyptian, Abdellatif Abouhief, swam shoulder to shoulder, trading short leads for fourteen hours before the Egyptian made his move. By then, thirteen of the eighteen swimmers who started the race suffered hypothermia and were pulled from white-capped, 53 degree water. Sixteen hours into the race, Judith, insensible was pulled out and 2 miles short of the finish line, Abouhief, suffered the same fate. While the cruelty of the swim marked the end of the CNE marathon, it was the beginning of Judith’s great career. From 1965 to 1968 and again in 1970, she was ranked number one in the world and in 1969, she joined Hall of Famer, Ada Kok, as the second Dutch woman to swim the English Channel.

In 1968, de Nijs kept to her aquatic roots and married Dutch water polo player, Bob van Berkel. They had a daughter and a son who both played water polo. Judith continues to swim competitively through Masters Swimming, winning national titles. She swims the freestyle events, and currently holds records in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle events.

Like Ederle, Gleitze, and Anderson, Judith helped move the gender-equity movement forward with her courageous swims.
George Young (CAN)

2014 Pioneer Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: FIRST PERSON TO WIN AN ORGANIZED AND ADVERTISED MARATHON SWIM FOR CASH PRIZES (CATALINA CHANNEL, 21 MILES, 1927); WINNER OF CANADIAN NATIONAL EXPOSITION (CNE) RACES (15 MILES) IN LAKE ONTARIO.

In 1926, William Wrigley, Jr., the chewing gum magnate and owner the Santa Catalina Island Co., was looking for ideas that could bring more attention to the island’s mild winter climate. When word came that Gertrude Ederle had swum across the English Channel, Wrigley took note of Ederle’s stunning accomplishment but was particularly fascinated by the ticker-tape parade and worldwide press coverage that followed.

So, it was with the hope of publicizing the “off season” attractiveness of his resort that Wrigley invited the world’s greatest distance swimmers to race across the Catalina Channel, roughly the same distance as the English Channel, for a winning prize of $25,000.

Never in swimming history was there an event that created greater enthusiasm, interest and participation than the William Wrigley Ocean Marathon.

When the starter’s gun boomed at 11:21 AM, it was followed almost instantaneously by the roar of the massed crowd and blasting boat horns as one hundred and one swimmers leaped for the water, which was as smooth and inviting as a pond. But a few hundred yards from shore the 54 degree temperature water offered whitecaps and fog in the distance.

Olympian Norman “Moose” Ross and George Young, a penniless 17 year old amateur from Toronto, Canada quickly emerged from the pack. After about a mile Young grabbed a lead of about 150 yards, doubled that lead after two hours and stretched it to a mile by sunset. Gradually, swimmers began to drop out of the race, until Young and Ross were alone to fight against the icy depths, the intense exhaustion, and even the occasional shark. As Young neared the mainland with Ross closing the gap, thousands of people lined the shore with car headlights and bonfires, shouting encouragement to the solitary swimmer as he battled the force of the incoming tide. The triumphant Canadian stepped onto shore to claim his prize after an incredible and grueling 15 hours and 45 minutes.

Over the next few days, Young was picked up and carried along by a gigantic title wave of popularity that seemed to be taking the sports world’s newest idol to fame, glory and riches. But while fame and glory proved to be elusive, the spirit and memory of George Young, the “Catalina Kid” survives today in the minds of all swimmers who try to meet the challenge of the crossing, his victory remains an example of achievement and accomplishment through perseverance and fortitude.
David Kenneth Yudovin (USA)

2014 Honor Open Water Swimmer

FOR THE RECORD: OVER 40 COMPLETED SOLO CHANNEL SWIMS BETWEEN 1976 AND 2014 IN TWELVE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, MANY OF THEM ARE FIRSTS: 1976, 1993, 1995 CATALINA ISLAND TO CALIFORNIA COAST (USA); 1982 ANACAPA ISLAND TO CALIFORNIA COAST (USA); 1983 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND TO CALIFORNIA COAST (USA); 1984 & 1991 NORTH CORONADO ISLAND TO MEXICO COAST (MEX); 1985 MOROCCO TO GIBRALTAR; 1986 CALIFORNIA COAST TO CATALINA ISLAND (USA); 1990 HONCHU ISLAND TO HOKKAIDO ISLAND (JPN); 1991, 1992 (2X), 1993 SOUTH CORONADO ISLAND TO MEXICO COAST (MEX); 1996 ENGLISH CHANNEL (GBR to FRA); 1996 BALI TO JAVA (INDONESIA); 1997 NUSA PENIDA TO BALI (INDONESIA); 2000 SUNDA STRAIT (INDONESIA); 2002 LANAI TO MAUI, HAWAII (USA); 2002, 2003 MOLOKINI TO MAUI, HAWAII (USA); 2003 MAUI TO MOLOKAI, HAWAII (USA); 2003 MAUI TO KAHOOLAWE ISLAND, HAWAII (USA); 2003 MOLOKAI TO LANAI, HAWAII (USA); 2003 CAPE WIWIKI TO CAPE BRETT (NEW ZEALAND); 2004 COOK STRAIT FROM THE NORTH ISLAND TO SOUTH ISLAND (NEW ZEALAND); 2008 TAHITI ISLAND TO MOOREA ISLAND (FRENCH POLYNESIA); 2008 FAIAL ISLAND TO PICO ISLAND (PORTUGAL); 2008 PICO ISLAND TO SÃO JORGE ISLAND (PORTUGAL); 2008 CORVO ISLAND TO FLORES ISLAND (PORTUGAL); 2010 ILHA MADEIRA TO ILHA DESERTAS GRANDE (PORTUGAL); 2011 SIPIKA ISLAND TO SIMALEKO ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2011 TELO ISLAND TO SIGATA ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2011 TANAH MASA ISLAND TO PINI ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2012 SANTO ANTÃO ISLAND TO SÃO VICENTE ISLAND (CAPE VERDE); 2012 FOGO ISLAND TO BRAVA ISLAND (CAPE VERDE); 2013 MAIO ISLAND TO SANTIAGO ISLAND (CAPE VERDE); 2013 SIMELEKO ISLAND TO TANAHMASA ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2013 TANAHMASA ISLAND TO SIMELEKO ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2013 TELO ISLAND TO SIGATA ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2013 PINI ISLAND TO LAGA ISLAND (INDONESIA); 2014 PRÍNCIPE ISLAND AROUND GALÈ ROCK ISLAND (SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE);

2014 ISLA TINHOSÁ PEQUENA TO PRÍNCIPE ISLAND (SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE).

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a man’s determination. Open Water Swimmer David Yudovin is known for his determination to conquer waters that have previously been considered unsurmountable, and becoming the first person to swim them. But by all rights, he shouldn’t be alive right now. He should have died off the California coast on his 27th birthday in 1978, when he was attempting to be the first person to swim from California’s Anacapa Island to Ventura and went into cardiac arrest just 250 yard from shore.

Determination has done more than keep David alive – it has made him one of the most accomplished long-distance swimmers in history. While he was in the hospital recovering from his heart attack, David made up his mind to get well and try Anacapa again and four years later he succeeded. Now over 62 years of age, he is still adding to his resume of conquests that include the crossings of the English Channel, the Strait of Gibraltar, the Cook Strait in New Zealand, the Sunda Strait in Indonesia, and the Tsugaru Strait in Japan. He has completed over 40 solo marathon channel swims and most of them are considered firsts.

His swims are all planned in meticulous detail with the help of Beth, his wife and coach, who accompanies him on all trips. She is the one who knows him best, he says. She knows what he needs to do to keep in shape and to have the necessary conditions for his optimum concentration and best effort.

The biggest challenge in the sport for him is researching and finding difficult bodies of water around the globe that no one has previously swum. A prime example is his recently completed swim from the island Tinhosa Pequena to Principe Island in the country of São Tomé and Príncipe off the western coast of Central Africa.

In addition to being one of history’s great solo marathon swimmers, David was a successful entrepreneur and is now sharing his life’s lessons as a motivational speaker.
Melissa Cunningham (AUS)

2014 Irving Davids Capt. Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award
For Outstanding Contributions to Open Water Swimming

As a swimmer, commentator, administrator, official, lecturer and teacher at world elite level in marathon swimming, these manifold specialties describe Melissa Cunningham’s involvement in marathon swimming.

Melissa is an Australian Open Water Swimmer who was inducted as an Honour Swimmer in the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame in its Class of 2013 for her outstanding career. She was the world champion in the 25 km race at the 1994 FINA World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy, and the 1996 FINA World Championships.

She followed up her two world championship appearances with a variety of work as an open water swimming commentator, administrator, official, lecturer, coach, teacher and inspirational force. Whether she wore goggles or sunglasses, her skill set shows incredible versatility and humility. Cheerful and competitive, supportive and smiling, Cunningham’s career was centered around her sharing her passion for the sport of open water swimming with others.

In addition to her two-time FINA World Championships, FINA World Cup medals and Pan Pacific Championship medals, Cunningham was also a member of the Malta-to-Sicily International Relay Race where her relay swam a total of 93 km from St. Julians Bay in Malta to Marina di Modica in Italy in 1996 in 19 hours 11 minutes together with Shelley Taylor-Smith, Joe Mitchell and Grant Robinson as part of the Australian National Swim Team. She was the Australian Open Water Swimmer of the Year in 1994 and 1996 in addition to winning multiple Australian Open Water Swimming Championships. She also set a Guinness World Record for a 24-hour swim when she swam 93,000 meters which broke the existing record by 10,900 meters.

She also served as an announcer and administrator at the first Olympic 10 km Marathon Swim in Beijing as part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and was a member of the FINA Athletes Commission and FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee. She conducted Technical Official Training and Swimming Workshops from 2006 to 2008 and was the chairperson of the Singapore Swimming Open Water Swimming Committee.

Melissa is also an ambassador for the McGrath Foundation where she is utilizing her passion and skills in the water to help others via the program, Every Stroke Counts. Her efforts during 2013 were nominated for the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year.

She was also the International Chief Commentator and Media Advisor for marathon swimming at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the 2007 FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Australia, and the Asian Beach Games in Bali, Indonesia.

She is a nationally accredited Open Water Swimming referee in Australia, an organizer and technical director and meet director from 2006 to 2008, and was a member of the Swimming Victoria Open Water Swimming Committee and Competition Committee as well as a national swim squad coach and Learn-to-Swim teacher in both Singapore and Australia.

The Irving Davids-Captain Roger Wheeler Memorial Award is an award presented by the International Swimming Hall of Fame. It was established in 1970 by the New England Marathon Swimming Association to honor and recognize the contribution of individuals and groups making major contributions to Marathon Swimming and to serve as a perpetual memorial to Irving Davids and Captain Roger Wheeler.
Sandra Bucha (USA)
2014 IMSHOF Honour Swimmer

In the world of professional marathon swimming, four women have stood out among their male rivals: Greta Andersen Judith van Berkel-de Njis, Shelley Taylor Smith, and Sandra Bucha.

Bucha was a star throughout her swimming career in the 1970’s. Ever smiling and hardworking, she appeared on the cover of Swimming World Magazine as a promising age group pool swimmer and enjoyed an outstanding three year career as a professional marathon swimmer while studying history as an undergraduate student at Stanford University.

Between her formative years as a young swimmer and before her college career, she and her father, Colonel Paul Bucha Sr., filed a lawsuit against the Illinois High School Federation based on sex discrimination. Their lawsuit went to the Illinois Supreme Court that ultimately ruled that girls deserved equal opportunities to compete in competitive sports on the same level as high school boys. This lawsuit, which was an early precursor to Sandra’s later legal career as prosecutor, public defender and personal injury attorney, resulted in the state of Illinois offering separate competitive sports programs for girls.

Bucha’s rival was her own American teammate, one of the fastest and most prolific marathon swimmers of all time, Olympic gold medalist John Kinsella. Both distance swimmers got into marathon swimming after the 1972 Munich Olympics. While John won a gold medal in Munich to add to his 1968 Olympic silver medal, Bucha’s pool swimming career came to an end when she missed the U.S. Olympic Team by seven tenths of a second in the 100m freestyle.

The former American record holder in the 200m freestyle set off on an unprecedented marathon swimming career. Her first swim was the 1973 ten mile Chicago Lake Front race where she placed second overall finishing only a minute behind Johann Schans of the Netherlands. She won US $3,000 while setting a record for women as a college freshman. She won a bonus of US $1,000 for being the first woman after finishing second overall to John Kinsella. She teamed up with Kinsella at the 24 Heures La Tuque race, swimming 100 loops to John’s 94 for a world record of 194 laps or nearly 65 miles.

In her second season, she competed in the 1974 Traversee internationale du Lac St. Jean where she finished third overall in eight hours 19 minutes to Kinsella (1st) and Veljko Rogošić (2nd). She also finished second at the Laval (Quebec) ten mile Pro Race. In her third season, Bucha finished second overall in the ten mile pro marathon, again to Kinsella. She joined Kinsella to win the 1975 24 Heures La Tuque again and traveled to Lac St. Jean to finish second overall again for her eight hour 15 minute effort.

