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## **2012 INTERNATIONAL MARATHON SWIMMING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY**

### **2012 GLOBAL OPEN WATER SWIMMING CONFERENCE**

### **2011 WORLD OPEN WATER SWIMMING AWARDS**

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Open water swimming heroes from 19 countries and coaches, administrators, triathletes and endurance athletes of all ages and backgrounds will gather in Long Beach, California for a 3-day open water swimming extravaganza. The weekend will feature 2 awards ceremonies, dozens of inspirational and educational presentations by luminaries of the sport, and open water swims that replicate the 2012 London Olympic Games marathon swim course.

Open water swimming stars will be honored on the RMS Queen Mary at the 2012 International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame induction ceremony and will participate in the Global Open Water Swimming Conference, the World Open Water Swimming Awards and a new Swim Across America event between September 21 – 23.

The International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame ceremony will honor the following individuals and organizations:

- Larisa Ilchenko (Russia), 2008 Olympic 10K Marathon Swim Gold Medalist
- Maarten van der Weijden (Netherlands), 2008 Olympic 10K Marathon Swim Gold Medalist & leukemia survivor
- Sri Chinmoy (India), teacher, poet and endurance athlete posthumously inducted as Honour Administrator
- Ned Denison (Ireland), marathon swimmer and Honour Administrator
- David Parcels (USA), channel swimmer posthumously inducted as an Honour Swimmer
- Faros Maratón Swim (Croatia) as an Honour Organisation
- Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (Ireland) as an Honour Organisation
- Marcos Díaz (Dominican Republic), marathon swimmer and United Nations Swimming Ambassador
- Drury Gallagher (USA), Founder of the Manhattan Island Swimming Association
- Chad Hundebly (USA), English Channel and Catalina Channel record holder
- Eleanor Studley Hurd (USA), first woman to swim between Europe and Asia posthumously honored
- Des Renford (Australia), former King of the Channel® (19-time English Channel swimmer) posthumously honored
- Vicko Šoljan (Croatia), founder of the Croatian Long Distance Swimming Association,

The 2011 World Open Water Swimming Awards will honor the following individuals:

- Nejib Belhedi (Tunisia) World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year (1400K Swim Across Tunisia)
- Pilar Geijo (Argentina), World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year
- Jamie Patrick (USA), World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year



## **SWIM ACROSS AMERICA**

The Swim Across America event will be held in Marine Stadium, the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics rowing venue. Swimmers can participate in a replica of the Olympic 10 km Marathon Swim course used at the 2012 London Olympics. The swims will include 100m, 800m, 1.5 km triathlon, 5 km and 10 km distances.

All proceeds from the U.S. Masters Swimming-sanctioned event are donated to the MemorialCare Todd Cancer Institute at Long Beach Memorial in Long Beach.

## **SUMMARY**

### **EVENTS**

- 2012 International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame induction ceremony
- 2012 Global Open Water Swimming Conference
- 2011 World Open Water Swimming Awards
- Swim Across America Long Beach: 100m, 800m, 1.5km, 5km and 10km charity swims

### **DATES**

- Friday, September 21 – Sunday, September 23

### **CONFERENCE LOCATION**

- Aboard the RMS Queen Mary, one of the most famous ocean liners in the world, in Long Beach, California

### **SWIM LOCATION & COURSE**

- In Marine Stadium in Long Beach, swimmers will compete in a replica of the 2012 Summer Olympic Games triathlon and marathon swim courses used in Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London

### **REGISTRATION**

- <http://www.imathlete.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?fEID=13448>
- [http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/LongBeach?fr\\_id=1701&pg=entry](http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/LongBeach?fr_id=1701&pg=entry)

### **HOTEL**

- Discounts on spacious Queen Mary Hotel rooms (from US\$109 per night)
- Email Lexie Kelley at [lexie@openwaterswimming.com](mailto:lexie@openwaterswimming.com) with questions or requests
- Make reservations with Chrystina Stottern, Event Manager, Queen Mary via telephone +1 (562) 499-1662 or via fax +1 (562) 436-3185 or [chrystina.stottern@queenmary.com](mailto:chrystina.stottern@queenmary.com)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

Welcome Reception, marine art exhibition and book signings on the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach from 6 – 8 pm

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

2012 Global Open Water Swimming Conference includes numerous presentations, the World Open Water Swimming Awards (luncheon) and the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame induction ceremony (dinner).



### CONFERENCE SPEAKERS (partial list)

- Wayne Riddin (South Africa), race director of the world's largest open water swim, the Midmar Mile
- Penny Dean (USA), former English Channel record holder and current Catalina Channel record holder
- Mark Perry (UK), head coach of British Swimming
- Diana Nyad (USA), International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame inductee
- Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia), 7-time world professional marathon swimming champion
- Forrest Nelson (USA), Catalina Channel Swimming Federation president and channel swimmer
- Dr. Marcy MacDonald (USA), 12-time English Channel swimmer
- Martin Strel (Slovenia), Big River Man
- Yutaka Shinozaki (Japan), Founder of Japan International Open Water Swimming Association
- Craig Dietz (USA), Limbless Waterman
- Greta Andersen (USA), Olympic Gold Medalist and International Swimming Hall of Fame inductee
- Dr. Khwaja Aziz (Bangladesh), FINA Technical Open Water Swimming Committee
- Ricardo Ratto (Brazil), 2012 London Olympic Games marathon swimming official
- Ben Lecomte (France/USA), The Longest Swim from Tokyo to San Francisco
- Ram Barkai (South Africa), Founder of the International Ice Swimming Association
- Vito Biella (USA), Founder of the Farallon Islands Swimming Association
- Lewis Pugh (South Africa), Extreme Swimming Pioneer (North Pole, Antarctica, Mount Everest)
- Janel Jorgenson (USA), Olympian and President of Swim Across America
- Michael Read MBE (UK), Chairman, Channel Swimming Association
- Captains Alan Miki and Scott Dixon (USA), City of Long Beach Marine Safety
- Bryce Elser (USA), Open Water Swimming Manager, USA Swimming

