



June 2021

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## OBSERVER TRAINING: Final Session June 12

The CCSF will conduct our final observer training session of the season via Microsoft TEAMS this **Saturday June 12**. Register at the CCSF portal to reserve your invitation. **Paula Selby** is [available to assist observers](#) with creating a [TEAMS account](#).

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](mailto:help@swimcatalina.org)

## ESCORTING OPEN WATER SWIMMERS CLINIC

**La Jolla Shores (Saturday, June 26)**

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](mailto:dsclark7@gmail.com)

*David Clark has been involved in open water swimming for over 30 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

## COVID AND CALIFORNIA: Changes Due June 15

California public health officials anticipate relaxing [COVID-19 guidelines](#) next week on June 15th.

Please review the [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.

## WRIGLEY OCEAN MARATHON: Rare Photo

The CCSF received a surprise correspondence from a triathlete living in the state of Utah. They wrote in an email (quote) "My great-grandfather was in southern California in 1927 and had a picture of **Charlotte 'Lottie' Schoemmell** preparing for the



January 15th 1927 Wrigley Marathon crossing. This photo is a black and white 8 1/2 x 11 print with pen writing that appears to be a personal message and signature of Lottie Schoemmell."

Probably a promotional photo taken in Los Angeles declaring Lotty Schoemmell the "originator of grease suit." She famously requested for the Wrigley race officials to allow her to compete while naked. **Penny Lee Dean** [wrote about the Catalina Island start of the Wrigley's](#)

[Ocean Marathon](#) (quote) "Three women, Mrs. Charlotte Schoemmell, Miss **Saga Kolb**, and Mrs. **Jean McKenzie** stood on the beach, wearing nothing but ten pounds of black axle grease."