Paul Asmuth won seven World Professional Marathon Swimming Federation titles between 1980 and 1985 and in 1988. He finished an incredible 59 professional marathon swimming races. He won six 42 km (26-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac Memphrémagog in Canada and was named Athlete of the Decade (1990’s) by the Atlantic City Press (New Jersey, USA). Asmuth won the 36 km (22.5-mile) Around the Island Swim in Atlantic City, USA an unprecedented eight times in water ranging between the high 50ºF’s to the low 80ºF’s. He won the 34 km (21-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean professional race from 1980–1984 in Canada, the 64 km (40-mile) race from 1985 to 1989 and the 40 km (25-mile) race from 1990 to 1992. He set a record of 17 hours and 6 minutes in 1989 in the 64 km
(40-mile) Traversée internationale du Lac St-Jean race in Canada. He won the professional 32 km (20-mile) Maratona del Golfo – Capri-Napoli in Italy three times and set the course record of 6 hours and 35 minutes. He was a 4-time winner of the 27 km (17-mile) Les Quatorze swim in 50°F water and set the record of 5 hours and 35 minutes in 1981.

His solo swims include three English Channel crossings including setting the men’s record, the 50 km (31-mile) Nantucket-to-Cape Cod (the only person to swim the course) and the first person to circumnavigate the 45 km (28.5-mile) Manhattan Island circumnavigation in under seven hours. Asmuth was also inducted as an Honor Swimmer in the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2010.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)