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Welcome Reception	6 – 8 pm	Grand Salon	Check-in attendees (VIPs, guests and swimmers) Marine & Swimming Art Exhibit + documentary screening of the film, <i>50-Year-Old Freshman: Suzanne Heim- Bowen</i>

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Key Note Speech	8:00	Grand Salon	Diana Nyad (USA) and Craig Dietz (USA)
Achieving the Impossible	9:00	Grand Salon	Lewis Pugh (UK/South Africa)
	9:30	Grand Salon	Greta Andersen (USA/Denmark)
2012 London Olympics	10:00	Grand Salon	Colin Hill (Great Britain), Ricardo Ratto (Brazil), Shelley Taylor-Smith (Australia), Dr. Khwaza Aziz (Bangladesh)
1 <sup>st</sup> Open Water Safety Panel	10:30	Grand Salon	Introduction: Steven Munatones (USA), Moderator: Forrest Nelson (USA), Michael Read MBE (UK), Dr. Marcy MacDonald (USA), Ned Denison (Ireland), Penny Dean (USA), Bryce Elser (USA), Captains Ala Miki and Scott Dixon (USA)
Exotic Swims	11:30	Grand Salon	Ricardo Ratto (Brazil) on Travessia dos Fortes & 2016 Rio Olympic Games Marathon Swim
			Benoit Lecomte (France/USA) on The Longest Swim
Jellyfish	11:30	Royal Salon	Diana Nyad (USA), Ron Adley (USA)



WOWSA Awards	12:00	Grand Salon	World Open Water Swimming Awards luncheon honoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilar Geijo (Argentina, World Open Water Swimming Woman of the Year)</li> <li>• Jamie Patrick (USA, World Open Water Swimming Man of the Year)</li> <li>• Lt. Colonel Nejib Belhedi (Tunisia, World Open Water Swimming Performance of the Year)</li> </ul>			
ISHOF Awards	1:00	Grand Salon	International Swimming Hall of Fame recognition honoring:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drury Gallagher (USA), founder, Manhattan Island Swimming Association, introduced by Tim Johnson &amp; Dr. Jane Katz</li> <li>• Chad Hundebly (USA), English Channel and Catalina Channel record holder, introduced by Dale Petranec</li> <li>• Eleanor Studley Hurd (USA), swam between Europe and Asia posthumously honored, accepted by Virginia Downing (daughter) and Robert Hurd (son)</li> <li>• Des Renford (Australia), 19-time English Channel swimmer posthumously honored, introduced by Michael Read MBE and accepted by Michael Renford (son)</li> <li>• Vicko Šoljan (Croatia), founder of the Croatian Long Distance Swimming Association, introduced by Janez Maroevic</li> </ul>			
Mass Participation Swims	2:00	Grand Salon	Janel Jorgenson (USA), Swim Across America Wayne Riddin (South Africa) on the Midmar Mile Yutaka Shinozaki (Japan) on Japan Open Water Swimming
2 <sup>nd</sup> Open Water Safety Panel	2:00	Royal Salon	Moderator: Forrest Nelson (USA), Michael Read MBE (UK), Dr. Marcy MacDonald (USA), Ned Denison (Ireland), Penny Dean (USA), Bryce Elser (USA), Captains Ala Miki & Scott Dixon (USA)
Oceans Seven	2:30	Grand Salon	Steven Munatones (USA)
River & Stage Swims	2:45	Grand Salon	Martin Strel (Slovenia), Big River Man
Coaching Open Water I	3:00	Grand Salon	Mark Perry (Great Britain) on British Swimming
Coaching Open Water II	3:30	Grand Salon	Ned Denison (Ireland), Dr. Marcy MacDonald (USA)
Swimming Holidays	4:00	Grand Salon	Simon Murie (UK) on SwimTrek
Third World Swimming	4:15	Grand Salon	Dr. Khwaja Aziz (Bangladesh)
Technology	11:30	Royal Salon	Stephen Coulter (Australia) on iSwimToo and John Mix (USA), Luane Rowe (Australia) on FINIS
Art and the Open Water	5:00	Grand Salon	Dr. Lisa Stansbie (UK)
Extreme Swims & Ice Swims	5:30	Grand Salon	Ram Barkai (South Africa), International Ice Swimming Association
IMSHOF Dinner	6:00	Grand Salon	International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame induction Ceremony (honorees listed below)

- Larisa Ilchenko (Russia), 2008 Olympic 10K Marathon Swim gold medalist
- Maarten van der Weijden (Netherlands), 2008 Olympic 10K Marathon Swim gold medalist and leukemia survivor
- Sri Chinmoy (India), posthumously inducted as Honour Administrator, introduced by Vasanti Niemz
- Ned Denison (Ireland), accomplished marathon swimmer, coach and Honour Administrator, introduced by Phil White of the Northeast Kingdom Open Water Swimming Association
- Chris Green (UK), introduced by Bev Thomas with descriptions by Tim Johnson, Skip Storch, Mike Read
- David Parcels (USA), channel swimmer posthumously inducted as an Honour Swimmer, introduced by Elizabeth Fry
- Faros Maratón Swim (Croatia) as an Honour Organisation, accepted by Janez Maroevic
- Irish Long Distance Swimming Association (Ireland) as an Honour Organisation accepted by Ned Denison
- Marcos Díaz (Dominican Republic), United Nations Swimming Ambassador