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## Favorites



**Swim Catalina**  
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CCSF Gifts and Swag



Surface Water Temps

## Happy Holidays

### Website Refresh During This Off-Season

Behind the scenes, at the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation, we are giving the [website](#) a new look. This means the 2017 application has not yet been posted.

Standby. We will announce through this newsletter when we release the CCSF application for solo swimmers and relays.

There's also been a delay in posting the successful swims of 2016 and updating the new Catalina Channel records.

In the meantime, all the resources at the website are available, including weather links, training suggestions, and galleries.

### Congratulations to Captain John Pittman

The [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame](#) has selected Captain **John Pittman** as an "Honour Contributor" along with his late-father, **Mickey Pittman**. For nearly 30 years, starting in the 1970s, Mickey Pittman escorted swimmers in the Catalina Channel. John Pittman was still a teenager when he acquired his captain's license and escorted his first channel swimmer. John's final run was this past October, after 42 years at the helm.

Retirement will look good on John with a Kelly green, IMSHoF sash! We cannot wait to join you in London at the IMSHoF induction ceremony on April 22. Congratulations on your well-deserved honor, John.

Also, the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame has a social media account at [Facebook](#).



Catalina Weather



SoCal Marine  
Forecast



San Pedro Buoy  
46222

## Outrider Contact Change

**Tucker McCombs** is now the primary captain of **Outrider**. His phone is 805.908.9954 to contract for a 2017 channel swim.

**John Pittman** at the helm of Outrider.

