



Dr. Harry H. Briggs, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1997



Harry in the center with some of his students

Personal Website (None known)

Dr. Harry H. Briggs was the first to swim from Corsica to Sardinia in 1955 and was the first to complete a swim across Lake Erie from Sandusky, Ohio, USA to Point Pelee, Ontario, Canada in 1957 in 35 hours and 55 minutes. A political science instructor known as “The Paddlin’ Professor”, he became the first person to swim 58 km (36 miles) across Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, USA. Dr. Briggs completed 43 marathon swims over the course of his career. At the age of 76, he swam 16 km (10 miles) across Lake Sunapee as a fundraiser and continues to do fundraising open water swims into his 90s.

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

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