During her short career of three seasons sandwiched between nine months of academic work at Stanford, Bucha wanted to see women separated from the men as long as the purses are equal, but that dream would not come true for nearly two decades. She ended her nine swim career with nine wins among the women and six overall second places. Only three males finished ahead of her in her in nine marathon races.
Elizabeth Fry (USA)

2014 IMSHOF Honour Swimmer

Elizabeth Fry, a financial services consultant from Connecticut, USA, is an accomplished record-setting marathon swimmer with numerous channel crossings. She is a member of the Half Century Club and the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. Her most recent English Channel crossing set the world record for the oldest person ever to do a two-way crossing to join the 24-hour club.

On 20 August 2011, Fry took 24 hours 39 minutes as a 52 year old (52 years 296 days) to complete her two-way crossing. She began at 11:15 pm on August 19th and swam 13 hours 20 minutes to France, took a very short break on the French shore and then swam back to England in a fast 11 hour 19 minute effort.

She also holds the record for and was the first person to complete the unprecedented double Ederle Swim, a 35 mile swim from Manhattan Island in New York to Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

At the age of 50, Fry also smashed the world record for swimming clockwise around Manhattan and became the first woman to swim around Manhattan Island in that direction when she completed the course in 11 hours 41 minutes, breaking the old mark by over six hours. The old record was 17 hours 48 minutes, set by Kris Rufford in 1995.

Fry has also finished fifth in the 2009 Manhattan Island Marathon Swim and successfully crossed the English Channel five times since 2003. She has run ten running marathons and is the long-standing race director of the 25 km St. Vincent’s Foundation Swim Across the Sound, a duty she undertook after the passing of Dave Parcells. She was nominated for the 2011 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year and completed the 25 mile In Search of Memphre between Canada and the USA in 2011.

Solo Marathon Swimming Career

2003 English Channel: 9 hours 5 minutes, 21 miles
2005 Catalina Channel: 8 hours 56 minutes, 21 miles
2007 English Channel: 11 hours 11 minutes, 21 miles
2008 English Channel: 12 hours 1 minute, 21 miles
2009 Manhattan Island Marathon Swim: 7 hours 44 minutes, 28.5 miles
2009 Manhattan Island Marathon Swim: 11 hours 44 minutes, 28.5 miles in reverse direction
2010 Ederle Swim: 5 hours 15 minutes, 17.5 miles
2011 Ederle Swim: 11 hours 5 minutes, 35 miles
2011 Two-way English Channel: 24 hours 39 minutes, 42 miles
2011 In Search of Memphre: 25 miles, 13 hours 25 minutes
2013 Round Jersey: 41 miles, 9 hours 33 minutes
Vojislav Mijić (SER)

2014 IMSHOF Honour Swimmer

Born in 1953 in Šabac, Serbia, Vojislav Mijić worked for 30 years as a chemical engineer before organizing the Jarak-Šabac Marathon Swim (Plivački maraton Jarak-Šabac) in the FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix.

He not only learned how to swim in the Sava River where the Jarak-Šabac Marathon Swim takes place, but also won the race himself in 1978 as well as hundreds of other open water swims in Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Argentina, USA, Yugoslavia, Italy, Brazil, Czech Republic, Brazil, the Netherlands, Egypt, Syria and Greece.

As the founder of the Committee for Marathon and Long Distance Swimming in the Republic of Serbia and holder of three records recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records, Mijić often promotes marathon swimming all over Europe. He won bronze at the 1986 World Marathon Swimming Championships in Italy’s 33 km Maratona del Golfo Capri-Napoli and has competed in many events:

12 km Lake Kiekrz, Poznan, Poland: 1983, 1984, 1986
15 km Lake Lipno, Czech Republic: 1986, 1988, 1989
12 km Coppa Lord Byron, Venezia, Italy: 1983, 1984,
20 km Forio di Ischia, Italy: 1989
16 km Sluis, Netherlands: 1984, 1986
30 km Lecco-Dervio, Italy: 1989
10 km Palermo, Italy: 1986, 1987, 1999
20 km Alexandria, Egypt: 1984
26 km Ismailia, Suez Canal, Egypt: 1993, 1986
25 km Port Said, Suez Canal, Egypt: 1986
20 km Nile River, Egypt: 1986, 1987
25 km Toroneos Gulf, Greece: 1988, 1989
30 km Ponza-Felice Circeo, Italy: 1989
12 km Galway Bay, Ireland: 1987, 1988
20 km Jablah-Latakia, Syria: 2000
10 km Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy: 1988, 1989
15 km Sozopol, Bulgaria: 1981, 1982
36 km Around Atlantic City Marathon Swim: 1989
20 km Trasimeno Lake, Italy: 1987, 1988,
16 km Šabac, Yugoslavia: 1979, 1982
15 km Isola di Procida, Italy: 1985
20 km Lago di Mergozzo, Italy: 1990
30 km Lake Como, Italy: 1990
30 km Maslarevo Lake, Bulgaria: 1986
16 km Isola di Ustica, Italy: 1988
26 km Tapes, Brazil: 1993, 1994
12 km Salvador Bahia, Brazil: 1991, 1993
20 km Nile River, Cairo, Egypt: 1994, 1998,
22 km Mar de Plata, Argentina: 1996
22 km Giza Marathon, Egypt: 1999
88 km Maratón Internacional Hernandarias – Paraná: 1992, 1993
James K. Anderson (USA)
2014 IMSHOF Honour Administrator

James Anderson is a member of the Hawaii Swimming Hall of Fame and founder of the seven km Hawaiian Christmas Long Distance Invitation Rough-H2O Swim across Waikiki Bay in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has organized 33 consecutive races as Hawaii’s longest annual open ocean swimming event.

Anderson was a founding member of the Waikiki Roughwater Swim Committee, Inc., the organizational entity that conducts the annual Labor Day Waikiki Roughwater Swim, a 2.4 mile swim across Waikiki Bay in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was also an officer and Director between 1980 and 2003, and President between 1987 and 1996.

He has also served in the following capacities throughout the open water swimming community:

1983 Consultant and Director, 33km Il Mattino Capri-Napoli, Italy
1983 Consultant, First Bondi Beach Cole Classic, Bondi Beach, Australia
1988 USA Representative, International Swimming Marathon World Championships
1990 Coach, USA Swimming National Team, 20 km Japan International Ekiden Swim, Tokyo, Japan
1991 Race Director, USA Swimming National 10 km Open Water Swimming Championships
1992 Race Director, USA Swimming National 10 km Open Water Swimming Championships
1999 Race Director, Pre-World Open Water Swimming Championships (1 km, 3 km, 5 km, 10 km, 25 km)
1999 Race Director, USA Swimming 25 km National Open Water Swimming Championships
1999 USA Observer, Pan Pacific Open Water Swimming Championships, Victoria (Melbourne), Australia
2000 Race Director, 1st FINA World Open Water Swimming Championships (5 km, 10 km, 25 km)
2006 Honorary Director of the Jarak-Šabac Marathon Swim, FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix

He also organized and conducted the first ocean swimming clinics held in Hawaii, that featured Olympic gold medal swimmers as instructors and was the consultant and race director for the 4-race North Shore Swim Series on Oahu, Hawaii.

He served as the president of the Hawaii Channels Swimming Association, and is the author and publisher of the Hawaii Sports Calendar. He was a high school water polo referee in both California and Hawaii after being a member of the San Jose State University (California) Swimming and Water Polo Teams between 1953 and 1957, and the Palo Alto High School (California) Swimming and Water Polo Teams between 1950 and 1953.
Dr. Jane Katz (USA)

2014 IMSHOF Honour Administrator

Dr. Jane Katz is the author of 14 books about swimming and fitness and has spent sixty years devoted to aquatic sports in all its forms.

She has coached and taught swimming to thousands of swimmers and triathletes by offering advice, lending an ear, and training with them. She has been a convenient go-to expert when people wanted information about swimming technique or guidance. Her coaching was so diverse that she trained firefighters and police in survival swimming.

Her work has crossed paths with Lynne Cox, Penny Dean, Johnny Weissmuller, Buster Crabbe, and Esther Williams. She has served as a board member of the International Swimming Hall of Fame, serving on many committees, and was an original member of the Manhattan Island Swimming Association.

She has been on escort boats of marathon swimmers as well as served as spokesperson, announcer, and advocate who advised sponsors of the competitions around Manhattan Island. She conducted the first swim clinic for the Sag Harbor Triathlon in the early 1980’s and helped organize the initial local swim committee for Master Swimming in New York, Metro Masters.

As an athlete, she received the 1960 Ballinger Award as the outstanding female swimmer in the Metropolitan AAU Association and was the first woman to be inducted into the CCNY Athlete Hall of Fame in 1976. She has been a consistent participant in the Maccabiah Games since 1957 and was the 1990 Fin Swimmer of the Year. Dr. Jane competed in the 1960 Atlantic City Pageant Ocean Swim and in several National AAU three mile swims in Lake St. Claire and Lake Placid prior to 1960. She has been a FINA World Masters and Synchronized Swimming champion since its inception in 1978.

She has been Honorary Chairperson of Swim Against The Tide with Sheila Taormina and Karen Smyers, and been an American Red Cross National Water Safety Instructor trainer since 1965.

She has served on the Advisory Board of Aquatics International Magazine from 2000 to the present, and has been a member of USA Swimming’s Education, Fitness Swimming and Waterworks committees between 2000 and 2007. She is also a member of US Masters Swimming’s Sports Medicine Committee and was a Special Advisor to the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports between 1981 and 1989. She is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and received the 1987 Healthy American Fitness Leaders Award, sponsored by President’s Council of Physical Fitness. She received the 1997 Meritorious Aquatic Award for American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness, and the 1999 ISHOF Paragon Award for Fitness and Recreation.

The City University of New York honored Dr. Katz with the 1989 Townsend Harris Academic Medal for her academic work as a professor of Health and Physical Education. She received the 1999 Aquatic Therapy Institute Tsunami Spirit Award for work and dedication in the field of Aquatic Therapy and was honored as the Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004 by the City University of New York and John Jay College in 2010 with the Distinguished Faculty Award for her excellence in teaching fitness and swimming.

She received the 2008 NY Post Liberty Medal as the Educator of the Year for her work with KARE (Kids Aquatic Re-Entry) Program, teaching youngsters in juvenile custody how to swim and life lessons and a FINA Certificate of Merit at the 2000 Sydney Olympics Games for faithfully serving FINA as swimmer and promoter of aquatic sports from 1957 to 2000.
Indonesian Swimming Federation
2014 IMSHOF Honour Organization

The Indonesian Swimming Federation’s Open Water Swimming Committee was responsible for the open water swimming competitions at the Asian Beach Games and the South East Asian Games (SEA).

The trail-blazing Indonesian Swimming Federation Open Water Swimming Committee was formed in 2005; they commenced their annual open water championships in the same year as it has gradually become a major influence in Asia for marathon swimming competitions.

The Committee has been successfully developing the discipline around the country conducting technical and coaching clinics for both beginners and high performance levels. Over the period of years, with their excellent committee structure and community involvement they were able to evolve as major event organizers having conducting six major competitions annually.

In 2008, The Asian Olympic Council awarded the 1st Asian Beach Games to Indonesia and Open Water competition was included in the sports programme. This was the first Asian multi-sport festival which included open water swimming on the programme.

Indonesian Swimming Federation’s Open Water Committee was charged with implementing the competition programme and producing a venue that reflected the stature of the event. The event, conducted under FINA rules, was an outstanding success. They had events for both men and women competing over the distances of five km and the Olympic distance of ten km.

With this knowledge, when the 26th South East Asian Games were awarded to Indonesia by the Olympic Council of Asia in 2011, Open Water Swimming was included in the competition programme for the first time. The five km and ten km Open Water Swimming competitions for both men and women and the organization were judged to be outstanding successes.

Both international open water swimming events conducted by Indonesian Open Water Committee were showpieces to the world and will be a legacy to the sport in Asia. In a part of the world where too many people drown, developing and showcasing the skills of individuals who can swim well in the open water is a marvelous long-term outcome of the SEA Games as inspiration and education can go a long way in preventing tragedies in the open water.
WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING MAN OF THE YEAR
PÁDRAIG MALLON (IRE)

Pádraig Mallon works at a feverish pace year-round. Not only was the understated Irish personality busy swimming across the most notorious channel in the world, the North Channel from Ireland to Scotland, but he did so only six weeks after crossing the English Channel. The water was cold, rough and jellyfish-strewn, and Mallon was game. He also became Northern Ireland’s first certified ice swimmer and participated in the Russian Winter Swimming Championships. He also brings the joy and challenge of the open water to others: neoprene or bioprene, competitive or fitness. Mallon was one of the organisers of the 2013 Irish Marathon Swim Series and the multiple-event Camlough Lake Water Festival. For his commitment to the sport, for his unselfish attitude and joy in bringing others to the sport, and for his own athletic accomplishments in the cold, rough waters of the British Isles, Pádraig Mallon is worthy of the title, the 2013 WOWSA Open Water Swimming Man of the Year.

WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING WOMAN OF THE YEAR
OLGA KOZYDUB (RUS)

Olga Kozydub had an outstanding sophomore season on the FINA Swimming Grand Prix scene. Consistently in the lead, the 20 year old won three races on the professional marathon swimming circuit while finishing eight long races. Focused and savvy, she did not let wind or waves, stings or sunburn get her down. When the pace picked up, she stayed up. When the waves came up, she rose to the occasion. Olga swam courageously throughout the year and has a promising long career ahead of her demonstrating her prowess for all to appreciate. For her Grand Prix victories, for her focused intensity, for her love of competition, Olga Kozydub is worthy of the title, the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year.

WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR
BERING STRAIT SWIM

With the seeds planted by Lynne Cox, a team of hardened swimmers expanded upon the American’s 1987 swim from Little Diomede to Big Diomede. Many of the world’s best ice swimmers from 16 countries realized years of planning in swimming from Russia to the U.S.A. It was the sport’s most dangerous swim in history with large ocean swells, heavy fog, stiff winds, relentless whitecaps, currents, and water temperatures under 5°C (41°F). Escorted by a large ship, everything about the Bering Strait Swim was oversized. Doubts and fears were packed away and replaced by optimism and energy. Man versus Nature was never more one-sided in a swim that was never guaranteed and always in danger of failure. For their belief in themselves, for a commitment to an adventure with life-threatening situations, for their ability to withstand six days of the harshest conditions possible, the Bering Strait Swim is worthy of the title, the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year.

WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING OFFERING OF THE YEAR
INTERNATIONAL ICE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Ice swimmers are extremists. These athletes come in all shapes and sizes with the unique ability to push themselves farther and colder than other humans and scientists think possible. But nothing is impossible for these hardened groups of extreme athletes. The International Ice Swimming Association, founded by Ram Barkai, promotes, advises, and ratifies individuals who attempt and achieve extreme open water swims in water temperatures under 5°C (41°F). Its standardization of rules, protocols, and procedures are helping to shape the sport of ice swimming. Its growth may someday lead to an inclusion of ice swimming in the Winter Olympics. For its emphasis on safety, for its interest in pushing the physical limits of where ice swimmers can go, for organizing the sport in a global unified manner, the International Ice Swimming Association is worthy of the title, the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Offering of the Year.
Special ISHOF Induction In Scotland

Judith van Berkel deNijs wasn't able to attend the Induction. On her behalf a representative of the Dutch Swimming Federation accepted her award and speech. Also pictured: Shelley Taylor Smith (Mc) on left and Ivonne Schmalt (ISHOF) center.

The 2014 Special ISHOF Induction Class L-R: Forrest Nelson, accepting for George Young (CAN), Doloranda Pembroek accepting for her mother Mercedes Gleitzer (GBR), Dale Petranek (USA), David Yudovin (USA) & Shelley Taylor Smith accepting for Claudia Pilt (ARG)

Sandra Basha presents the award and speech to Mercedes Gleitzer's daughter Doloranda Pembroek for her mother’s extraordinary pioneering work in the sport of Open Water Swimming.

Forrest Nelson from Catalina Channel Swimming Federation is accepting the honor posthumously for George Young (CAN)

Dale Petranek accepts his well deserved honor for his contributions to Open Water Swimming from Michael Read.
The Early History of Lifesaving

“Sailors! Heav’n prosper you on land and wave,
Yet know, ye pass a shipwreck brother’s grave.

Plato, 3rd century BCE

Not all is left to land, nor all to sea,
Both, now I’m dead, have equal parts in me:
My flesh was food for fish: on this cold beach
My bones, cast up by the reckless ocean, bleach.

Epigram by Antipater of Thessalonica ca. 10 BCE

When adventurous sailors began heading out in their caravels and junks to explore the world in the 15th century, very few of these travelers could swim and horrific tales of shipwrecks and appalling tragedies abounded all over the world. Using simple navigation and often-inaconurate charts, the fates of crew and passengers were generally in the grip of the elements. Shifting shoals, dense fogs, sudden storms, fire, ice and other floating hazards as well as design flaws and pilot errors, were all accepted and understood as risks of travel.

In 1708, the Chinkiang Association for the Saving of Life, on the lower reaches of the Yangtze River near Nanjing, China, established the first known paid lifeguard stations anywhere in the world; their job was not to oversee swimmers but to retrieve the bodies of drowning victims and revive people who were not quite drowned. By the mid 18th century, the Chinese were using lifeboats, had developed methods of resuscitation to revive the "apparently drowned," paid rewards to volunteers who made rescue attempts and gave awards for acts of heroism. But China was not a swimming culture: all of these efforts reflected the idea that water was dangerous, and drowning was what happened when you got in the water.

The Chinese lifesaving model was copied by Europeans when the "Institution for the Recovery of Drowned Persons" was established, in Amsterdam, in 1767. Similar organizations were established in Britain in 1774, in France in 1778 and in America, when the Massachusetts Humane Society was founded in 1785.

By the mid 1800s, America’s remote fishing villages, long abandoned by Native Americans had been transformed into the summer resorts of the rich and famous in Cape May, Atlantic City and Long Branch, New Jersey; Coney Island, NY and Newport, Rhode Island.

As Americans gained more wealth and leisure time, and ferries, trains and trolleys made trips to these resorts more affordable, wearing a bathing suit at the beach became a cool and trendy thing to do. In spite of the concerns of moralists, the beach became a place where "promiscuous humanity" could take a "morale holiday" from the chains of Victorian culture. But as more and more non-swimmers took to the waters, tragic drownings became commonplace.
Swimming manuals began to appear in Europe in the mid 1500s, and physicians began to tout the health benefits of bathing in the mid 1600s, but “bathing” activities were generally confined to the upper-classes. By the mid 1700s, London newspapers were advertising swimming pools “convenient for swimming or for gentlemen to learn to swim in,” with instructors available.

In 1783, when the British Prince of Wales, later King George IV, and other aristocratic celebrities began spending summers at Brighton, the resulting publicity touting both the health benefits and pleasurable aspects of sea bathing—such as rejuvenation, invigoration, relaxation and relief from the summer heat—it encouraged a new fad that transformed what had once been inhospitable seaside fishing villages into pleasure resorts for upper-class partiers.

The General Slocum Disaster
Horror in New York

What was supposed to be a pleasure cruise turned into a nightmare. Nearly 1,000 women and girls drowned when the famed New York excursion boat, “General Slocum” caught fire on June 15, 1904. In many cases, the difference between life and death was the ability to swim no more than 50 yards. Like the Princess Alice disaster, this tragedy created a demand for swimming pools, mandatory swimming lessons in schools and created the moral dilemma that asked, “how can a woman learn to swim and still wear modest clothing?” It was New York City’s worst disaster prior to 9/11.

Keeping in mind that Victorian social morality demanded the downplay of a woman’s sensuality, in the context of swimming, the near-naked costume worn by Agnes Beckwith smacked of depravity. Guidelines for swimming were very rigid, even as late as the 1920s, requiring separate swimming areas for men and women. With almost no pool open to women, schoolgirls in New York City learned to swim fully clothed.
Wilbert E. Longfellow
The Hobby That Became a Life Work

"It was a call for volunteers and I volunteered," said Wilbert Longfellow. "To those who asked scornfully, 'What do you get out of it?,' he replied, 'Lots of satisfaction. Every man needs a hobby. Mine is Live People! I don't like to see dead ones – especially drowned ones. Let's keep more of them alive.'"

Shortly after the General Slocum disaster, the U.S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps of New York sent a representative to Providence, Rhode Island, looking for a volunteer to promote water safety in the state. At the time, Wilbert E. Longfellow was a young reporter assigned to cover the water front in Providence. He had seen many cold, clammy victims of drowning accidents taken from the waters with no hope of restoration to life; had seen anxious parents and relatives waiting on the banks while willing but inexpert swimmers dived in murky waters for their loved ones. He had also twice nearly drowned himself and was fortunate that someone was near both times to save him. Although he could barely swim and didn't know much about lifesaving, when a fellow newspaperman nominated him, he accepted the appointment.

As head of life saving in Rhode Island's Department of the U.S. Volunteer Life Saving Corps, he devoured all the literature supplied by the U.S.V.L.S.C. and the handbook of the Royal Life Saving Society in Great Britain. He talked about these things along the waterfront and wrote about them and gradually got in touch with other people interested in the same things. Soon he found himself surrounded with groups of expert swimmers from England and Scotland who had been associated with the Royal Life Saving Society before coming to America to work in the mills of Rhode Island, and he became proficient in various styles and lifesaving skills. Nearly every Sunday he gave a class or demonstration somewhere – and his hobby was getting results. By 1909 the drowning totals of the state had decreased by 50%.

The Commodore

Impressed by his work in Rhode Island, Wilbert Longfellow was called to New York and was appointed to the paid position of General Superintendent and Commodore-in-Chief of the U.S.V.L.S.C. In New York, he found that the life-saving methods used by the several thousand volunteer lifesavers differed from station to station, some more effective than others. First he trained district leaders in his methods and required all members of the corps to pass a standardized test.

Based on his successes in water safety and lifesaving education, the Commodore began planning the most ambitious program yet, "the waterproofing of America." He began conducting trainings for the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. organizations all over the country, and wrote the section on water accidents for the newly formed Boy Scouts of America handbook. But his efforts were discouraged by the Life Saving Corps which wanted him to focus his efforts on New York alone. This was understandable, as there were between 400 to 450 drownings per year in Greater New York City. However, this was a small number when compared to the number of drownings nationally. When the conflict with the Corps became intolerable for him, he resigned in May of 1913.

In the summer of 1913, Longfellow arranged a tour of Y.M.C.A. and Boy Scout camps throughout the East and Midwest. He also developed a plan of spreading lifesaving through lectures and demonstrations at sporting goods and department stores. All of these experiences gave him a definite idea of the kind of lifesaving training needed around the country. In the Fall, the leaders of the Y's and the Boy Scouts met in Washington with the American Red Cross, and asked them to take the leadership role in life saving and hire Longfellow as its National Field Director.
Representative. The program was approved, and Longfellow was hired on February 1, 1914. His vision, plus his aquatic skills, teaching abilities, showmanship, and enthusiasm, made him the natural leader for the enterprise.

Soon the big fellow with the Red Cross emblem on his swimsuit began to appear at beaches and swimming pools all over the country. Everywhere he was recognized as an expert in aquatic arts and lifesaving skills.

The Commodore put the lifesaving plan into operation in a simple way. In each community, he gathered good swimmers, trained them in lifesaving and resuscitation, organized them into a volunteer corps, and asked them to supervise swimming activities in the community. He then persuaded owners and operators of swimming facilities to staff their beaches and pools with these trained lifeguards.

The next step—which was more difficult and perhaps more important—was to provide sound, large-scale swimming instruction in communities. Longfellow selected outstanding swimmers from each corps that he organized, gave them additional training, and authorized them to teach swimming. In this way, reliable swimming instruction multiplied many times over.

Finally, there came the business of getting across to the public what it was all about, which the Commodore did with amazing success. With striking originality, he set out spreading the message of water safety by every means at his disposal. He gave talks and demonstrations, wrote for newspapers and periodicals, conducted learn-to-swim campaigns, created and produced water pageants, and, with the advent of radio in the 1920s, put his message on the air. The water pageants illustrate very well the Commodore’s philosophy of teaching, which was to “entertain the public hugely while educating them gently.” Under Longfellow’s guidance, a pleasurable activity for participants and spectators alike became a solid educational experience.

“Water is a good friend or a deadly enemy,” the Commodore often told his pupils. “After you have been properly introduced to it, keep on good terms with it. Don’t slap it; try pulling – an arm full at a time!”

Longfellow was always the cheerful crusader, the self-styled “amiable whale,” a man whose mission was to attract Americans to the water, teach them how to be comfortable and have fun in it, and how to avoid drowning.

To the instructors, he consciously and clearly demonstrated the importance of capturing the interest and imagination of the learners, so that the teaching might be gentle and the learning fun. He never forgot to “entertain them hugely while educating them gently.” This was his priceless legacy to all Red Cross instructors and teachers everywhere.

