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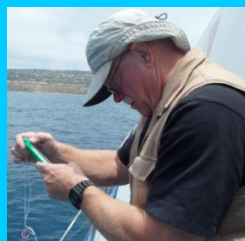
## Favorites



**Swim Catalina**  
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CCSF Gifts and Swag



Surface Water Temps

## Happy New Year 2020

### SWIM APPLICATIONS

The 2020 applications for solo and relay attempts are available. Please follow the links at the [official Catalina Channel Swimming Federation site](#).

The CCSF [provides steps](#) that swimmers should take before launching into their application.

Sanction fees are significantly discounted for applications submitted before the month of May.

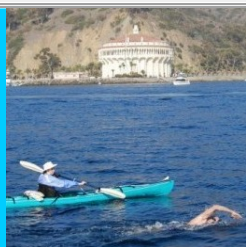
### BANQUET PHOTOS

The 2019 ratified swims are listed at the [Successful Solo](#) and [Successful Relay](#) pages of the CCSF site.

Also, CCSF board member **Paula Selby** posted [her photos](#) from the annual awards banquet at [our Facebook page](#). More than 100 swimmers and supporters joined the celebration, which occurs following the swim season on the first Saturday in November.



Throughout the year, swimmers have hash-tagged their social media posts with #CatalinaChannel #CatalinaChannelTraining and #CatalinaChannelSwim



Catalina Weather



SoCal Marine Forecast



San Pedro Buoy 46222

## CARNEGIE MEDAL

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission [recognized](#) **Dan Simonelli** for his dramatic rescue of a swimmer at La Jolla Cove.

Catalina swimmer, observer, coach and paddler Dan Simonelli saw a distressed swimmer in [turbulent waters last January](#). Before being the first to jump to the rescue, Dan told a bystander to dial the emergency 911 line. At the same time, two lifeguards responded on a jet ski that eventually returned the swimmer back to shore. [Dan recalled](#) (quote) "The rescue was stressful, hard and taxing, but I know how to contend with the waves. We had been getting under during a set. But when the third one came, the swimmer stayed above. I was totally exposed and got flipped and tumbled three times. I was just expecting to hit the rocks."



The [Carnegie Hero Fund Commission](#) recognizes "civilians who voluntarily risk their life to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the life of another person." Honorees receive the [CARNEGIE MEDAL](#) and become "eligible for financial considerations." Pretty sweet.



Class of 2019 solo swimmers attending the CCSF awards banquet





2008 Catalina Channel swimmer **Michelle Macy** (center) received [International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame](#) induction honors during the CCSF awards banquet.



Successful relay team **Flock o' Seagals & Dude**