Drury Gallagher is a visionary who restarted the Manhattan Island Marathon swim, one of the world’s most popular marathon swims. Due to his hard work in the 1980s and early 1990s, New York City is now a visually dynamical hotbed of marathon swimming, world renowned for its swims around Manhattan Island. As a pool swimmer, Drury set 27 FINA Masters world record and later he founded the Manhattan Island Swimming Association that will be his tremendously appreciated legacy as a memorial to his son, Drury, Jr. who died in a tragic accident. Drury is leaving one big wake – as an athlete and an open water swimming visionary. He is also an inductee in the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame (2006) and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2012 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)