Yuri Kudinov won the 25 km at the 2000 World Open Water Swimming Championships, 2001 World Swimming Championships, the 2002 World Open Water Swimming Championships, the 2003 World Swimming Championships and the 2007 World Swimming Championships as well as the silver medal in the 2004 World Open Water Swimming Championships and at the 2006 World Open Water Swimming Championships as well as a bronze at the 2008 World Open Water Swimming Championships. He also competed in the 2012 London Olympics 10 km marathon swim.