

Captain Webb - Channel swimmer

Brewin - Captain Matthew Webb (1848)



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English Channel: The history of swimming the Channel

At 4:25 PM on July 24, 1883, Webb entered the water and began swimming with relative ease and he managed to keep a straight course through the strong current. England to France Australia 1998 12:55 First to swim the Channel. But enough of Webb's failure and on to his accomplishment, a swimming record that stood 59 years until 1934.

Captain Webb becomes first person to swim the English Channel

He was unsuccessful — but the newspapers of the day lapped up the story. After five hours sleep, Webb woke up hot and feverish, his temperature was recorded to be 101°Fahrenheit.

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He reached shore at Calais at 8:05 in the evening of 6 August, finishing in 27 hours and 45 minutes. For the occasion the Flying Horse Inn was especially decorated and, it was particularly noted that the bar and parlour maids wore extra ribbons in their hair for the occasion! He became inspired to try himself, and left his job to begin training, first at Baths, then in the cold waters of the , the English Channel and. He went over Niagara Falls, but not successfully.

Illustrated Capt. Webb obituary from The Graphic magazine

His name appeared on a brand of matches, and he also endorsed books, pottery and various other products. While serving as second mate on the Cunard ship Russia, traveling from New York to Liverpool, he attempted to rescue a man overboard by diving into the sea in the mid-Atlantic.

List of successful English Channel swimmers

Webb finally reached the Calais sands at 19 minutes to eleven on Wednesday, August 25th. In the course of an interview which Captain Webb had with representative of the New York Herald, I had given particulars of the perilous feat which proposed accomplish in endeavouring swim the Whirlpool Rapids below Niagara Falls.

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