

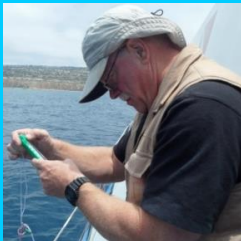
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REMINDER: May 1st for Swimmers and Observers

The CCSF will conduct an observer training session via Microsoft TEAMS on **Saturday May 1**. Register at the CCSF portal to reserve your invitation. **Paula Selby** is [available to assist observers](#) with creating a [TEAMS account](#).

The next weekend, **Saturday May 8**, we host CPR-AED certification in a COVID-safe environment with limited capacity of 10 persons. We may create three, 3-hour sessions in San Pedro to accommodate the demand. Registration required at the CCSF portal.

SOLO swimmers and RELAY teams receive a discount on their sanction fees for applications **submitted by Saturday May 1st**. You have a little more than one-week to meet that deadline.

Links to swim applications and registration for observers can be found at [the official CCSF website](#) at the right margin under the banner, **FORMS**.

Please, send your questions to help@swimcatalina.org

TRAVEL ADVISORY: Update from L.A. County

Please review the recently updated [Travel Advisory](#) on the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 site.

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.



San Pedro Buoy 46222

ANNIVERSARIES: Snapshot of CCSF History

50 years ago, in the summer of 1971, **Lynne Cox** and her Seal Beach teammates **Andy Taylor, Dennis Sullivan** and **Stacy Fresonke** made their historic Catalina crossing, which Lynne recounts in her best-selling book, [*Swimming to Antarctica*](#).

10 years ago, "Long Beach Swim Focus" relay team members **Lexie Kelly, Parks Wesson, Ted Bramble, Lyle Nalli, Matty Mitchell** and led by **Hank Wise** made the first sub-7 hour crossing. Their time of 6:53 remains the [fastest Catalina relay](#).

25 years ago, the relay named "Team 252" (**Alan Freeman, Jamie Schnick, John Lobdell, Dave Matthews, Jim Isaac, Jim McConica**) set a record for fastest two-way crossing in 15 hours and 30 minutes.

85 years ago, a French swimmer, **Paul Chotteau**, took the longest amount of time to swim from Catalina Island to the mainland – nearly 34 hours.

75 years ago, a [blind 47-year-old Hawaiian musician](#), **King Bennie Nawahi**, needed 22 hours to cross the Catalina Channel.

45 years ago, in September 1976, a founding member of the CCSF, **Penny Lee Dean** (pictured), made the [fastest solo crossing](#). Her record of 7:15:55 has not been threatened for more than four decades.





**Roy Sutter training in 1951
with assistance from Santa Monica Beach
Lifeguards**