

ACTIVITY: Swimming
CASE: [GSAF 1983.00.00.d](#)
DATE: 1983
LOCATION: English Channel

NAME: Taranath Narayan Shenoy
DESCRIPTION: He is a deaf-mute, legally blind, and one of the world's champion long-distance open water swimmers. He made three successful crossings of the English Channel, a distance of approximately 21 miles [32 km]. In 1983, he swam the channel from France to England in 10 hours and 54 minutes. In 1984, he swam from England to France in 10 hours and 55 minutes, and in 1985 he swam it in 10 hours and 42 minutes. He also crossed the Catalina Channel in 10 hours and 15 minutes in 1987, and swam across the Strait of Gibraltar in 1988.



Taranath Narayan Shenoy

He was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1987.

NARRATIVE: "I set a goal to cross the English Channel when I was 23," said Taranath Narayan Shenoy. But when he reached England, he was stopped by the officials who found him underweight. "So I returned home and put on weight as never before. I went back to England the following year and swam the Channel." During the swim he was bitten by a shark. "Being deaf, I couldn't hear it coming. However, I continued undeterred and stopped only after I swam the Channel."



INJURY: His left leg was bitten by a shark.

SPECIES: Not identified.

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