



Stella Taylor, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1982



Personal Website (None known)

Stella Taylor started her marathon career as an elite racer and in 1969 she won the outstanding first year swimmer on the World Professional Marathon Federation Circuit. In 1973 and 1975, she successfully crossed the English Channel in 15 hours and 45 minutes and 18 hours and 15 minutes, respectively. With her 1975 crossing, she became the oldest woman to have swum the English Channel at 45 years and 349 days of age. Other epic marathons included 51.8 km in 1977 down Lake George, New York in 26 hours and 51 minutes; 36.2 km Loch Ness in 1981 in 18 hours and 58 minutes in water below 9C and in 1981 40 miles across Lake Okeechobee, Florida from Moore Haven to Belle Glade in much warmer waters.

[Expanded Biography \(Openwaterpedia\)](#)

[Long Swims Database \(Marathon Swimmers Federation\)](#)