



## Drury Gallagher, Honor Administrator, United States of America, 2011



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**Drury Gallagher** restarted the Manhattan Island Marathon swim and founded the Manhattan Island Swimming Association as a memorial to his son, Drury, Jr. who died in a tragic accident. It became one of the world's most popular marathon swims.

He set the around Manhattan speed record in 1982 in 7 hours and 14 minutes. This held until 1983 - he set the record again 1 day later in 6 hours and 42 minutes which held until 1985 female and 1992 male.

As a pool swimmer, Drury set 27 FINA Masters world records.

He is also an inductee in the Masters International Swimming Hall of Fame (MISHOF 2006) and received The Irving Davids/Captain Roger W. Wheeler Memorial Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2012 for his contribution to the administration of open water swimming.

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