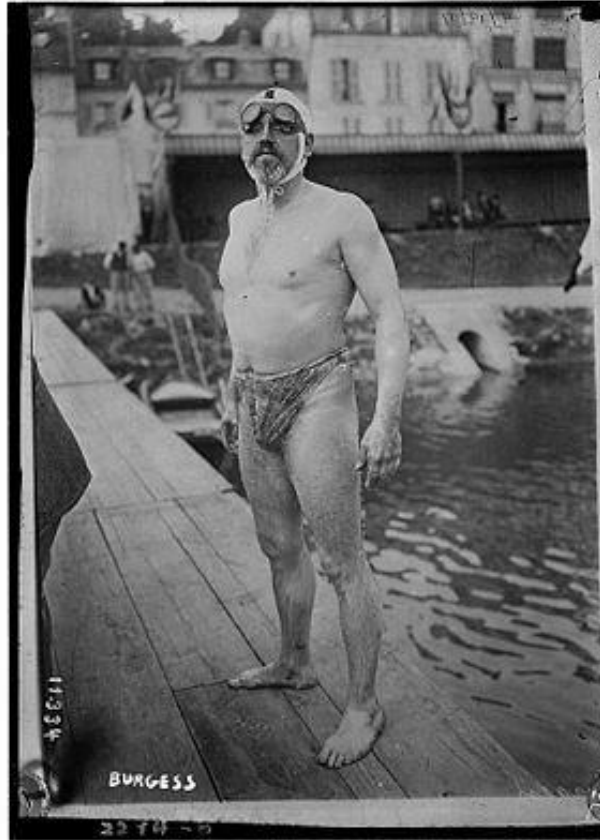




Tom Burgess, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 1983



Personal Website - (None known)

Tom Burgess an Englishman living in France, completed in the 1900 Olympics in water polo (bronze medal) and swimming. His first attempt to swim the English Channel was in the 1904 and after many attempts in both directions (reports vary from 12 to 15 attempts) he became the second man to swim the English Channel in 22 hours and 35 minutes in 1911. Famously he took part in the 1905 race (none finished) which saw IMSHOF Honoree Annette Kellerman pitted against five male swimmers. He was the first swimmer to wear goggles (motorist) during his channel swim - hence setting a standard for the future. He also assisted IMSHOF Honoree Gertrude Ederle to become the first woman to swim the English Channel in 1926.

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