



**Dr. David Smith, Honor Swimmer, United States of America, 1969**



[Personal Website](#)

**Dr. David Smith** swam across San Francisco Bay under the Golden Gate Bridge, 48 km (30 miles) down the Russian River and 101 km (63) miles down the Sacramento River, both in California. In 1966, he swam the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain, the Hellespont, Bosphorus (Istanbul Strait) and competed in professional marathon swims in Italy, Yugoslavia and Egypt. In 1967, he was the first person to swim from Morocco to The Rock of Gibraltar. David was the author of several books, did corporate speaking and was one of the early "adventurers" who received major media attention.

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