



James Pittar, Honor Swimmer, Australia, 2009



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James Pittar swam the English Channel, Catalina Channel, and Manhattan Island Marathon Swim to become the first Australian and first blind swimmer to complete the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming. He also completed 21 km swim in Phuket, Thailand, an 11 km swim in Anzac Cove, Turkey, a 25 km swim in the Vaal River in South Africa, a 60 km swim down the Parana River in Argentina, a swim across the Cook Strait in New Zealand, a 19 km swim across the Rottneest Channel in Australia, a first ever 26 km swim from Martha's Vineyard to Nantucket Island, USA, a 21 km swim from Bordighera Italy to Monaco Monte Carlo, a 7.5 km Robben Island swim, 13 km swim around Pennock Island Ketchikan USA, a double crossing of Alcatraz, a successful crossing of the Strait of Gibraltar, 10k Capitola Pier to Santa Cruz pier swim and 6 miles in Inishbofin Harbour Ireland. James was also a member of the Bering Strait relay swim 2013 of which won the WOWSA 2013 World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year.

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