



Newsletter of the **Catalina Channel Swimming Federation** August 2008



It's been an auspicious beginning to the 2008 season. Two swimmers are celebrating their recent success in the Catalina Channel. **Greg Farrier** (left), a former USC Trojan swimmer from San Clemente, completed the Channel in 9 hours & 54 minutes. **Tina Neill**, who only 3 weeks ago did a two-way, was back in the Channel. Back being the operative word. Tina backstroked her way across in 10 hours & 37 minutes. She's pulled the stunt in England, but this was the first we'd seen it here.



Speaking of celebrations, save Saturday November 1st for the **annual Catalina banquet**. The entire Catalina Channel community is invited to honor the 2008 solo and relay swimmers. Plus enjoy brunch at El Adobe Restaurant in San Juan Capistrano. Invites and RSVP to follow (as soon as our organizer, Carol Sing, returns from her international swimming adventures). **NOTE:** Carol Sing will not receive any postal mail with applications, medical certificates, and fees until the middle of August. But her Catalina Channel email info@SwimCatalina.org will be monitored in her absence.

A dozen solo swimmers will make attempts in August. Observers & kayakers are encouraged to **make a commitment** with Paula Selby (plselby@cox.net) Even if you feel inexperienced supporting a Catalina swim, Paula will pair you with a qualified observer. The CCSF relies upon your generous support. Observers are now compensated to help cover their travel expenses. We recognize and appreciate the sacrifices observers must make to certify Catalina Channel swims.

Swimmers can order **Catalina Channel swag** at Café Press. It's the most fashionable way to outfit your supporters. Visit CafePress.com/SwimCatalina There's a wide selection of shirts, hats, tanks and hoodies. In various colors and in sizes even a marathon swimmer can fit into. Each with the official CCSF logo.

Finally, a hearty congratulations to 57-year-old Jim McConica on his upcoming induction to the **International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame**. Jim has been racing across the Catalina Channel for decades. However, the Hall of Fame is honoring Jim for his domination in the pool. Including dozens of world masters records. The induction ceremony is September 26th in Atlanta.

IMPORTANT CCSF CONTACTS: Swimmers apply by writing Info@SwimCatalina.org
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