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Solo and Relay Applications for 2016 Now Available

Updated forms posted to the homepage of the CCSF website

Swimmers: The **solo and relay applications** for the 2016 have be updated and are now available.

You will find them on the front page of the [CCSF website](#) under the FORMS menu, which is at the left margin.

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Dan Simonelli Achieves Catalina Crossing in January

Finished 89 years (and 12-hours) after George Young's historic 1927 swim

Congratulations to **Dan Simonelli**, who completed a rare feat of crossing the Catalina Channel in January.

Only two other swimmers completed a swim in January: **George Young** as the 1927 winner of the Wrigley Ocean Marathon Race. Two weeks later, **Henry Sullivan** became the second swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel. Sullivan, of Boston, was the first American to swim the English Channel.

Dan's weather window opened to coincide with the Wrigley race dates. Meaning, Dan finished at Palos Verdes on the anniversary of George Young's historic swim. Congratulations Dan!

You can read an account of the [Wrigley Ocean Marathon Race](#) at the CCSF website. **Penny Lee Dean** regularly updates the [history of Catalina swims](#).



Catalina Weather



SoCal Marine Forecast



San Pedro Buoy 46222



Comet "Catalina" Flies By Earth

Visible this month to Northern Hemisphere sky watchers

Two years ago, astronomer Richard Kowalski discovered a comet that is making a pretty close pass of Earth (approximately 67 million miles away).

[Catalina is the name of this comet.](#) Around Christmas, Catalina became visible to sky watchers in the Northern Hemisphere. You may catch a glimpse as the comet passes through the Big Dipper constellation.

Catalina traveled closest to Earth on January 16, a date Catalina Channel swimmers remember well.

George Young arrived at Palos Verdes in the early-morning hours of January 16 to win the Wrigley Ocean Marathon Race.





Dan Simonelli with paddler **Kevin Eslinger** on January 16, 2016.