From 1914 until his retirement and death in 1947, Longfellow worked with devotion and enthusiasm in the nationwide water safety program of the Red Cross. The results of his efforts were astonishing. The Commodore saw the

American Red Cross
nation’s drowning rate cut in half – from 10.4 people per 100,000 in 1914 to 5.2 per 100,000 in 1947. He also witnessed a tremendous upsurge in the popularity of swimming, boating, and other water activities. At one point, an estimated 80 million Americans were participating in some form of aquatic recreation. Thanks to the dedication and unflagging efforts of those who followed his example and continued his work, by 2010 the drowning rate dropped further, to 1.3 people per 100,000.

The Commodore’s efforts, enthusiasm, and foresight are carried forward now by his successors, who face the never-ending challenge of preventing serious injuries and loss of life by promoting aquatic safety.

The Shakespeare of Swimming: Water Safety Pageants

In the early years, Longfellow would gather his younger students around him and tell stories of swimming and great swimmers, of near-drownings caused by ignorance and rescues performed by those who knew what to do and how to do it. He put his listeners into the stories by getting them to act out the sequences. He found that this appealed to them and further captured their imagination and interest.

These impromptu productions became so popular that he devoted more time to their preparation, elaborated on the plots and perfected the form and technique. He began to develop the stories in celebration of anniversaries or special events in the localities he was visiting. He created plots around the occasion, always including sequences enabling the performers to demonstrate their various aquatic and life-saving skills. He usually got across a safety message as well.

Teaching through water pageantry using the skills of the life-saving program, in dramatic settings, dressed up in costume, and with incidental music became a part of the program at an early date. He wrote water plays with names such as “Showing Father Neptune,” “Swimming for Health, Safety, Sport and Fun,” “How Swimming Grew Up,” “The Princess Learns to Swim,” “A Water Circus,” “Night in Hawaii,” “The Guardians of the Beach,” “Swimming through Life,” “The Downfall of Davy Jones,” and “In Neptune’s Realm.”

This resulted in the creation of a whole series of full-fledged aquatic pageants which were developed and presented to interpret swimming, diving, life-saving and fun in the water. He produced and directed these pageants, and was also a frequent performer, often playing the role of Neptune.

Longfellow’s WHALE Tales

The American Red Cross believes that one way to help reduce drowning incidents among children ages 5 through 12 is to teach water safety education in elementary schools and other various youth programs. The American Red Cross created Longfellow’s WHALE Tales to help teachers and youth leaders teach children about safe behavior in, on, and around the water. WHALE is an acronym for “Water Habits Are Learned Early.” The program is designed to give children an awareness of being safe around the water and to help promote healthful aquatic recreation. Each topic is presented as a rhyme that will help students remember the water safety rule being taught, including Swim as a Pair Near a Lifeguard’s Chair, Be Cool, Follow the Rules, and Reach or Throw, Don’t Go.

Commodore Longfellow’s teaching philosophy was to “entertain the public hugely while educating them gently.” He did just that. In tribute to Commodore Longfellow, who was known as the “amiable whale,” the program mascot is Longfellow, a blue whale.
Teaching Life Saving & Water Safety

The purpose of the American Red Cross Life Saving Service was to try to eliminate the preventable loss of life caused by drowning by raising awareness of the need for water safety education of the general public; developing a system to help protect people from drowning by training lifeguards and organizing local Life Saving Corps; and working with partners with aquatic facilities to train others in swimming and lifesaving.

A key to the success of this ambitious plan was in the selection, development and training of those who would train others. An adequate number of highly skilled instructors was essential to effective instruction.

At the start of the program, a community’s strong swimmers were identified, trained and then deployed to train others in swimming and lifesaving. Soon the Red Cross enjoyed wide recognition as the leader in water safety instruction.

By the late 1930s, through its work with the Life Saving Corps, the Red Cross had developed a system of life saving techniques and skills, water safety information, methods of training, a series of publications, and a system of certification. However, it was the belief of Red Cross leaders that any system intended to protect bathers and prevent loss of life by drowning was not complete unless it provided for instruction in the art of swimming. It was only natural, and as part of its job, that the Red Cross should complement its training program in rescue with a vastly greater training program in the art of swimming as a means of water accident prevention. Swimming instruction had long been a part of the Red Cross Lifesaving and Water Safety program, however, it was neither complete nor adequate for the needs of the American people nor had it kept pace with the enormous increase in interest in swimming.

In 1938, with the release of the books, “Swimming and Diving” and “Life Saving and Water Safety,” and an accompanying instructor’s manual, teaching swimming was emphasized as a definite way to prevent drowning. The program of swimming instruction shifted from the large lectures, plays and pageants, to a structured, progressive swim lesson program for all ages that is the basis for the Learn-to-Swim program that is still widely popular today.

Throughout the decades, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor training has evolved to meet the changing aquatic needs and interests of the country. This was most clearly seen in the lead up to and the aftermath of World War II with training in functional swimming, or combat swimming, and then later, convalescent swimming.

In 1983, the Red Cross introduced Lifeguard Training. Until that time, Lifesaving courses taught methods to rescue a person at risk of drowning with the least possible risk to the rescuer. The new Lifeguard Training was intended specifically for professional lifeguards, and taught them to employ equipment-based rescues to approach and make contact with victims in trouble in the water. Because of the specialization of the Lifeguard Training courses, a new Lifeguarding Instructor designation was also introduced and only these instructors were authorized to teach these new courses. In addition to the responsibilities for preventing aquatic emergencies, lifeguards of today are considered first responders and the training they receive reflects that.

The American Red Cross has been the gold standard in lifesaving, water safety and swimming instruction since
1914. Red Cross training and resources, which are regularly reviewed and updated, reflect the involvement of the nation’s foremost experts in their fields actively contributing to the development of its materials and the training of its instructor force. The Red Cross trains its instructors not only in the content, but also how to teach effectively, using a combination of techniques. Red Cross instructional programs pave the way with tools and resources for instructors, including online and in-person blended learning courses featuring simulated learning and a mobile app to help communicate the water safety message to parents of their students.

All new courses reflect the latest science in emergency, safety, rescue and resuscitation. Courses are reviewed and approved by the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council, a panel of nationally recognized experts drawn from a wide variety of scientific, medical and academic disciplines. The Council guides the Red Cross on emergency and safety treatments and practices that align with the latest evidence-based scientific and medical knowledge. The Aquatics subcouncil guides how to best apply the latest science and medical findings to Red Cross Aquatics programs.

Today, just like at the start of the Life Saving Service, Red Cross aquatic instructors and instructor trainers—which now number in the tens of thousands—are the foundation and key to success of the Red Cross Aquatics program.

### National Aquatic Schools

In American Red Cross National Aquatic Schools, which began in 1922 as National Institutes, attendees would learn all phases of aquatic skills, new techniques and teaching methods, and included boating, canoeing, water games, and water pageantry.

In their original form, aquatic schools were an intensive 10-day course. Candidates were given training in swimming, lifesaving, first aid, and small craft handling. In addition to mastering these skills, the students learned Red Cross teaching principles and methods, and programming for camps, beaches and community groups. Second-year students could learn subjects like canoeing, advanced swimming instruction and synchronized swimming.

A typical day included 8 hours of classes, evening seminars and recreational activities. Evening social activities included dances, campfires, variety shows and other sporting events.

Aquatic schools were staffed by volunteers who were chosen for their outstanding ability and had reputations for being the best Water Safety instructors in the country. The schools were a great way to elevate the knowledge and skills of lifesavers and instructors who then took the training back to their local communities to continue to extend the lifesaving work.

At their height, an average of 30 aquatic schools were held, training more than 3,000 instructors each summer. Once run as “national schools” these successful training opportunities have evolved to “academies” that train Red Cross Instructor Trainers.
100 Years of Water Safety

A century later, the American Red Cross remains a leading force in the fight against drowning. In partnership with more than 15,000 authorized training providers, the Red Cross annually reaches more than 2 million people of all ages and abilities in its Learn-to-Swim program and trains more than 300,000 lifeguards who help protect our nation’s pools, waterparks and non-surf waterfronts. But there is more work to be done.

Every day, an average of 10 people die in the U.S. from unintentional drowning - with 20 percent of them children 14 or younger, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children and sixth for people of all ages in this nation. In addition, for every child who dies from drowning, another five receive emergency department care for non-fatal submersion injuries.

To celebrate 100 years of lifesaving and water safety education, the Red Cross initiated a multi-year campaign to once again make a concerted effort to significantly reduce the number of people who drown in this country. Known as the Centennial Campaign, the Red Cross is working in collaboration with training partners to reach into 50 communities to help break down barriers that keep people from learning to swim and about water safety. The Red Cross goal is to reduce the drownings in these communities by:

- Teaching children and adults to swim.
- Educating families about the importance of learning to swim and how to be safe in and around the water.
- Teaching parents and caregivers how to respond to a water emergency.
- Helping older youth and young adults gain the skills they need to become lifeguards and Water Safety instructors.

It All Begins with Learn to Swim

It is the firm belief of the Red Cross that everyone should learn to swim. Research suggests that knowing how to swim helps provides protection against drowning. Having good swimming skills also provides a lifetime of opportunities for enjoyment, health, fitness, recreation, adventure and sport. Additionally, these skills can lead to employment - as lifeguards and swim instructors.

The Red Cross advocates that everyone should be able to swim well enough to achieve water competency. Water competency is defined as the ability to perform these skills consecutively:

1. Step or jump into the water over your head.
2. Return to the surface and float or tread water for one minute.
3. Turn around in a full circle and find an exit.
4. Swim 25 yards to the exit.
5. Exit from the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder.

Everyone should understand that water competency is influenced by conditions of the aquatic environment, such as water temperature and movement or if the person is wearing clothing. Just because you may be able to perform these skills in a pool, it doesn’t necessarily mean that you’ll be able to do so in another environment, such as a waterpark or the ocean. This is why participating in a progressive learn-to-swim program is so important for people of all ages – to help gain strong swimming and safety skills and build endurance to be able to safely enjoy many different environments.

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But knowing how to swim alone is not enough. Parents and caregivers should also know the principles of water safety. The Circle of Drowning Prevention illustrates essential links to help make people safer around the water. While prevention is the key, emergencies do happen. Parents and caregivers should know the Chain of Drowning Survival to be able to respond in the event of an emergency.

**Circle of Drowning Prevention**

Layers of protection are essential to help prevent drowning.

- Always swim in a lifeguarded area
- Fence pools and spas with adequate barriers, including four-sided fencing
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and boaters should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets
- Learn swimming and water-safety survival skills
- Provide close and constant attention to children you are supervising in or near water

A person who is drowning has the greatest chance of survival if these steps are followed:

1. Recognize the signs of someone in trouble and shout for help
2. Rescue and remove the person from the water (without putting yourself in danger)
3. Call emergency medical services (911)
4. Begin rescue breathing and CPR
5. Use an AED if available and transfer care to advanced life support

**Help Reduce Needless Drowning**

As part of the celebration of 100 Years of Water Safety, the Red Cross is urging all Americans to help prevent needless drowning. Here’s how you can help:

1. Make sure that everyone in your family knows how to swim.
2. Create a culture of water safety in your family by providing layers of protection and making good choices in and around the water.
3. Know what to do in the event of a water emergency, including how to perform reaching, throwing assists and CPR.

To find classes for your family, go to redcross.org/takeaclass.
Do You Have What It Takes to be a Lifeguard

Lifeguards must receive proper and effective training. Lifeguards also need to maintain their skills to ensure their ability to work effectively with others as part of a lifeguard team. Participation in frequent and ongoing training is essential. Lifeguards must be able to recognize hazardous situations to prevent injury. They must be able to supervise swimmers, minimize dangers, educate facility users about safety, enforce rules and regulations, provide assistance and perform rescues. Specialized courses provide training in pools, waterparks and non-surf waterfronts.

Being a lifeguard carries a significant professional responsibility, but lifeguarding also offers opportunities for personal growth. Experience as a lifeguard can help one develop professional and leadership skills that will last a lifetime—through college career and family.

There are a half million Red Cross trained lifeguards working at swimming pools, water parks and waterfronts across our country every day. On the job, these lifeguards are part of a critical force for good — ensuring the safety of patrons and protecting lives. Do you have what it takes?

THEN

- Keep a person of their own weight dressed in trousers, coat and shoes, afloat for one minute.
- Dive from the surface to a reasonable depth and bring to the surface a 10-pound sand bag.
- Break the following holds:
  - Wrist hold
  - Front neck hold
  - Back neck hold
  - Both arms and body
  - Over and under shoulder

To be considered for membership in the U.S. Lifesaving Corps, individuals were required to:

- Have good swimming skills.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be of good character.

To become a member, individuals were required to:

- Answer in writing five questions.
- Explain and demonstrate the Sylvester and Schafer methods of artificial respiration.
- Tow a person of their own weight a distance of 50 feet.

