



Captain Leonard Hutchinson, Honor Pilot, Great Britain, 2004



Second from left with IMSHOF Honoree Rosemary George

Personal Website - (None known)

Captain Leonard Hutchinson was one of the best English Channel pilots and is remembered for his skill as a navigator and his kind and considerate manner, no matter how long the crossing took. He piloted more than 100 Channel swims for swimmers from over the world, including Brazil, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), Iceland, Argentina, Mexico, Spain and Belgium, over 70 of which are chronicled in his diaries.

He piloted many record-breaking English Channel swims including the crossing of IMSHOF Honorees: Brojan Das in the 1958 Bultin Race, the 1959 crossing of Abilio Couto in an England-to-France record of 12 hours and 49 minutes, the 1961 crossing of Rosemary George, Brojan Das' record crossing from France to England in 10 hours and 35 minutes and Kevin Murphy's double-crossing and the 1971 double-crossing relay record in 35 hours and 10 minutes. Other swimmers included: the 1961 crossing of Dorothy Perkins in the earliest date the English Channel had ever been swum in 20 hours and 26 minutes and the 1961 crossing of Margaret White, then the youngest ever to swim from England to France.

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

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation) - no entry expected