



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

It's June. Summer has started. The 2008 Catalina season looks to be exciting with nearly a dozen attempts on the calendar: We have entries from international swimmers, relay members now going solo, and a few people returning for another Catalina Channel swim.

In the coming days, we'll announce details of a **2008 observers' orientation and CPR training**. Also, we invite you and your support crew to join the La Jolla Cove Swim Club's **escort paddlers class** (LaJollaCoveSwimClub.org). This on-the-water training (June 21 & July 19) is invaluable for your safety.

Several Catalina Channel swimmers have increased their commitment to the Federation by becoming **Lifetime members**. A special thanks goes to Tina Neill, Dr Marc Lewis and Bill Hoehn.

This season marks the 50th anniversary of the first double-crossing of the Catalina Channel. Olympic gold medalist and Hall-of-Famer **Greta Andersen** (pictured) completed the remarkable feat in just over 26 hours. The story is linked at SwimCatalina.org. Perhaps the community could coordinate an October relay to honor Greta, similar to the mid-January "George Young Memorial Relay".



A nice summer read is **Lynne Cox's** personal account of swimming parts of the Northwest Passage. It was first navigated 100 years ago by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. Lynne used Amundsen's account of his journey as a guide. Her travelogue is featured in the *New Yorker* magazine (April 21st issue) and online. We know Lynne Cox as a world-class marathon swimmer. She continues to prove herself a first-class story teller, as well.

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