Patty Thompson, an Olympic swimmer at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, was the 1969 women’s World Professional Marathon Swimming Association champion. She won all her professional marathon swims: 16 km (10-mile) Hamilton Marathon Swim, 27 km (17-mile) Rhode Island Marathon Swim from Narragansett Rhode Island to Block Island, 19 km (12-mile) Man and His World Marathon Swim and a 24-hour swim in Santa Fe, Argentina. At age 45 in 1991, Thompson became the oldest female to cross Lake Ontario with her time of 19 hours and 18 minutes.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)