American Red Cross
To participate in a Red Cross Lifeguarding course, individuals must:

- Be at least 15 years old.
- Swim 300 yards continuously demonstrating breath control and rhythmic breathing.
- Tread water for 2 minutes using only the legs.
- Complete a timed event within 1 minute, 40 seconds:
  - Starting in the water, swim 20 yards.
  - Surface dive, feet-first or head-first, 7 to 10' to retrieve a 10-pound object.
  - Return to the surface and swim 20 yards on the back to return to the starting point.
  - Exit the water without using a ladder or steps.
- Perform front and rear head-hold escapes.
- Provide care for a breathing or cardiac emergency, including performing one-and two-rescuer CPR and using an automated external defibrillator (AED).
- Provide first aid care for a victim of sudden illness, injuries and shock.
- Care for victims with head, neck or spinal injuries on land or in the water.
- Successfully complete two written exams:
  - CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid
  - Lifeguarding and Caring for Head, Neck and Spinal Injuries

To become certified, individuals must demonstrate the ability to:

- Enter the water, approach and assist a distressed swimmer or rescue an active and passive victim or multiple victims, and safely remove the victim from the water.
- Rescue an active victim in shallow or deep water.
- Rescue a submerged victim in shallow or deep water.
Commodore Longfellow’s Lasting Wisdom for Instructors

A huge painting was the backdrop for the occasion of the retirement of Commodore Longfellow. This painting illustrated his famous sayings which conveyed the fundamental characteristics relative to life saving and swimming. It portrayed a heroic-size Commodore posing as a benign Father Neptune. Radiating from the impressive likeness in all directions were many of the catchy and pertinent slogans that the Commodore coined and made famous in his long water safety teaching career.

After his death, replicas of the painting and the following were shared with Water Safety Instructors:

“...We hope that you will avail yourselves of these Commodorian pearls of wisdom in your teaching. They will increase the incentive and add generously to the motivation of your pupils. A discrete amount of humor will definitely enrich the teaching climate of your presentation and result in more retention on the part of the pupil. Always teach and demonstrate your skills with an understanding of the larger relationships involved and be happy in your work. Even if you are not happy, PRETEND that you are and you will soon be amazed at the result it has on you—your pupils and friends will want to know how you do it. They will admire your attitude and thus your pretending automatically becomes a reality.

Keep your standards of teaching high, urge your pupils to work hard, ease their labor with occasional levity, but demand proficiency and perfection and you will be rewarded with the greatest intrinsic satisfaction accorded an instructor—a job well done, a qualified student and a feeling of service above self.”

American Red Cross
American Red Cross - 100 Years of Water Safety Exhibit Opening Night

During the 2013 ISHOF Induction weekend, museum attendees commented that the American Red Cross had very little presence. It took no more than a brief discussion between Bruce Wigo and the Red Cross to set the wheels in motion to remedy that. The Red Cross Aquatics team and ISHOF professional staff enthusiastically embraced the challenge to create an exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Red Cross Lifesaving and Water Safety program.

The resources available from the ISHOF were incredible, starting with the archives, which included Wilbert E. Longfellow’s original papers, pageant scripts, aquatic school programs, photographs, artifacts and much more. Combined with historical records and assets of the Red Cross, the exhibit, which chronicles the journey and significant impact of the Red Cross to the reduction of drowning rates in the United States, opened to the public in conjunction with the 2014 Hall of Fame Induction activities.

Water Safety Instructor

The American Red Cross Life Saving Service was started in 1914 by Commodore Wilbert E. Longfellow. In the early days of the program, those responsible for teaching and issuing certificates to students were called “Examiners.” In the late 1930s, the overall program name was changed to “Water Safety” and “Examiners” became “Water Safety Instructors” – commonly referred to as WSIs.

Imitate the turtle and frog:

Get used to water in this way

Mannequin wearing one of the first water safety instructor swimsuits

The next imitation animal brings the other end of breathing to your mind. The human body can float and stay afloat if you permit it. You need only clear your nostrils and your ears, raise your ankle to your head, and strike back into the water, getting a push through for some weight in the under the water and opens her eyes.

Your chin and your hands and feet toward each other. This will float if we permit it. Your hands and feet toward each other.

Not that you can’t swim about in the air glance ahead to see where you are going.
1964 Olympic Games

Tokyo, Japan
The 18th Olympic Games 1964

The swimming competitions of the 18th Olympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan in 1964 caused a great sensation. A total of 14 world records and nine European records were broken. American swimmers once again dominated the world of swimming. They took 13 gold, eight silver and eight bronze medals, breaking 11 world records.

Don Schollander from the US, who was 18 years old, carried off four gold medals. Galina Prozumenshikova, 16 years old, from the Soviet Union won a precious gold medal for her country in the women’s 200m breaststroke event.

American female swimmer Sharon Stouder captured three gold medals in the 100m: butterfly, 4x100m freestyle relay and 4x100m medley relay. She also won a silver medal.

German female diver Ingrid Kramer won the springboard title. Lesley Bush from the United States became women’s platform champion. The Americans took the gold medal in men’s springboard and platform diving.

In the water polo competition, the Hungarian team won at last.

Don Schollander (USA)

John Neilson (USA) takes silver in the 1500m Freestyle.

Frank Wiegand (GDR) takes silver in the 400m Freestyle.

Bob Winde (AUS) is one of those rare beings that made three Olympic teams. He won Tokyo in 1964, hit Rome on his way up in 1960 and retired for good after a Mexico City comeback in 1968. The versatile Winde is the only Australian to swim Olympic races from the 100m to the 1500m.
Jed Graef (USA) became the best backstroker in the world on October 13, 1964. The record he set at the 200m backstroke Olympic Finals in Tokyo lasted for three years. Jed led an American one-two-three sweep, set an American, world and Olympic record and took the gold medal with a time of 2:10.3.

Cheł Jastremski (USA) takes bronze in the 200m Breaststroke.

Carl Robie (USA) takes silver in the 200m Butterfly. Fred Schmidt (USA) takes the bronze.

Ian O'Brien (AUS) set a World and Olympic Record for 200m breaststroke, winning the gold over both Prokopenko and Jastremski, Tokyo Olympic favorites.

Dick Roth (USA) won the 400 IM setting a new Olympic and world record that lasted four years.

Kevin Bery (AUS) longest world record, the 200m butterfly set against Carl Robie in winning the Olympic title at Tokyo (1964), lasted a remarkable three years until broken in 1967 by (you guessed it) Mark Spitz.
The American Team: Mike Austin, Steve Clark, Bill Craig, Gary Ilmar, Thompson Mann, Roy Saari, Fred Schmidt and Don Schollander won gold medals in men's 4x100m and 4x200m freestyle relay, and 4x100m medley relay, setting World Records in all three.

Thompson Mann (USA) knew he had a shot at breaking his own World Record [set in the U.S. Olympic trials] as the lead-off man in the 400m Medley Relay. He not only got the World Record (so did the relay), but he became the first man in swimming history to go under a minute on his back. His time was 59.6.

Roy Saari (USA) helped take gold in the 4x200m freestyle relay and earned silver in the 400m individual medley.
Australian swimmers John Ryan, Peter Phelps and John Stark after a training session at the Olympic Village with a Japanese Kimono girl.

Swim Coach Jim "Doc" Councilman with freestyle swimmer Bill Farley.

Dawn Fraser (AUS)

Dawn Fraser, a famous female swimmer of Australia, was the first athlete to complete the women's 100m freestyle in less than one minute. On February 21, 1956, at age 18, she broke the 20-year-old world record of women's 100m freestyle. In the same year, at the Melbourne Olympic Games, she together with her teammates, swept all medals in this event. In addition, they captured a gold medal in the women's 4x100m freestyle relay for Australia.

Australian swimmer Dawn Fraser remained champion of the women's 100m freestyle.

East German Swimmer Astrid Pophal at the Olympic Pool with Chung Hee Young of South Korea.

Ginny Duenkel (USA) (C) wins gold, setting an Olympic Record in the 400m freestyle, winning her first individual event in international competition.
Sharon Stoufer (USA), at 15 years-old, her performance in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics was the most brilliant all-round Olympic swimming exhibition by a woman up to that time. Her 3 golds and a silver medal was a single games record no other girl had achieved.

Christine “Kiki” Caron (FRA) takes silver in the 100m backstroke.

Cynthia Goyette, Kathy Ellis, Cathy Ferguson and Sharon Stoufer after setting the 4x100m medley relay record.

Ada Kok (NED) wins silver in the 100m butterfly.

Cathy Ferguson (USA) captured the gold medal in women's 100m backstroke and French swimmer Kiki Caron the silver medal, both breaking the world record in this event.

Claudia Kolb (USA) wins silver in the 200m breaststroke.

Galina Prozumenshchikova (URS) the old pro of the World breaststokers, was not the only European gold medal winner at the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo but 8 years later she was still a medalist.

On location: Bob Richards, Donna de Varona and Don Schollander during the filming of the instructional public service films of the Wheaties Corporation. Note Olympic swimsuits.
Donna de Varona (USA) took Gold in the 400m Individual Medley and the 4x100m Freestyle Relay. 1964, her biggest award year, voted America's Outstanding Woman Athlete, Outstanding American Female Swimmer, and San Francisco's Outstanding Woman of the Year, plus the Mademoiselle Award, National Academy of Sports Award and many others.

The American Team, Donna de Varona, Kathy Ellis, Cathy Ferguson, Cynthia Goyette, Sharon Stouder and Lillian Watson won gold medals in the 4x100m freestyle relay, and 4x100m medley relay, setting a World Record in the freestyle and an Olympic Record in the medley.

Lillian Watson, Donna de Varona, Sharon Stouder and Kathy Ellis win gold in the women's 4x100m freestyle relay.

Kathy Ellis (USA), 1964 was Kathy’s most successful year. In Tokyo, she again proved her dominance in two strokes by winning gold in the 400m medley relay as the “flyer” and as the anchor of the 400m freestyle relay, both world record finishes. Individually, she captured the bronze medals in the 100 meter freestyle and butterfly.

Lillian “Poke” Watson (USA) 1964 Gold 4x100m freestyle relay team. (Second from Left)

Sharon Finneran (USA) wins silver in the 400m individual medley. (Front Row Left)

Teammates congratulate Kathy Ellis after she finishes the last leg of the 400m relay.
Diving

- Kenneth Sitzberger (USA), strong, powerful, controlled, efficient and fundamentally perfect rather than stylish, didn't miss and won the Olympic gold on the 3m springboard with a score of 159.90.

- Ingrid Kramer (GDR) became the first non-American woman in forty years to win an Olympic diving gold medal in 1960. She did it twice, winning both the 3m springboard and the 10m platform. Again at Tokyo in 1964 Kramer snatched gold and won the springboard, although second to American Leslie Bush off the tower.

- Bob Webster (USA), won his first Olympic title on the 10m platform in Rome just three years after he took his first tower dive in competition. From that date (1960) until his retirement after winning the 1964 Olympic platform title in Tokyo, Webster never lost a tower diving contest.

- Klaus Dibiiasi (ITA). No other man or woman has won an Olympic diving title in 3 Olympic Games. He almost won 4, missing the first of what would have been 4 consecutive 10m platform titles by 1.04 points to Bob Webster at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Dibiiasi was king of the tower from 1964 through retirement in 1976.

- Tom Gompf (USA) won the bronze medal on the 10m platform, only two points behind gold medalist Bob Webster (USA) and one point behind silver medalist Klaus Dibiiasi (ITA).

- Lesley Bush (USA), the pride of New Jersey and Indiana University was equally at home on the low board (1m), high board (3m) or platform (10m Tower). She won in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics on the Tower and came back three years later to win the Pan American Games off the tower.
Gyorgy Karpáti (HUN) His last Olympic tournament was in Tokyo 1964 where he won his third gold medal. He played six matches and scored four goals for the Hungarian team.

Dezső Gyarmati
and daughter Andrea

Dezső Gyarmati (HUN) began his water polo coaching career at the top where he left off as a player. Considered by most to be the greatest player of the modern post-World War II passing game, he led Hungary to Olympic gold medals three times, 1952, 1956 and 1964.

Mirko Sandić (YUG)
“Betty” Hood Ornament Mystery

In the early days of automobiles, radiator caps were outside of the hood and on top of the grille. By the 1920’s many automakers were adorning these caps with sculpted ornaments (similar to what is seen today on the hoods of a Jaguar or Rolls Royce) and a healthy business was created to supply the demand for specially crafted “motor mascots.”

The “Queen of Automobile Ornaments” was the “Betty,” manufactured in 1923 for Ford Model “T” cars by the National Cycle and Novelty Company, of Los Angeles. As a hood ornament, “Betty,” advertised as “the pride of California,” was available in “Blonds and Brunettes.” Advertisements said she added “snap and lots of class to your car,” and asked “What is life without a Betty on your car?” Shown at left are ceramic reproductions specially created for ISHOF, by Jean Earmann Desimots, ISHOF’s artist in residence.

