George Young, at age 17, was the sole finisher of the 1927 Wrigley Ocean Marathon across the Catalina Channel in 15 hours and 44 minutes, winning the US$25,000 first prize. This event organized and funded by IMSHOF Honoree William Wrigley Jr. was a massive sporting event at the time with huge media attention. This great raised the profile of the sport and he became Canadian superstar - nick named the “Catalina Kid”. In 1931 George won the 24.1 km Canadian National Exhibition race in a time of 8 hours and 9 minutes. He is also an inductee in the International Swimming Hall of Fame - Class of 2014.

**Expanded Biography (Openwaterpedia)**

**Long Swims Database (Marathon Swimmers Federation)**