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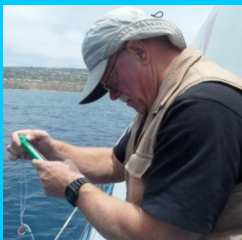
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Pre-Season 2018 Paddler and Observer Training

REMINDER -- Kayak Clinic on June 9

A golden opportunity for kayakers to learn skills in navigation, swimmer feedings, and open water safety. Course instructor will be **David Clark**. For more than 30 years David has volunteered with the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation and supported marathon swimmers in his kayak.

This is a free session at La Jolla Shores on **Saturday, June 9.**

Please RSVP to David Clark [via email](#) or 858.453.0648

David will provide meeting location and start time.



David Clark supporting **Rendy Lynn Opdycke's** Catalina crossing in 2008



SoCal Marine Forecast



San Pedro Buoy 46222

OBSERVERS - San Pedro on June 2

Last chance to RSVP for our second date in training CCSF observers on the morning of Saturday, June 2 in San Pedro.

Interested in becoming an observer? Please introduce yourself to CCSF Board Member and Support Coordinator **Paula Selby** [via email](#) .

WEBSITE LINKS -- Weather

The CCSF website provides several [observation links of the Catalina Channel](#). They include the water temperature and wave height at the Catalina buoy, marine weather forecast for the region, wind forecast, and measurement of the prevailing surface currents.

ANNIVERSARY -- On This Date

Every crossing of the Catalina Channel is a remarkable event. Here's a brief look at notable swims from 10, 20, 40 and 60 years ago. For example, 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of **John York's** two-way crossing in 16 hours and 42 minutes.

Exactly 20 years earlier, in 1958, **Greta Andersen** became the first to achieve the Catalina double in a time of 26 hours and 53 minutes. Earlier that year, Greta successfully [defended her title](#) in Billy Butlin's English Channel Race.

Ten years ago, **Tina Neill** accomplished the two-way in a little more than 22 hours. Just two weeks later, Tina made another Catalina crossing -- on her back.

La Jolla Cove legend **Bob West** broke a CCSF record 20 years ago. At the age of 62, in 1998, Bob became the oldest solo swimmer to complete the Catalina Channel. The current women's and men's [record-holders](#) are **Carol Schumacher Hayden** (66 years old) and **Jim McConica** (64).

Aiming Toward Success Mid-Afternoon



Moment Before Sunrise Over the Channel



The CCSF Awards Banquet will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Pedro on **Saturday, November 3**. Standby for details.

CCSF swimmers appear to use **#catalinaswim**, **#catalinachannel** and **#catalinachannelswim** to hashtag their social media posts.