## **APRIL 2019**

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## **Observer Training Registration**

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: Fees Increase Soon

This is the final week when the CCSF offers a discounted sanction fee. We urge solo and relay swimmers to visit the CCSF Portal, complete your application, and submit it with payment by the **May 1 deadline**. Afterward, full sanction fees will be charged.

Swim Catalina Serving Since 198



It seems many 2019 swimmers on social media have hashtagged their posts with #catalinachanneltraining #catalinachannel #catalinaswim and #catalinachannelswim

We look forward to meeting you this summer.



#### **OBSERVER TRAINING: Includes CPR Certification**

Your link to register as an official CCSF observer and also support **crew member** is at the CCSF website. Find the link under FORMS.



RSVP with CCSF Support Coordinator, **Paula Selby**, by visiting the CCSF portal and registering for these two training sessions:

Saturday, May 11 in Los Angeles area

Saturday, June 1 in San Diego area

Surface Water Tem



The CCSF offers two opportunities to renew your CPR/AED certification free of charge. **Registration is required** so that we provide at each session the correct amount of observer supplies and CPR practice dummies.

Observer training in the morning followed by CPR certification and a

light lunch in between. We strongly urge every observer, both seasoned veterans and newcomers, to attend one of these sessions.

CPR certification is required of every CCSF Observer.



# **KAYAK CLINIC: Essentials Escorting Swims**

Each year, **David Clark** leads a unique **clinic for kayakers**. This free course is tailored for Catalina Channel attempts with a focus on safety, navigation, and feeding the marathon swimmer in open water.



La Jolla Shores on Saturday, **June 8th**. Please <u>RSVP to David Clark</u> at <u>dsclark7@gmail.com</u> David will provide meeting location and start time.

For 30 years, David has coached, observed and supported Catalina swims. For the past decade he's served on the CCSF Board of Directors.

# THE FLORENCE: New San Diego Eatery

A San Diego area restaurant called **The Florence** opened in March. The dining room is decorated with memorabilia belonging to San Diego sports icon and Catalina Channel swimmer **Florence Chadwick**.

The <u>International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame</u> honored Florence in 1966 for her accomplishments in the Catalina and English Channels. Chadwick's family contributed to the restaurant the <u>photos, trophies and maps</u> from her exploits. <u>The</u> <u>Florence</u> is located where the 56 and the 15 freeways intersect near the Chadwick Ranch -- her childhood home.

Often, she's incorrectly given credit in the media for being the first woman to cross the Catalina Channel. That honor belongs to **Myrtle Huddleston**, who made the crossing less than three weeks after the very first Catalina Channel swim by **George Young**.

Details of those 1927 swims and Florence's crossing 25 years later in 1952 can be read in the <u>History of the Catalina</u> <u>Channel</u> by CCSF co-founder and historian **Penny Lee Dean**.

