

# OCEAN'S SEVEN RACE HOTS UP

▶▶ The race to be the first swimmer to complete the Ocean's Seven challenge is hotting up.

The 'seven' challenges are the Irish Channel, the Cook Strait, the Molokai Channel, the English Channel, the Catalina

Channel, the Tsugaru Strait and the Strait of Gibraltar.

Irishman Steve Redmond has four of the swims under his belt, and plans to swim the Molokai Channel off Hawaii in January and then the Cook Strait off New Zealand and the Tsugaru Strait off Japan in April and May.

On 21 October, meanwhile, Darren Miller completed the third leg, swimming the Molokai Channel in a record time of 12 hours and 12 minutes.

But Australian marathon swimmer Penny Palfrey is closest, having conquered six of the seven challenges, with her successful October crossing of the Tsugaru Strait in Japan.



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