Tom Blower made three successful English Channel crossings. In 1937, he swam from Cape Griz Nez, France to Abbots Cliff, England in 13 hours and 31 minutes. In 1948, he swam from Archcliffe Beach, making him second person to swim the English Channel both ways in 15 hours and 26 minutes and was nicknamed ‘Torpedo Tom’. In 1951, he swam the first leg of an abandoned double-crossing in 18 hours and 42 minutes. In 1947, he became the first man to swim the Irish Channel from Donghadee, Ireland to Portpatrick, Scotland in 15 hours and 31 minutes. He was also the Morcambe Cross Bay Championship winner in 1935, 1936, 1937 and 1938.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)