



Announcement from the **Catalina Channel Swimming Federation** 10 July 2008



The summer of 2008 Catalina solo season has started with a record-breaking bang. Tina Neill completed a double-crossing of the Catalina Channel in 22 hours and 2 minutes. It was the first two-way at Catalina since 1978. The previous swimmer to accomplish the feat is John York, who was on Tina's boat as an observer.

Tina Neill (pictured) surpassed the women's record established 31 years ago by Cindy Cleveland. In 1977, Cindy started from the mainland and returned in just over 24 hours.

Tina Neill joins an elite group who've accomplished a double at Catalina. The first was exactly 50 years ago, by Greta Andersen in 27 hours. Penny Lee Dean, Cindy Cleveland, Dan Slosberg and John York followed in her wake. And now, Tina too.

Also, four women currently share the record for crossing the Catalina Channel. The same women, who've accomplished the double, have crossed a total of 3 times. Only three other swimmers have made more individual crossings. Both David Yudovin (pictured in center) and John York (right) were on Tina's boat yesterday, providing guidance and inspiration.



Today we celebrate Tina Neill's inspirational double-crossing of Catalina.

A reminder that our **2008 observer's orientation and CPR training** is scheduled for Sunday July 20th. Paula Selby has asked that observers and paddlers planning to escort a swimmer **RSVP** at plselby@cox.net or (619) 303-0423. Especially if you have an interest in safety training, *but the date doesn't fit your schedule*. On the 20th, we'll meet at noon for lunch, CPR training starts at 1, and observer's orientation from 3:30 to 5pm.

John York will play host for the barbeque and seminar at his Manhattan Beach home.
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