Collectors have long speculated that the “Betty” hood ornament was sculpted after the image of Elizabeth “Betty” Becker Pinkston, who won gold and silver medals in springboard and platform diving at the 1924 Olympic Games, and gold off the platform four years later at the 1928 Olympic Games.

At right, advertisement for the “Betty” hood ornament and a “Betty” window sticker. These items, along with the Blond and Brunette ornaments shown above are now on display in the ISHOF museum.

The problem with the Pinkston theory is that she was born in Philadelphia and was relatively unknown in 1923. But there was another “Betty.”

In the summer of 1921, and for the next two summers, New York’s famed Madison Square Garden was transformed into a massive swimming pool. One of the professional performers and swimming instructors hired by Tex Richard, the famous fight promoter and operator of the Garden, was Miss Betty Williams. Other than the image of her that appeared in the NY Tribune on August 11, 1921, we know nothing about this Betty. But whether she was the “pride of California” or not, her image bears too remarkable a resemblance to the “Betty” hood ornament to ignore - leading us to the conclusion that “Betty” was not Hall of Fame diver, Betty Pinkston, but the unknown Betty Williams.
1968 US Olympic Team Banner

US Olympic Team banner (measuring 4’x3’) from the 1968 US Olympic Team trials that were held at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool in Long Beach, California. Gift of Dr. Gary Hall, Sr. A member of that team, Dr. Hall won the silver medal in the 400m Individual Medley at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City and would swim in the 1972 and 1976 Games. An ISHOF honoree, his son, Gary, Jr. joined him as a fellow honoree in 2013.

ISHOF’s Architectural Relief Made From Cutting Paper by Artist Christina Lihan

Formally trained as an architect, Christina Lihan has turned her talents from the built form to creating sculptural, three-dimensional reliefs of skyscrapers, cityscapes, historic buildings, and European and American landmarks. She carves, cuts, scores, bends and folds watercolor paper by hand to form facades that come alive with shadows, texture, light and details.

Christina has a deep history with the building and swimming. She was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, where she swam competitively from age 5 to 21 with Coach Jack Nelson. The Swimming Hall of Fame pool was her “second home” during her childhood.

New Books of Interest

JUST TRY ONE MORE by Penny Lee Dean

Just Try One More is an autobiography of the challenging life of open water swimming champion Penny Lee Dean. From ages two to twenty-four, she overcame physical, family and life adversities to go forth and conquer the Catalina and English Channels. Early in her life, Penny discovered that she had a talent and passion for open water swimming- the English Channel. After college, she traveled to Europe on a Watson scholarship and trained for her attempt to break the record for the English Channel. Part of the reason Penny wrote this book was the hope that she could help others tackle any of their life challenges and realize their own dreams.

SPORTING GENDER by Yunxiang Gao

Sporting Gender is a truly fascinating book detailing the struggle to change conservative cultural attitudes that were against women participating in sports in China. In many ways, the story parallels with the experience of western women, but the hurdles were much higher in China. Author Gao’s chapter on Olympic swimmer Yang Xiuqiong (shown on the cover of the book)- “China’s Beautiful Mermaid,” is great reading. Yang was China’s version of Annette Kellerman and Esther Williams when it comes to her influence on Chinese cultural attitudes about how women should look, act, dress and exercise. But her life story is much more interesting.

In Memory Of...

Reid Patterson
Passed Away At The Age of 81, on January 15, 2014

Patterson, who swam for the University of Georgia, represented the United States in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. He finished fourth in the 100-meter freestyle final after setting the Olympic record in the event during the prelims. Patterson later held the world records in the 50-meter freestyle and on the 200-meter freestyle relay and the American records in the 400-meter medley relay. During the early 1950’s, Patterson was dubbed “America’s Fastest Man In The Water.”

4xOlympian Sheila Taormina Working On Her Third Book At ISHOF’s Henning Library

Sheila Taormina is currently writing her third book on swimming strokes and came down to Fort Lauderdale to utilize the resources of the ISHOF library and to enjoy a warm winter away from Detroit. Her first two books focused on the freestyle stroke but now in her third book, she is writing about all four strokes.

The new book is scheduled to come off the press in August this year (Velo Press). It features underwater photos of many world record holders and Olympic medalists. Some of the athletes who will be featured include Aaron Peirsol, Rebecca Soni, Ariana Kukors, Rowdy Gaines, Elizabeth Beisel, Vlad Morosov, Peter Vanderkaay, Ashley Whitney, Laura Sogar, Andrew Gemmell and others.


Sheila working on her book with Alia Atkinson at ISHOF’s library
Diana Nyad
On TED-
Never Ever
Give Up
In the pitch black night, stung by jellyfish, choking on salt water, singing to herself, hallucinating. Diana Nyad just kept on swimming. And that’s how she finally achieved her lifetime goal as an athlete: an extreme 100-mile swim from Cuba to Florida -- at age 64.

Diana Nyad
On TED-
Never Ever
Give Up

Honoree & Children’s Books
at ISHOF’s Henning Library
Our library hosts a number of honoree and children’s books inspired by honorees.

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Sincerely,

Bruce Wigo
President / CEO
International Swimming Hall of Fame
2014 ISHOF Awards

John K. Williams Jr. International Adapted Aquatics Award -
Marnie Young (USA)
Irving Davids-Capt. R. Wheeler Memorial Award -
Melissa Cunningham (AUS)
Lifetime Achievement Award - John McLaughlin (USA)
G. Harold Martin Award - Barry Shaw (USA)

2014 Special Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame Induction In Scotland

During a twenty six period between 1970 and 1995, no open water swimmers were considered for inclusion in the International Swimming Hall of Fame. Since that date, the selection processes failed reduce the number of well qualified Open Water Swimmers from being so honored from the nomination lists. To compensate those deserving athletes, the International Swimming Hall of Fame has authorized a special selection for the “truly great” Open Water Swimmers completing during this era.

A special ceremony will be held on September 21 and 22, 2014 in Loch Lomond, Scotland to induct the following Open Water Swimmers: Judith van Nijis (NED), Claudio Plit (ARG), David Yudovin (USA), Mercedes Gleitze (GBR) and George Young (CAN).

FINA Water Polo Conference In Mexico

At the conclusion of the FINA Water Polo Conference, in Cancun, Mexico, FINA president Dr. Julio Maglione presented Kiril Todorov, President of Mexican Swimming Federation, with a reproduction of a recently discovered image of a legendary Mayan swimmer, created for FINA by ISHOF artist in residence, Jean Ermann Desimot.

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2014 Paragon Awards

Competitive Swimming - Sid Cassidy
Competitive Diving - Cynthia Potter
Competitive Synchronized Swimming - Miwako Homma
Competitive Water Polo - Olga Pincicoli
Recreational Swimming - Wally James
Water Safety - Robert “Bob” Burnside
Treasures From France

The Joy of Water, My Life-My Secrets-My Style
By Jean Taris

An original copy of the 1937 Autobiography of Jean Taris, perhaps the most successful French swimmer ever, with seven world records, 34 National Titles, and a very artistic feature film about him by famed director Jean Vigo to his credit. Taris was France’s “superman in the water”.

L’Art de Nager le Crawl
By Johnny Weissmuller


Early 20th Century sheet music with songs about swimming.

Tex: The Father of Texas Swimming
By Ross Lucksinger

An officer in the original Navy Seals, an Olympian, a national champion, the first swim coach at the University of Texas, and the founder of the nation’s biggest summer camp, Tex Robertson was a rare individual who pushed the bounds of what one man can accomplish in a lifetime. From his creation of the now-ubiquitous flip turn technique as a swimmer at Michigan to his numerous inventions at Camp Longhorn (including the Frisbee), the effects are still felt today from the life of a man who grew up in frontier West Texas and became, by sheer force of will, an influential figure in state history.

To have a major impact in just one area of expertise would be impressive in itself, but Tex Robertson impacted swimming, the U.S. military, wildlife conservation, coaching, youth camping, and - through his connections with multiple Presidents - politics. The book is available on Amazon.

Re-Discovering Joan Brown

San Francisco painter Joan Brown achieved international recognition when she was scarcely out of her teens. A competitive swimmer who swam in the San Francisco Bay for most of her life, her body of work includes many with swimming themes. In 1972 Brown began training with Hall of Fame swimming coach Charlie Sava, who became a lifelong friend and mentor, and a frequent subject of her paintings, including this portrait, which will soon be on display at the ISHOF museum.
The 31 Most Exotic Pools On Earth

*LifeBuzz* compiled a list of some of the most awesome swimming pools on earth. Which one is your favorite? Go to [www.lifebuzz.com](http://www.lifebuzz.com)

Infinity pool in Singapore at Marina Bay Sands resort

In Memory Of...

Wally Pryor
2/29/28 - 3/1/14

An Austin native, Pryor is a pioneer of water polo in Texas. He was a standout swimmer and All-American water polo player for Tex Robertson’s Longhorn teams from 1948-1950 and produced and directed the famous Aqua Carnivals of the ‘50s. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to Austin to coach the Austin Aquatic Club. As a genius at marketing, Pryor organized the Texas Open Swimming Championship and helped to establish TAGS. He served 35 years as president of the Working Eses for Texas Swimming - the organization that convinced UT to build the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center. Pryor was long known as the “Voice of the Longhorns” as announcer for all UT sports from 1953-2002 and he served the Austin community for many years as a television producer & popular emcee for charity events and fund raisers.

Gloria Thompson

If you start a sentence about diving in Richmond, it likely will end with the name of Gloria Pollard Thompson. Ms. Thompson, who died at age 90 on Feb. 1 in a Henrico County assisted-living facility, was the “mother” of age-group diving in the United States and a swimming and springboard diving coach for 72 years.

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Sincerely,

Bruce Wigo
President/CEO
The International Swimming Hall of Fame
There’s Still Time To Join Us!
2014 Honors Weekend
Fort Lauderdale / June 13-15

Make plans to attend the 50th Annual ISHOF Honors Weekend, June 13 - 15th, 2014. It will be a chance to meet swimming legends, including Masters of the Ceremonies Janet Evans and Jason Lezak and see our great museum before it is demolished at the end of the year. Along with an international celebration and reunion for Olympians who participated in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games, this is an event not to be missed.

The Class of 2014 includes Swimmers Grant Hackett (AUS), Agnes Kovacs (HUN) and Tom Malchow (USA); Diver Peng Bo (CHN); Synchronized Swimmers Penny and Vicky Vilagos (CAN); Water Polo Players Carlo Silipo (ITA) and Karen Kuipers (NED); Coaches Charlotte Davis (USA) and Jozsef Nagy (HUN, USA, CAN, SPN); Open Water Swimmers Jon Erikson (USA) and Sandra Bucha (USA) and Contributors Bruce Hopping (USA) and Norman Sarsfield (GBR).

Marnie Young to receive 2014
John K. Williams, Jr. Award (sponsored by S.R. Smith)

Torril Hindmarsh to receive 2014
Virginia Hunt Newman Award (sponsored by Kiefer)

USA Swimming Foundation
“Make A Splash”
To Host Learn To Swim Event During
ISHOF Weekend In Fort Lauderdale
June 14, 2014

Olympic Gold Medalists Janet Evans, Jason Lezak and Olympian Alia Atkinson will give FREE Swim Lessons To Children During The Event and Water Safety Session.

(COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.), May 1, 2014 - The USA Swimming Foundation will host a USA Swimming Foundation “Make a Splash” water safety event during the International Swimming Hall of Fame weekend on June 14th in Fort Lauderdale, FL at the ISHOF Aquatic Complex. “I’m really excited to partner with the International Swimming Hall of Fame on this event to raise awareness of the importance of learn-to-swim and reduce the number of drownings in South Florida,” says Executive Director of the USA Swimming Foundation Debbie Hesse.

Donation of Joan Brown Painting

The newest addition to ISHOF’s Museum of Aquatic Art is a painting of Honor Coach Charlie Sava, by San Francisco artist Joan Brown. The painting is a gift from philanthropists, JoAnne & Gary Fink and their Louvre it or Leave It Museum, in Minneapolis. In 1972 Brown began training with Hall of Fame swimming coach Charlie Sava, who became a life-long friend and mentor, and a frequent subject of her paintings, including this portrait, which will soon be on display at the ISHOF museum. http://www.newamericanpaintings.com/blog/joan-brown-artist-out-water
Preventing Drowning of Competitive Swimmers

In the wake of the recent drowning of UC Santa Barbara water polo player, Nick Johnson (pictured on right), the National Drowning Prevention Alliance has developed a position paper that clarifies misconceptions and terminology that will educate and coaches, athletes and lifesavers about the risks and causes of breath-holding blackout. Read the article at: http://ndpa.org/loss-of-consciousness-in-breath-holding-swimmers/

Jane Katz To Be Inducted Into The 2014 Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

Jane Katz was selected for the Honoree Administrator category into the International Marathon Swimming Hall Fame for 2014. She joins other notable past Honoree Administrators such as Founding Father Benjamin Franklin, Johnny Weissmuller and former IMSHOF executive director “Buck” Dawson.

