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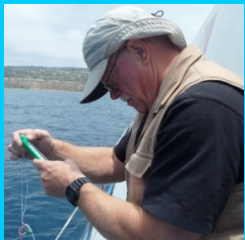
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2021 SWIM SEASON

The CCSF is cautiously optimistic about a return to Catalina Channel attempts for 2021.

After the New Year, swimmers may begin applications for 2021 solo and relay swims using the CCSF Portal.

However, we will not accept completed swim applications or payments until we are confident that Catalina Channel attempts can be conducted safely with regard to COVID-19. As always, the safety and well-being of all swimmers, support crews, boat crews, and observers is the first priority of the CCSF.

With that in mind, we are hearing divergent messages in December. The Los Angeles area has had record hospitalizations and the infections continue to mount. Los Angeles County is currently under a Regional Stay at Home Order.

Meanwhile, public health experts predict vaccines that are currently prioritized for healthcare workers will eventually reach the general public in spring. There is no guarantee that the United States will have widespread immunity in the summer of 2021. Depending on the public health status, it may be necessary to delay the start or possibly even cancel the season.

We continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly by teleconference. We hope to be able to make an informed decision by the end of March. We will keep you updated as we respond to developing events.

Please send questions to help@swimcatalina.org



SoCal Marine Forecast



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WILD WAVE

An October storm destroyed a piece of Catalina Channel Swimming history. The Wild Wave, which was once owned by **Mickey and John Pittman** was torn off its mooring and [crashed onto the rocks at Catalina Island](#). Wild Wave suffered catastrophic damage.

Mickey Pittman bought Wild Wave in the 1970s and escorted CCSF swimmers until his son, John Pittman, took the helm before selling Wild Wave in the late 90s. More recently, John escorted swimmers on Outrider until his retirement.

Three years ago, the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame inducted the father-son duo as [Honor Pilots](#). Mickey's [page at IMSHOF](#) shows him at the controls on Wild Wave in its better days.

