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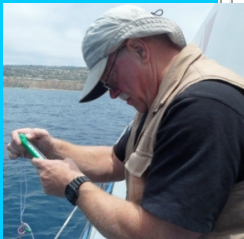
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## Pre-Season Announcements

### SWIM APPLICATION

The upgraded Catalina Channel Swimming Federation application nears completion, but not quite ready to go live. Another newsletter will be sent once the 2019 swim application becomes available at the [CCSF website](#).

We think our online, interactive application is worth the wait.

Thanks for your patience.

### ISHOF Honors Dale Petranech

The CCSF is thrilled to relay an announcement from the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOF). At the [55th Annual Honoree Weekend](#), **Dale Petranech** will receive the ISHOF Service Award.



ISHOF hands the Service Award to an "individual who has selflessly volunteered their time, energy and/or resources" which just might be Dale's lengthy middle name.

Across five decades, Dale Petranech volunteered in open water events. In 1977, he became the chairman of the first USA Swimming Open Water Committee. Dale has served the past two decades on the executive committee of the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame (IMSHOF).

Dale holds a special place in CCSF lore. In 1985, at the age of 50, [Dale became the oldest male](#) to cross the Catalina Channel. IMSHOF recognized his accomplishments in 1995 and five years ago ISHOF inducted Dale.

Congratulations Dale, on your well-deserved ISHOF Service Award.



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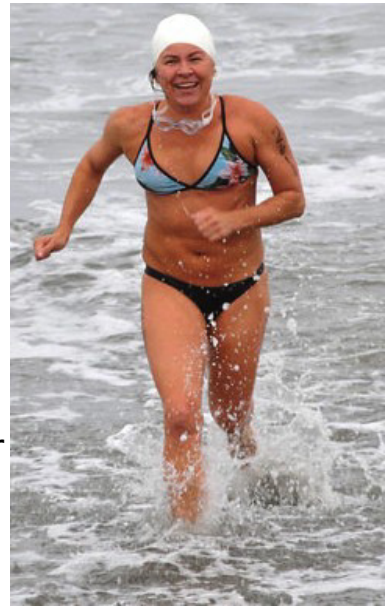
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## REMEMBRANCE: Lynn Kubasek

The CCSF mourns the death this month of our friend, **Lynn Kubasek**.

For a decade, since her solo Catalina crossing in 2009, Lynn dedicated her heart and soul to our open water community in Southern California.

She was a joyous teammate, enthusiastic observer, awesome artist and soap maker. We remember Lynn for an infectious laugh, her passion for the ocean and determination in the water. We are sad to say, following a brief illness, Lynn Kubasek has made her final crossing.



The *Orange County Register* [published a beautiful remembrance](#) of Lynn.

## RESCUE: Dan Simonelli Heralded

The *La Jolla Light* newspaper [reported the gritty details of a dramatic rescue](#) at La Jolla Cove. Catalina swimmer, observer, coach and paddler **Dan Simonelli** saw a distressed swimmer in turbulent waters and crashing waves pushing him toward a rocky cliff. Before jumping to the rescue, Dan told a bystander to dial the emergency 911 line. At the same time, two lifeguards responded on jet skis.

Dan recalled (quote) "I think my training as a lifeguard and my disposition helped me focus on what needed to happen. The rescue was stressful, hard and taxing, but I know how to contend with the waves: It's one wave at a time and one breath at a time."

That day, three weeks ago, this distraught swimmer got the luckiest introduction to the Dan Simonelli the entire CCSF community treasures.

**Dan Simonelli at the 2017 CCSF Awards Banquet**



2019 **CCSF Awards Banquet** will be held the first Saturday in November.