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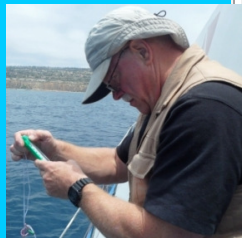


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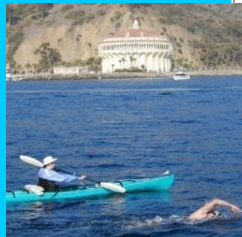
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2018 Season Nearing the End

AWARDS BANQUET -- Saturday, November 3

The CCSF will celebrate the 2018 season at our annual awards banquet. Like previous years, the ceremony happens at the [San Pedro Doubletree](#) hotel for a mid-day breakfast buffet.

Details on how to reserve your seat (or banquet table) is forthcoming.

A Catalina crossing is a grand achievement and worth celebrating. Each swimmer and relay team will be recognized. A few highlights from the 2018 season include an age record by 69-year-old **Anthony (Pat) Marzulli**. Two, sub-8 hour relays from Olympic Club in San Francisco. International swimmers for the first time from the nations of Argentina, Austria and The Netherlands. Three relay teams circumnavigated the island of Catalina. Plus, a 17-hour Butterfly crossing!

Hopefully you will join us to honor all the remarkable Catalina Channel swimmers, kayakers and observers of 2018.





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2019 APPLICATION -- Arrives in January

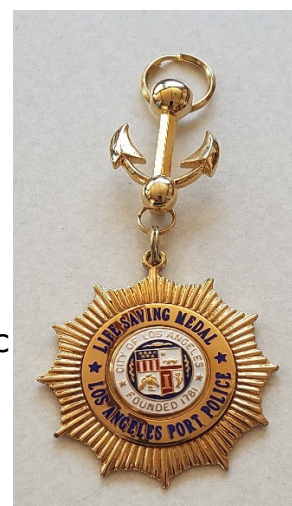
A notice to swimmers and relay teams planning for attempt s next season: The applications will be available by the end of January 2019.

In the meantime, the official CCSF website provides details on [five challenges in the Catalina Channel](#) as well as [steps toward applying](#). This includes chartering with a recommended vessel. [The fleet has expanded to five boats](#).

PACIFIC STAR -- Lifesaving Medal

On an October evening last year, Captain **David Harvey** of Pacific Star came upon a person floating in the ocean. They'd fallen overboard after sunset and Pacific Star happened to be the first on the scene. CCSF swimmer, **Jax Cole**, jumped in the water to make the rescue.

For their heroics, the entire crew aboard Pacific Star that night and Jax were given the Lifesaving Medal at the [Los Angeles Port Police Annual Awards Ceremony](#).



David Harvey now displays the Lifesaving Medal in the cabin of Pacific Star.

SAN PEDRO -- "Woman of the Year"

The Chamber of Commerce in San Pedro honored **Julie Bender** as the city's "Woman of the Year." She's adorned the city with her fabulous artwork, including [sidewalk beautification](#). Julie painted Catalina Channel swimmers on a utility box at the intersection of Harbor & 7th Street. Most recently, she erected a [60-meter long mosaic](#) along a retaining wall on 25th Street.

Julie Bender raised a Catalina Channel swimmer (**Monica Bender 2012**) and in January became mother-in-law to another Catalina Channel swimmer (**Adam Moine 2012**) For years, she's observed and kayaked on Catalina crossings, and hosted our yearly Official Observer training sessions. The CCSF concurs with the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce: Julie Bender is "Woman of the Year"