

# Donald Campbell

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## Donald Campbell

[CBE](#)

Memorial to Donald Campbell.

<b>Born</b>	Donald Malcolm Campbell 23 March 1921 <a href="#">Kingston upon Thames</a> , Surrey, England
<b>Died</b>	4 January 1967 (aged 45) <a href="#">Coniston Water</a> , <a href="#">Lancashire</a> , England
<b>Cause of death</b>	High-speed crash during water speed record attempt
<b>Body discovered</b>	28 May 2001
<b>Resting place</b>	Parish Cemetery, Hawkshead Old Road, Coniston
<b>Nationality</b>	British
<b>Other names</b>	"The Skipper"
<b>Occupation</b>	Speed record breaker
<b>Known for</b>	Most prolific water speed record breaker of all time
<b>Spouse(s)</b>	Daphne Harvey (1945–1951) Dorothy McKegg (1952–1957) Tonia Bern (1958–1967)
<b>Children</b>	Georgina (Gina) (1946–)
<b>Parent(s)</b>	<a href="#">Malcolm Campbell</a> Dorothy Evelyn Whittall
<b>Awards</b>	<a href="#">Segrave Trophy</a> (1955)

**Donald Campbell** (March 23, 1921 – January 4, 1967) was a [British](#) world record holder who died trying to break the world record of becoming the fastest man on water in 1967. On 4 January that year, his jet powered boat lifted into the air, and was slammed back into the water with so much force, that Campbell died immediately, but his body was not found until 34 years later. Many people have predicted that the crash would not have happened, and was a result of the boat being too light due to a lack of fuel.

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