Karen Burton, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1999

Karen Burton won 6 USA Swimming national championships, including three 15 km (9.3-mile) races and one 25 km (15.5-mile) race, and a bronze medal in the FINA World Swimming Championship 25 km (15.5 miles) in 1991. She won a FINA World Cup race in Lac St-Jean in Canada in 1992 and was a two-time world professional marathon swimming champion in 1996 and 1997. She set the record for the Catalina in 7 hours and 43 minutes in 1994 and swam the English Channel in 9 hours and 4 minutes in 1993. She was on USA Swimming National Team on its record-setting English Channel relay of 6 hours and 52 minutes in 1990. She also served as the USA Swimming Open Water Swimming Coordinator for four years.

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