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### **APPLICATIONS & PAYMENTS ACCEPTED**

The CCSF is pleased to announce that Catalina Channel swims will resume in 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic is far from over. The rates of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are still high. However, the pace of vaccination in the United States and other public health measures give good cause for confidence that, by our summer swim season, it will be possible to safely conduct Catalina Channel swims.

It will be essential that all swimmers, support crews, swim observers, and boat crews work together and carefully follow all public health recommendations. The professional navigators, who make these swims possible, have diligently adopted procedures for the safety of all people on their boats. We must all follow those procedures.

The CCSF Portal will now accept completed swim applications and payments.

Keep in mind that travel to the Los Angeles area may be difficult. Travel restrictions, especially for international flights, and quarantine requirements are likely to continue for some time and add uncertainty to planning for your Catalina swim.

Please review the <u>Travel Advisory</u> on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 site.

We continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly by teleconference. We will keep you updated as we respond to developing events.

We look forward to meeting you this summer! Please, send your questions to <a href="mailto:help@swimcatalina.org">help@swimcatalina.org</a>

# DOTTIE YORK SCHOLARSHIPS

**Dottie York** was a founding member of the CCSF. The Scholarship in her name provides financial assistance to selected aspirants of the Catalina Channel. Solo swimmers, who are a U.S. Resident, may opt to apply within the CCSF application. Submission is due by the discount deadline of May 1st.



## **OBSERVER and CPR-AED TRAINING**

The CCSF offers opportunities to renew your CPR/AED certification free of charge. These 3-hour sessions will be conducted by **Becky Jackman** in a COVID-safe environment with limited capacity of 10 persons. Registration is required via the CCSF Application Portal.

Saturday, April 10 in San Diego Saturday, May 8 in Los Angeles.

As many as three sessions may be scheduled each day. CPR certification is required of every CCSF Observer.

**Paula Selby** will lead <u>CCSF observer training</u> on three dates via <u>Microsoft TEAMS</u>. We strongly urge every observer to attend and refresh your observing and safety skills. Register for one of these Saturday sessions via the <u>CCSF Application Portal</u>. Saturday, **May 1** or **June 5** or **June 12**.

### **OPEN WATER ESCORTING CLINICS**

Long Beach (June 19) and La Jolla Shores (June 26)

The support crew is essential to the success of any open water swim. This FREE course, taught by **David Clark**, will help you develop your skills as a kayaker and support crew member.

It will also help you improve your own swims by developing the teamwork between the swimmer and support crew that makes successful swims possible.

Topics will include planning, equipment, safety, boat handling, navigation, communication, feeding, and race strategy.

The course will meet on the beach in the morning and after a break we'll practice skills on the water in the afternoon.

For details, please RSVP to David Clark at <a href="mailto:dsclark7@gmail.com">dsclark7@gmail.com</a>

David Clark has been involved in open water swimming for over 30 years as a swimmer, paddler, coach, and CCSF swim observer. He serves on the CCSF Board of Directors.