**Petar Stoychev**, Honor Swimmer, Bulgaria, 2008

Petar Stoychev was the first swimmer to break the 7 hour mark for the English Channel and has won an unprecedented eleven consecutive FINA Open Water Swimming titles (2001 to 2006 FINA World Cup and from 2007 to 2011 Grand Prix), including over 50 victories in individual professional marathon swims, including the 42 km (26-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac Memphrémagog in Canada, the 36 km (22.5-mile) Around the Island Swim in Atlantic City, USA, the 34 km (21-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean in Canada, the 32 km (20-mile) Maratona del Golfo – Capri Napoli in Italy and several races in Argentina including the 57 km (36-mile) Maratón Sante Fe – Coronda and the 15 km (9-mile) Maratona Acuatica Internacional Ciudad de Rosario. He was the flag bearer for the Bulgarian Olympic Team at the 2008 Beijing Olympics where he swam the 1500 freestyle and got sixth in the Olympic 10 km Marathon Swim. Petar has set world records in ice swimming. He was also voted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honor Open Water Swimmer (2018) and received the Poseidon Award in 2020.

[Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)](https://www.openwaterpedia.com/

[Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)](https://www.marathonswimmersfoundation.org/

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**Bulgarian Translation**

Петър Стойчев е първият плувец, който преплувал пролива Ламанш за време под 7 часа и спечели безпрецедентни единадесет последователни титли на FINA Open Water Swimming Grand Prix, включително над 50 победи в индивидуални плувни маратони, включително 42 км (26
Петър е поставил световни рекорди в плуването с ледени води. Той също бе избран в Международната зала на славата в плуването, като почетен плувец в открити води (2018) и получи наградата „Посейдон“ през 2020 година.