

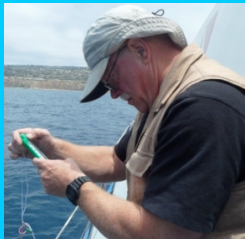
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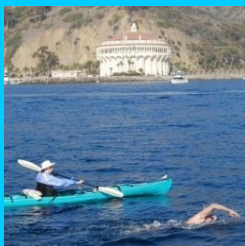
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Final Week of the 2018 Season

AWARDS BANQUET Saturday, November 3

Saturday brunch at [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in San Pedro.

[Details are posted at the CCSF website.](#) We hope you will join us to celebrate the 2018 Catalina Channel season.

Only 10 more days to reserve your seats. **RSVP required by Friday, October 26.** Relay teams and large groups can reserve individual tables.

The CCSF will recognize every solo and relay swimmer, plus the paddlers who helped support each crossing. Several special guests will be in attendance.

Many of us will help honor the Santa Barbara Channel swimmers at the [SBCSA Awards Banquet](#) on the evening of November 3.



The 2012 Awards Banquet with [record-holders](#) (left to right) **John York, Grace Van der Byl, Penny Lee Dean** and **Peter Huisveld.**



San Pedro Buoy 46222

HANK WISE -- First Sub-8 Hour Male C > M

A huge congratulations to **Hank Wise**. This Sunday morning, Hank completed his seventh crossing of the Catalina Channel. That's the most by any individual. Three swimmers have crossed [six times](#).

Starting at Catalina Island, 50-year-old Hank Wise broke the men's record by 10 minutes with a final time of **7 hours and 55 minutes**. He gave a personal account to his Southern California followers (quote) "The night was clear and beautiful, stars and a crescent moon. We could see the lighthouse at Point Vicente. The ocean surface was medium washy close to the island and less washy as we continued. Black velvet, dark water at night, of course."

Hank compared his swim to mediation (quote) "I was determined to keep my feeds down to 7 to 12 seconds. Basic knowledge: You don't go faster by talking to your paddler = don't talk to your paddler much = silent feeds mean that you are focused and continuing."



Early on the morning of Sunday, October 14, kayaker **Sean Lieppman** guides **Hank Wise** toward Terranea Resort on Palos Verdes peninsula.

LONG BEACH -- Record-Setting Swimmers

[Long Beach Press-Telegram](#) reported [Hank Wise](#)'s success.

The port city has been home to a dozen accomplished marathon swimmers, including pioneers **Kyle Leonard** (1927), **Tom Park** (1954) and in 1955 a trio of Catalina swimmers **Daisy Murchie**, **Bill Slater** and **Amy Hiland**. Also from Long Beach, are **Myrtle Huddleston** (1927) who was the first woman to cross the Catalina Channel. Exactly 60 years ago, in October of 1958, **Greta Andersen** became the first person to make a two-way crossing.

2019 APPLICATION -- Arrives in January

A notice to swimmers and relay teams planning for attempts 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](#).

2017 Solo Swimmers at Awards Banquet



The CCSF Awards Banquet will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel in San Pedro on **Saturday, November 3**.