



CCSF Centennial Celebration 1927-2027

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Swim Catalina
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CCSF Gifts and Swag



Surface Water Temps

OBSERVER TRAINING -- Plus CPR Renewal

The CCSF provides two training dates for official observers.

- **Saturday, April 23rd** in San Diego-Coronado
- **Saturday, May 7th** in San Pedro-Los Angeles

Observer training in the morning followed by CPR certification. The CCSF will serve a light lunch between sessions. We strongly urge every observer -- both seasoned veterans and newcomers -- to attend one of these sessions.

Registration is required. Enroll as an official CCSF observer and support crew member at the [CCSF website](#). Find the link under FORMS.

CPR certification is required of every CCSF official observer, who may renew their CPR/AED certification at these sessions completely free of charge.

ESCORT OPEN WATER SWIMMERS CLINIC

 **La Jolla Shores on Saturday, June 18th**

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 dsclark7@gmail.com. *David Clark has been involved in open water swimming for over 35 years as a swimmer, paddler, coach, and CCSF swim observer. He serves on the CCSF Board of Directors.*



Catalina Weather



SoCal Marine Forecast



San Pedro Buoy 46222

AWARDS BANQUET -- Sat, November 5th



🏆 Congratulations to **Steve Stievenart** of France, who is the first swimmer in nearly 100 years to [complete the Catalina Channel](#) in the month of February. The only other person, **Myrtle Huddleston**, became [the first woman to swim the Catalina Channel](#). She made her historical crossing the first week of February 1927.

We welcome Steve Stievenart and our entire Catalina Channel community of swimmers,

observers, paddlers and supporters to join us at the annual awards banquet. We have reserved a banquet hall at [the San Pedro Doubletree](#).

Please mark the date, **Saturday November 5th**. The CCSF will announce via this newsletter when the banquet brunch tickets are available for purchase.

GREEN SEA TURTLES -- Population Rises

🐢 The Eastern Pacific green sea turtles that nest in Mexico have been showing up in the shallow waters of Southern California, including the Catalina Channel. A research paper from last year reported a "substantial population recovery." **Justin Greenman** of the [National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries](#) told the [Los Angeles Times](#) that the once rare sightings of green sea turtles have become more common along Southern California beaches.

Catalina swimmers have encountered colorful marine life from green turtles and yellowtails to blue whales and blue sharks plus great whites...