Alia Atkinson Signs With Speedo

ISHOF’s Eleanor Garatti Saville grant recipient and Special Project Director signed with Speedo International. Alia has been tearing up the FINA and USA Swimming series meets this year, in addition to promoting “Water Safety 4 Kids”, a richly illustrated children’s book in six languages, published by ISHOF. To order the 2 book set, go to www.ishof.org

Mezo-American Swimming History

ISHOF’s artist in residence, Jean Ermann Desimot, has created figurines from ancient Aztec swimmers from the Teotihuacan Mountain Mural of Teotihuacan, Mexico. The figurines help bring to life the rich history of swimming in the Americas before the European invasion. The figurines and other Native American swimming art and sculpture will be on display in the ISHOF museum in June.

New Aquisitions - Swimsuit Collections

Suzanne Peski (Fahey) donated an incredible swimsuit collection to ISHOF. The collection consists of her Speedo and Arena swimsuits from the 60s and 70s. Especially valuable is the Belgrade swimsuit from 1973, worn at the World Championships by the East German Team. If you have ephemera, a scrapbook, photos, swim or sweats or other swimming memorabilia in your attic or garage that might be of historical significance, please contact Ivonne at ischmid@ishof.org

In Memory Of...

Donnie Craine

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Donnie Craine, the University of Florida head men’s and women’s diving coach, died Thursday from a boating crash off the coast of Boca Raton. He was 61. Thirty of Craine’s 37-year coaching career was spent with the Gators. He started his Gator coaching career in 1976 after graduating from the University of Michigan. Craine left after five years and then coached at Schroeder YMCA in Wisconsin, Arkansas and Louisiana State before returning to Florida in 1989. Craine is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mindy, and three children - Keith, Christopher and Stephanie.

Dr. Chet “The Jet” Jastremski

Chet Jastremski, passed away on May 2, 2014. He was 73 years old. Known in swimming circles as “Chet the Jet,” he was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1977. Dr. Jastremski revolutionized the breaststroke kick turning the frog kick to the narrow jump style whip kick. He was the first to break 1m for the 100 yard breaststroke.

Laura Voet- Indiana University women’s swim team class of 1990 set up a memorial site for her coach at ISHOF.
Thanks to Our Partners For Making
The 2014 ISHOF Honoree Induction A Success

ISHOF Class of 2014

L-R:
Bruce Hopping (USA), Jon Erikson (USA), Norman Stansfield’s son (GBR), Charlotte Davis (USA), Vicki & Penny Filegros (CAN), Sandra Bucha (USA), Bob Dudley (USA), Agnes Kovacs (HUN), Jozsef Nagy (HUN), Tom Malchow (USA), Carlo Silipio (ITA)

2014 Paragon and ISHOF Awards

L-R: Wally James, Sid Cassidy, Bob Burnside, Olga Pinetroli, Cynthia Potter, Marnie Young, Torill Hindmarch, “Big” John McLaughlin
2014 Paragon Awards

Stephen “Sid” Cassidy - (USA) Competitive Swimming
Cynthia Potter (USA) - Competitive Diving
Olga Pincirol (BRA) - Water Polo
Miwako Homma (JPN) - Synchronized Swimming
Wally James (USA) - Recreational Swimming
Robert “Bob” Burnside (USA) - Aquatic Safety

2014 ISHOF Awards

John K. Williams Jr. Int'l Adapted Aquatics Award -
Marnie Young (USA)
Lifetime Achievement Award - John McLaughlin (USA)
G. Harold Martin Award - Barry Shaw (USA)
Virginia Hunt Newman Award - Torill Hindmarch (NOR)

1964 Olympic Reunion

During the 2014 ISHOF Induction weekend we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Tokyo Olympic Games. Here is a great group shot of all the attendees.

L-R: Ed Townsend, Lesley Bush, Russell Phegan, Dawn Fraser, Steve Clark, Sharon Finneran, Mike Austin, Tom Compe, Donna DeVarona, Pedro Pincirol, Ginny Duenkel, Martina Ahresch, Jed Graef, Cathy Ferguson and Sandy Nitta.

Honorees Past and Present In Attendance


Australian 1964 Olympian Russell Phegan presented ISHOF with several items of memorabilia from his collection, including three men’s suits (USA, AUS & Japan) assorted badges, an Olympic towel and two kickboards, one an Adolph Kiefer board belonging to USA Olympic swimmer, Phil Riker. Russell came over all the way from down under along with teammate Dawn Fraser to attend the 1964 Olympic celebration.

Make a Splash With Jason Lezak and Janet Evans

As part of this year’s Hall of Fame weekend, The USA Swimming Foundation brought Olympians Jason Lezak, Janet Evans and Alia Atkinson in to promote the Foundation’s Make a Splash initiative.

The Make a Splash program is a national child-focused water safety campaign, which aims to provide the opportunity for every child in America to learn to swim.

To date, more than 2 million children have received the lifesaving gift of swim lessons through the USA Swimming Foundation Make a Splash Local Partner network, comprised of more than 600 qualified lesson providers across the nation.

Dawn Fraser

Generally regarded as the greatest female swimmer of the 20th century, Dawn Fraser was on hand for the unveiling of a bust created by ISHOF artist in residence Jean Ermann Desimot. Dawn, along with her daughter and grandson, were also in town to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Tokyo Games, where she became the first person to win the same event (the 100 meter freestyle) in three consecutive Olympic Games. See video highlights of the Tokyo Olympic Games opening ceremonies, the 100m freestyle for men & women and the 200m men’s backstroke.
ISHOF Announces 2014 International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame Inductees

FORT LAUDERDALE - The International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF) is proud to announce its class of 2014. The group of seven outstanding individuals will be inducted at the annual ceremony to be held Friday evening, September 19th, in Jacksonville, Florida, in conjunction with the United States Aquatic Sports Convention. The prestigious IMSHOF class of 2014 includes four swimmers, one diver, one water polo player and one contributor from four different countries: the USA, Australia, South Africa and Croatia.

The inductees are:

PAM HUTCHINGS (AUS) - Masters Swimmer
JEAN TROY (USA) - Masters Swimmer
DAVID GUTHRIE (USA) - Masters Swimmer
TIM SHEAD (RSA/USA) - Masters Swimmer
JENNIFER MANGUM (USA) - Masters Diver
RADOVAN MISKOV (CRO) - Masters Water Polo
TED WITTE (USA) - Masters Contributor

FINA Magazine Online

Thanks to FINA’s new online publication, the Aquatics World Magazine is now available to 1.6 million online readers six times a year on a free of charge, digital basis. In their fourth edition of the year, you will find the wrap-up of the road from Doha to Doha, a piece on the development of high diving, among other very popular columns, such as One Star, One Discipline, Family News, etc.

Parting Shot

ISHOF’s youngest Member Jack is proudly wearing his first Hall of Fame T-Shirt. Jack is ISHOF’s Marcia Meiners adorable grandson. Welcome to the ISHOF family!

2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference and Special ISHOF Marathon Swimming Induction - Scotland

The International Swimming Hall of Fame and the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame will honor the 2014 ISHOF Honor Open Water Swimmers, IMSHOF Honor Swimmers and Honor Administrators at the 2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference in Scotland on September 19-21. Held in the beautiful Mount Stuart Castle on the Isle of Bute, the ISHOF and IMSHOF ceremonies will be held in conjunction with presentations by open water swimming luminaries and the annual WOWSA Awards as well as swims in St Ninian’s Bay.

The International Swimming Fall of Fame authorized a special ceremony to honor the following eight truly great Open Water Swimmers, Pioneers and Contributors: Sandra Bucha (USA), Jon Erikson (USA), Judith van Berkel deNijs (NED), Claudio Plit (ARG), David Yudovin (USA), Dale Petranec (USA), Mercedes Gleitze (GBR) and George Young (CAN).

Other Awards will include Melissa Cunningham (AUS) for the Irving Davids-Captain Roger Wheeler Memorial Award, Sandra Bucha (USA), Elizabeth Fry (USA), and Vojislav Mijic (SRB) as IMSHOF Honor Swimmers, James Anderson (USA) and Dr. Jane Katz (USA) as IMSHOF Honor Administrators, Indonesian Swimming Federation Open Water Committee (INA) as an IMSHOF Honor Organisation, Padraig Mallon (IRE) as the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year, Olga Kozydub (RUS) as the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year, the Bering Strait Swim as the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year, and the International Ice Swimming Association as the 2013 World Open Water Swimming Offering of the Year.
In Memory Of...

Jon Erikson
Open water swimmer Jon Erikson, who was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame on June 14, has passed away suddenly on July 28, 2014. The cause of his death is still unknown. He was just 60 years old.

Bill Mulliken
Bill Mulliken was a little-known college swimmer who outpaced national champions and the world-record holder in the 200-meter breaststroke. He went on to win gold in the 1960 Olympic Games. He died on July 17th, in Chicago at age 74. He died after having a stroke, his wife, Lorna Filippini-Mulliken, said.

Helen Johns
Helen Johns, a 1932 Olympic champion died on July 23, 2014, just shy of her 100th birthday. At the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, Johns represented the United States at the age of 17. She won a gold medal in the women’s 4×100-meter freestyle relay with U.S. teammates Eleanor Garatti, Helene Madison and Josephine McKim. In 1996 Johns carried the Olympic torch for a stretch in the Olympic torch relay for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Paul Hutinger
Masters Swimmer Paul Hutinger passed away on July 17, 2014. He got inducted into the Masters Hall of Fame in 2004. Paul also was the 1977 recipient of the Capt. Ransom J. Arthur, MD award, which is USMS’s highest honor.

Hermine Hoffman
Fort Lauderdale resident Hermine Hoffman passed away on June 4, 2014. She was 97 years old. Hermine was predeceased by her husband, Robert M. Hoffman, ISHOF Contributor and founding member of the Board of Directors.

Lyle Draves Celebrates His 100th Birthday!

Organized by his children in Folsom California, the party was attended by 100 friends, family and divers from around the USA. Pictured: Lyle Draves with grandchildren at his 100th year birthday party. Lyle coached Olympic diving medalists at every Olympic Games from 1948 to 1972, including his wife, Hall of Famer Vicki Manolo Draves.

Happy Birthday from all of us at ISHOF

ISHOF’s Gold Medallion and Honor Swimmer Adolph Kiefer celebrated his 96th Birthday on June 27, 2014.

ISHOF Honor Diver Sammy Lee will celebrate his 94th birthday on August 1, 2014.

SaferSwimmer @ Lucky’s Lake Swim

Founded in 1989, Lucky’s Lake Swim is a daily 1 kilometer open water swim started by Lucky Meisenheimer at his home in Orlando, Florida. The no charge swim has achieved a cult status amongst open water swimmers and triathletes. Thousands have completed the swim. In the video below, Lucky encourages every swimmer to use the SaferSwimmer.

www.LuckysLakeSwim.com
2014 Special ISHOF Induction of Six Marathon Swimmers In Scotland

In a special Induction Ceremony on the Isle of Bute (Scotland), the International Swimming Hall of Fame honored Six Open Water Swimmers at the 2014 Global Open Water Swimming Conference on September 20, 2014. The six truly great Open Water Swimmers, Pioneers and Contributors inducted were: Judith van Berkel deNij (NED), Claudio Plit (ARG), David Yudovin (USA), Dale Petranec (USA), Mercedes Gleitze (GBR) and George Young (CAN).

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L-R: Forrest Nelson accepting for George Young, Doloranda Pembers, accepting for her mom Mercedes Gleitze, Dale Petranec, David Yudovin, Shelley Taylor-Smith accepting for Claudio Plit.

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In Memory Of...

Remembering
June Krauser
The “Mother of
Masters Swimming”

Fort Lauderdale - June Krauser, a leading figure in the development of Masters Swimming and the Special Olympics passed away on Saturday August 2, 2014. She was 88 years old. Known primarily as the “Mother of Masters Swimming” around the world, Krauser also played important, but lesser known roles in the creation of the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) and the Special Olympics.

Peter Daland
Passes Away at age 93

The swimming world has lost a great man. While Peter Daland’s coaching record speaks for itself, the International Swimming Hall of Fame will remember Peter as a historian who learned about the history and development of competitive swimming in the USA and around the world the old fashioned way - through his own eyes and ears and not through research in a library.

Phil Whitten, who was editor-in-chief of Swimming World Magazine for many years and who collaborated with coach Daland on his Olympic Swimming History series, once told me a great story he made up about Peter. It went like this...

