Charlie Gravett, Honor PILOT, Great Britain, 2016

Charlie Gravett was the escort pilot from 1987 to 2015 for the IMSHOF Honor Organization Jersey Long Distance Swimming Association in the Channel Islands (JLDSA) near Normandy France. While other pilots were involved in a few of the trips, Charlie piloted more than 90% of the swims to date. Around the Island of Jersey 41 miles (66 km); more than 80 successful solo swims; more than 40 successful relay swims; Jersey to France 16 miles (26 km) – more difficult course due to the tides.

During these trips, Charlie and all crews acted in a volunteer capacity - with all swim funds used by the JLDSC to promote open water swimming in Jersey, especially amongst children. One benefit is that 25 Jersey residents (and counting) have completed 32 English Channel solo crossings (including two 2 way so far!) – very impressive for an Island with a population less than 100,000 residents.

Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)

Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)