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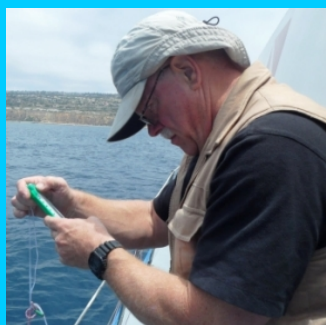
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Notice to 2014 Swimmers and Observers

2014 Observer Training Dates in Ventura, LA, and SD *SBCSA and CCSF Working in Concert for Observer Training Sessions*

The Catalina Channel Swimming Federation ([CCSF](#)) and Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association ([SBCSA](#)) have partnered in Channel Swimming Observer Training. In the next two months, we offer three Saturday sessions in Southern California.

We believe, as the popularity in marathon swimming grows, this will be a big year for attempts off the Channel Islands. If early indications are correct, between our two organizations, there will be 70-plus swims.

Meaning, we will seek to assign in 2014 about 140 Observer positions!

Please take this moment to pledge your attendance to one of our three training dates. In the off-season, we have crafted a fresh approach to the presentation. The strength of our Channel Swimming organizations derives from the dedication of motivated members.

April 26 -- CPR-AED review and a focus on **SBCSA** Observer policies and procedures. Training is FREE and open to anyone who would like to observe for either the CCSF or SBCSA. This full-day course starts at 8am. It will be



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held in **Ventura** at **Jim Neitz's** home. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Dave Van Mouwerik** at 805-550-8028 or davevm@att.net. Breakfast and Lunch is included.

May 17 – In **Los Angeles**, CPR-AED review and a focus on **CCSF** Observer policies and procedures. Training is **FREE** and open to anyone who would like to observe for either the CCSF or SBCSA. Please email [Paula Selby](mailto:Paula.Selby@swimcatalina.org) to RSVP and to get more information. This full-day course starts at 8am. Breakfast and Lunch is included.



May 31 -- Only Observer training in Le Mesa (**San Diego**) at the home of **Carol Sing**. A great opportunity for individuals already CPR-certified. This half-day session, starting at 9am, is dedicated to Observer fundamentals and open to all SBCSA and CCSF members. Please email [Paula Selby](mailto:Paula.Selby@swimcatalina.org) to RSVP and to get more information. Breakfast items are offered.

Observers, please note, **CPR certification is required**. Our training sessions that include CPR/AED are intended to refresh knowledge and skills. Individuals who have not been CPR-certified since 2012 should choose to enroll in a **comprehensive course** offered by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association.

Deadline Approaches to Receive Early-Entry Discount

Starting on **May 1st**, the full CCSF sanction fees go into effect. Through the month of April, the sanction fee is discounted when the swimmer delivers the entire application -- including medical certificate, payment of fees, membership dues, signed waivers, swim summary, and plan your swim.

Do not delay, **double check your work**—in particular the medical certificate. It's the swimmer's responsibility to see that your doctor has answered each question and completed every line on the medical certificate. Our volunteer staff greatly appreciates your attention to these fine details.

Address **questions** about the application to Info@SwimCatalina.org

Relay and Solo applications are available at the CCSF website.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED 2013 OBSERVERS



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