



## Forrest Nelson, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 2015



Personal Website (None known)

**Forrest Nelson** is a member of the board of directors of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame, a member of the 24-hour club, president of the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation, an Observer and support crew on dozens of Catalina Channel crossings, and a member of the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming (English and Catalina Channels and Manhattan Island Marathon Swim). He has completed several other marathon swims including a Kaulakahi Channel crossing from Kauai to Niihau, a Tsugaru Channel crossing from Honshu to Hokkaido, three Molokai Channel crossings – achieved in both directions, a 23-hour double-crossing of the Catalina Channel, a 48-mile swim in 25 hours and 35 minute circumnavigation of Catalina Island (world record), the first Catalina-California Mainland-Catalina crossing by a male, a December crossing of the Catalina Channel, a Cook Strait crossing, the 24 mile Tampa Bay Marathon Swim, Anacapa Island crossing, the Palilolo Channel, starting on Maui, and an English Channel crossing in 12 hours and 41 minutes. He was also a member of the six-member HTC Relay team that set a new 52-mile course record of 25 hours and 48 minutes from San Clemente Island, around the western edge of Catalina Island, to the Southern California mainland at Cabrillo Beach in 2012, and the Team FTD that completed an unprecedented 6-way Catalina Channel crossing in 61 hours and 7 minutes in 2013.

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