

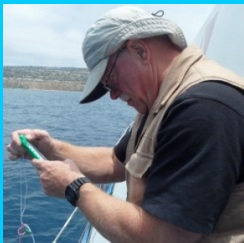
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Catalina Channel Awards Banquet

2019 AWARDS BANQUET -- November 2

The CCSF hosts the annual awards banquet. We will return to the [San Pedro DoubleTree hotel](#) on **Saturday, November 2**. [Details are posted at the CCSF website](#). Find the link to purchase your tickets at [SwimCatalina.org](#) under the FORMS field.

Please join us to celebrate the 2019 Catalina Channel season. Relay teams and large groups may reserve individual tables at our banquet.

The CCSF will recognize every solo and relay swimmer, who will receive their medallion, certificate and official observers' log.



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San Pedro Buoy 46222

CATALINA ISLAND MUSEUM -- George & Esther

Many Catalina Channel swimmers have joked how they visit the island for only a few minutes and barely saw anything. They stand in a Speedo at Doctor's Cove, near midnight, lathered in grease without another waking soul at the beach.



Alternatively, you could take the ferry to the island and visit the [Catalina Island Museum](#) at Avalon. The [newly-opened exhibit](#) features memorabilia from Hollywood swimming legend **Esther Williams**.

As you enter the Museum, there's a prominent display honoring the [1927 Wrigley Ocean Marathon](#) and its only finisher: **George Young**. The 17-year-old Canadian was the first Catalina Channel swimmer.

As of this season, nearly 600 solo swimmers have followed in George Young's wake with only a Speedo, cap and goggles.

4 HRS ON PALOS VERDES -- Be It, Don't Dream It

Los Angeles Times mentioned the Catalina Channel as part of their outdoor section on how to [spend a half-day on Palos Verdes](#). Journalist **Mary Forgiione** wrote about the peninsula's "rugged coastline of crumbling bluffs and rocky beaches" that Channel swimmers are so very familiar with. A few have battle scars that memorialize their Catalina finish.

Forgiione asked her readers to stand at Terranea Cove and "try to imagine swimming from Santa Catalina Island."

The [CCSF Awards Banquet](#) room will be filled with swimmers who just didn't dream it but accomplished it. Joining them will be their support crew, proud family members and cheerleaders.

We will see you at the DoubleTree **Saturday, November 2.**

Aiming Toward Success in the Mid-Afternoon



Early Morning in the Outbound Shipping Lane



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