Joe Smith, Honor Swimmer, Great Britain, 2005

Joe Smith won most of the British Long Distance Swimming Association race during the late 1950s and early 1960s. After two failed English Channel attempts in 1961 and 1962, Joe became the oldest Briton to conquer the English Channel in 1999 at the age of 65. He served as a director of the Channel Swimming Association. He was British Long Distance Swimming Association’s Veteran Swimmer of the Year and was awarded an ARP British Gold Hero’s Medal. Joe won the Morecambe Inshore Championship in 1958 and 1959, the Morecambe Bay Championships in 1959 and 1960, the 10.25-mile Windermere Championship in 1959, the Windermere Cross Lake Championship in 1960, the Champion of Champions race in 1998.

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