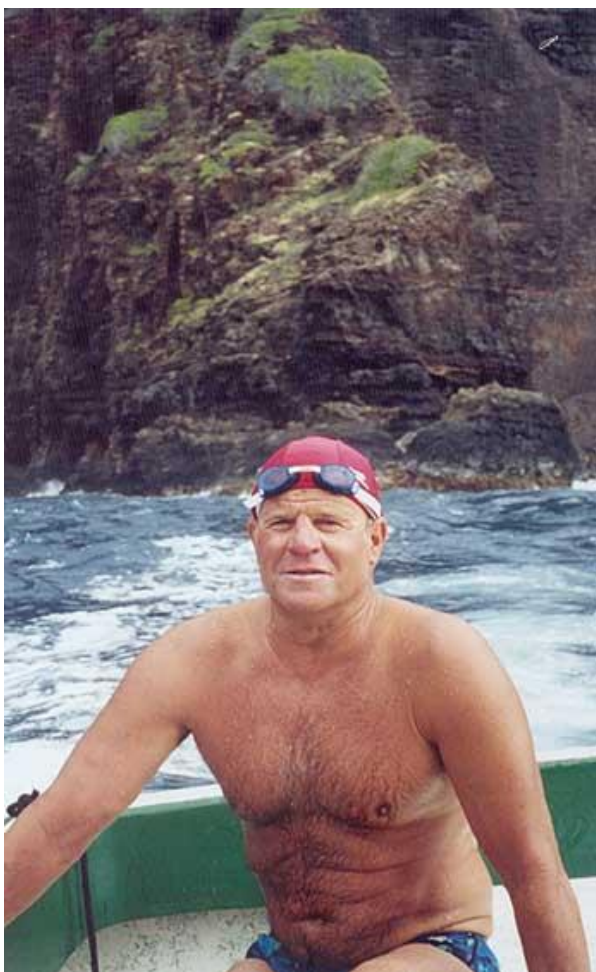




David Yudovin, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1999



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David Yudovin competed 14 solo swims including three swims across the Catalina Channel in 11 hours 51 minutes in 1976, in 13 hours and 45 minutes in 1986, in 11 hours and 49 minutes in 1993, and in 10 hours and 46 minutes in 1995, between North Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 6 hours 22 minutes in 1984, from South Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 4 hours and 6 minutes in 1991, from North Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 7 hours and 45 minutes in 1991, from the South Coronado Island to the Mexican coast in 4 hours and 20 minutes in 1992 (repeated in 4 hours and 25 minutes again in 1992 and in 4 hours and 15 minutes in 1993), the third person to swim across the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain in 9 hours and 27 minutes, the English Channel in 13 hours and 37 minutes in 1986, the Santa Barbara Channel between Anacapa Island and the California mainland in 8 hours and 27 minutes in 8 hours and 27 minutes in 1982, 16 km (10 miles) from Lanai Island to Maui in Hawaii, USA in 4 hours and 47 minutes in 2002, from Molokini Island to Maui, Hawaii, USA in 2 hours and 6 minutes in 2002 (and again in 2003 in 2 hours and 16 minutes), from Maui to Molokai in Hawaii, USA in 4 hours and 41 minutes, 8 miles from Maui to Kahoolawe Island in Hawaii,

USA in 4 hours and 18 minutes, 16 km (10 miles) from Molokai to Lanai in Hawaii, USA in 5 hours and 11 minutes in 2003, and across the 25 km (16-mile) Cook Strait from North Island to South Island in New Zealand in 9 hours and 38 minutes in 2004.

David was the first swimmer to swim 30 km from Santa Cruz Island to the California coast in 15 hours and 15 minutes in 1983, 30 km across the Tsugaru Channel in 11 hours and 54 minutes in 1990, from Bali to Java in Indonesia in 1 hour and 36 minutes in 1996, from Nusa Penida to Bali in Indonesia in 2 hours and 48 minutes in 1997, across the Sunda Strait from Java to Sumatra, Indonesia in 10 hours and 34 minutes in 2000, and from Cape Wiwiki to Cape Brett in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand in 5 hours and 23 minutes in 2004.

David was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2014 and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award in 2016 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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