



John Slater, Honor Administrator, Great Britain, 1980



Personal Website - (None known)

John Slater was one of the founding fathers of the British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) and its first Honorary Secretary in 1956. He continued to lead the organization through to 1978 often from a safety boat. John started his involvement as a marathon swimmer. As the 24th ever to swim Lake Windermere in 1955 he set the speed record of 5 hours and 20 minutes. The BLDSA (an IMSHOF Honor Organization) has been hugely significant in the identification, training, mentoring and advancement of thousands of British marathon swimmers - many later becoming IMSHOF Honorees.

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

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