During WWII, Peter was captured by the Germans, who turned him over to the Gestapo to find out what he knew. Peter’s hands were tied behind his back. He was strapped to a chair, deprived of water and sleep and a lamp, hot and bright, was in his face. After twenty-four hours, the interrogation abruptly ended as the exhausted Germans got up and left Peter alone in the room. A short time later, they returned. “Mr. Daland,” you know we have ways of making people stop talking!”

While this story is fictional, it illustrates the point that Peter was an aquatic storyteller nonpareil. True stories that no others could tell, for us ISHOF’s long-time Executive Director and Curator says: “Through Peter’s own experiences and from the first hand stories of the people he knew, he was the last living link to the history of competitive swimming in the Olympic Games from 1896 to 2012.”

New Acquisition

Last month, Susanne Reibel-Oberle, Masters Swimmer from Germany, toured ISHOF and mentioned that she had the 1972 mascot Waldi at her home. Susanne was kind enough to send us Waldi for our museum and we are more than happy to welcome Waldi and add him to our 1972 Olympic Games and Mascot Collection. Thank you, Susanne!

ISHOF In Brazil

Luciana DeMichelli and Cesar Gomez of Brazil’s Globo TV interview ISHOF’s CEO, Bruce Wigo. Globo creates and produces the most popular TV show in Brazilian television and exports its productions to more than 130 countries worldwide. During primetime Globo TV network has a 55% market share, reaching 140 million Brazilians. It’s signal reaches 98.44% of the country’s territory, through its 113 affiliates.

ISHOF In China

ISHOF’s CEO Wigo recently visited the People’s Republic of China and met with representatives of the China Sports Museum, Chinese Swimming Association, and many of the legendary figures of China’s swimming and diving history, including 2014 Honorees, Mu Xiangxiong and Chi Lieh Yung.

Above: With Mu Xiangxiong and Chinese legends in Beijing

Left: With Chi Lieh Yung and more great swimmers in Hong Kong.
Jack Nelson Passes Away At Age 82


Passing of Jack Nelson Marks The End of an Era

On November 16th, 1964, the Swimming Hall of Fame was incorporated by twelve of Fort Lauderdale’s most influential citizens. While Coach Nelson was not one of the incorporators, he became one of the Hall’s most visible and influential supporters of swimming within the local community. For those of us who were young swimmers in 1964, the past fifty years have passed by so quickly and so have the lives of those who made ISHOF and the City of Fort Lauderdale the epicenter of world swimming. With coach Nelson’s passing and the decision for ISHOF to leave Fort Lauderdale, we mark the end of an era. While not without controversy, we will always remember the positive roles both Fort Lauderdale and Coach Nelson have played in the life of ISHOF and in the lives of so many swimmers around the world.

-Bruce Wigo / ISHOF CEO -


Pete DiCroce Honored In Navy Seal Memorial

2011 ISMHOF Honor Diver “Crazy Pete DiCroce”, who died suddenly from cancer earlier this year, was honored at the annual Navy Seal Memorial Service in Fort Pierce, Florida on November 9th, 2014. In a very traditional and emotional ceremony, his ashes were taken out to sea by Navy Seals and scattered into the ocean. In attendance were close friends and his family from New Jersey.

For his local friends, a memorial service will be held on December 7th at 2pm at ISHOF’s auditorium.

Swimming Legend Tiger Holmes Still At It, Sets World Records With 90-Plus Teammates

Former ISHOF Chairman of the Board and Gold Medallion recipient, Tiger Holmes, along with this teammates broke two world relay records in the 360 year old age-group at the Rowdy Gaines Swim Meet in Orlando last month. The four senior swimmers with competitive swimming histories, get together three times a week to swim at the indoor pool at Jacksonville Naval Air Station. The four (from left), Bill Adams, 88, John Corse, 90, Ed Graves, 91, and Tiger Holmes, 93.

Are Triathletes Really Dying of Heart Attacks?
Or is it Pulmonary Edema-fluid Accumulation in the Lungs?

A new study raises concerns about open water swimming that reiterates the need for using ISHOF’s SaferSwimmer. Knowing the symptoms of Pulmonary Edema and having a SaferSwimmer is the best insurance against ever increasing numbers of aquatic deaths in triathlons and for open water swimmers.

Bob Self/Staff Photographer, Jacksonville Times-Union.
SAVE THE DATE!

The International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF) announced the finalized results of the International Selection Committee’s recommendations as approved by the Board of Directors for the Class of 2015. The Enshrinement ceremonies will be held in Santa Clara, California, June 19-21, 2015. The weekend of events will include: The ARENA/USA Swimming Grand Prix; 40th Anniversary exhibits and celebrations by participants of the 1975 II FINA World Championships, the 1975 VII Pan American Games and the 60th anniversary celebration of the 1955 II Pan American Games; the annual Paragon Awards recognizing Leaders in Aquatics.

The Class of 2015 includes Swimmers Enith Brigithe (NED), Jodie Henry (AUS) and Diana Macanu (ROM); Diver Lao Lishi (CHN); Synchronized Swimmer Anastaysia Ermakova (RUS); Water Polo Player/Coach Ivo Trumbic (CRO/YUG/NED); Open Water Swimmer Irene Van Der Laan (NED); Coaches James Gaughran (USA), Don Watson (USA) and Masako Kaneko (JPN); Contributor Bartolo Consolo (ITA); Pioneer Liang Boxi (CHN), and Masters Swimmer Karlyn Pipes (USA).

Mixed Synchro Added to FINA Program

At the recent FINA Congress in Doha, Qatar, FINA added Mixed Gender synchronized swimming to the event Program. Mixed gender synchro is as old as the sport itself. Pictured are FINA president Dr. Harold Henning and his wife Jean performing together in 1938. Jean, still swimming at 96 years old says the two actually met during the casting of a water show at North Central College.

David Theile Last Aussie Olympic Backstroke King to Enter Queensland Pantheon

David Theile, the last Australian Olympic backstroke champion is to be honoured at the 20th annual Queensland’s Sport Awards, when he becomes the 14th legend inducted into the Queensland Sporting Hall of Fame on December 1.

New Acquisitions

Swim-eze

The Seamless Rubber Company of New Haven, CT introduced its Swim-eze brand of swim trunks in 1950. This had to be one of the most uncomfortable suits ever made.

Donated by: Frank Comfort, SwimCoach Emeritus, University of North Carolina.

Rick White Jacket

Rick White wore this jacket when he met President Ford at ISHOF in 1977 (pictured in Rick’s obituary next page).

Donated by: Rick White.

Lynn Sherr’s Research Library

Author of Swim, one of the best books written on swimming, donated the reference library she relied upon to write her book. If you haven’t read SWIM, you can order it from ISHOF.

Miscellaneous Swim Suits 1910-1920

Donated by: “Anonymous”
In Memory Of...

Rick White
World High Diving Champion
Passes at 71

After a long battle with cancer, Rick White passed away peacefully in his home at Lawton, OK on December 2nd, 2014.

Rick White with President Ford at ISHOF in 1977.

2010 Masters Hall of Famer
“Crazy” Pete DiCroce
Honored in Memorial

On December 7th friends and family said goodbye to Pete in an emotional memorial followed by the spreading of his ashes behind his house on the New River. Many thanks to his long time friend and coach Tim O’Brien who organized a memorable Celebration of Pete’s life.

David Yudovin Inspires Yudovin Award

The Marathon Swimmers Forum started the MSF Global Marathon Swimming Awards in 2012 with two categories. This year, they are excited to announce another new award category, the Yudovin Award, named after legendary Californian marathon swimmer David Yudovin - one of the very few open water swimmers to be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. The Yudovin Award honors the single most adventurous swim of the year.

Before Foxcatcher

The story of Santa Clara, George Haines, the Swimming Hall of Fame and John du Pont not depicted in FOXCATCHER, the movie. For the complete article please contact bruce.wigo@yahoo.com

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Olympic Swimmer

Wally Pryor
Pioneer of Water Polo in Texas

Gloria Thompson
"Mother" of US Age Group Diving

Rick White
World High Diving Champion

Louise Wing 2004
Honor Masters Synchro Swimmer
Divers Visiting The Hall

2010 Masters Diver Inductee Pete DiCroce on his last visit to the Hall of Fame in May of 2014

Cindy White, Rick White's widow visits ISHOF after Rick's memorial in Naples and donates the jacket that Rick wore when he met Gerald Ford at ISHOF

ISHOF Honor Diver Hobie Billingsley with Bob Duenkel

Mark McCabe grandson of high diver James Foley, who got killed in a diving attempt. Mark is pointing to his grandfather's swimsuit.

The Two Sams - Samantha Leigh Graham, diving coach of Binghamton College (NY) & Sammy Lee, ISHOF Honor Diver. Here is the interesting story behind the Two Sams: Samantha's father, Lance Graham, was a diver and a BIG fan of Sammy Lee so he named his daughter after his idol, with a favorite coach. Samantha Leigh Graham, her father & everyone else has always called her "Sammy Lee" as he intended.
Open Water Swimmers at ISHOF

The Sea Goddess Trophy at ISHOF holds the names of all Marathon Hall of Famers.

2005 Marathon Hall of Famer Sally Ann Morley-Gravett points to her name on the Sea Goddess. Sally crossed the English Channel five times over the course of five sequential decades.

Bob Duenkel (L) with David and Beth Bulavin who were in town training for David’s next big swim.

Yuka Matsuzaki, Japanese marathon swimmer, finds her name on the Sea Goddess.

Ellen Garne from Swimout.fi of Denmark, one of our many distributors of the SaferSwimmer.

Sheila Thorning, an Olympic pool and open water swimmer, got some help from ISHOF’s Marion Washburn for her recently published book on strokes.
Water Polo Enthusiasts Visiting ISHOF

Rajmund Fedor (R), Hungarian water polo player who played on the gold medal squad at the 2000 and 2004 Summer Olympics chats with Bruce Wigo (L) at ISHOF.

Above & right: Water Polo great Osvaldo Codaro (ARG), 1951 Pan American gold medalist, visited ISHOF with his wife and two daughters and finds his record as double Pan American Champion in the Hall of Fame. Osvaldo is on our 2015 Ballot, nominated for induction into ISHOF.

Michael O’Toole, brother of ISHOF honoree Maureen, visits his sister’s display at ISHOF and took the photo to prove it.

ISHOF Honor Water Polo Player Maureen O’Toole and her team from Northern California looking at Maureen’s display at ISHOF.

Marcelo Cevasco, son of 1951 Pan Am Water Polo Champion Enrique Cevasco with wife Tatiana Szczyz.
Swim Teams Visiting...

Ishof Honoree Tom Jager visits the museum with his swim team

Swim team from Berlin (GER) looking at original Olympic medals of fellow German swimmer from Berlin’s oldest club “Poseidon”

Swim Team Albion College

Swim Team from the South France

Women’s Swim Team Concordia College, Minnesota

Boulder University of Colorado Swim Team
Swimmers Visiting The Museum...

Peter & Kelly Mallon visit Peter’s grandfather’s Jamison Handy’s display

Jenny Thompson (R) in town for a medical conference. She happily showed her medals to visitors, who proudly put them around their necks for a photo.

ISHOF Honor Swimmer Jeff Farrell’s sister

Lillian Lee, 1982 Chinese National IM champion

Uruguayan National Swim Team member Daniel Queipo (R) and friend George Mason
More Visitors

Irene Yarganda and a friend visit ISHOF to see her grandfather’s Teofilo Téllezoso’s display.

Mauricio Santos, son of 1980 Olympic medalist & 100m freestyle world record holder Manuel Dor (BRA).

Umberto Zamora, recipient of the Trofeo Latin Americano Cabeza De Palenque.

Special Olympians couple Fred and Katherine Crouch Behm of Grand Rapids, MI.

Luciana DeMichelli (L) and Cesar Gomez (R) of Brazil’s Globu TV interview ISHOF’s CEO Bruce Wigo. Globu creates and produces the most popular TV show in Brazil.

Sybil Bauer’s niece Sandra Kerons with her family.

ISHOF Honoree Kay Curtis’ nephew Gaylord Whitney admires a painting of his famous aunt.

Diana Varnava and her mother from Moscow in town for a swim camp at Pinecrest.
More Swimmers to the Hall

Alexandre Milliot (FRA), grandson of ISHOF Honoree Alex Jany

Janet Evans and Jaron LeZak looking at their own Olympic moments exhibit at ISHOF

Bob and Sue Erickson from Minnesota pointing to themselves in the 1958 photo of the old casino pool

Lynn Burke, ISHOF Honor Swimmer, with Bruce Wigo

John B. Kelly, son of Honor Coach Mary Spitzer Freeman visits ISHOF during a business trip

Pie Geelen (NED) and family. Pie's team won 5th place in the 1996 4x100m freestyle relay

Masters Honor Swimmer Judie Oliver (L) visits the museum with her daughter before going on a cruise.

Mary Wayte's sister and mother came to see Mary's display at ISHOF.

Felix Wolf and Christian Daniel, German National Team Backstrokers
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