



Newsletter of the **Catalina Channel Swimming Federation** May 2009

Here's some light beach-reading material this Memorial Day weekend (in the United States, the unofficial kick-off to summer).

Last weekend, the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation hosted an observer orientation for 2009 and CPR certification seminar. The event was filled with familiar faces, but the excitement was in seeing the new ones. Two dozen CCSF members met the criteria to officiate any CCSF swim. Following the strong turn-out, the CCSF feels we're in a good position to meet the demands of the 2009 season.



The Catalina swim season starts in about 6 weeks. Both relay and solo swims are scheduled the second week in July. August and September are traditionally the busiest months for attempts. Though, in recent years, a swimmer has opened the CCSF season in July. You'd have to go back to 1993 to find a solo crossing as early as

June. Pictured is Brazilian swimmer Dailza Ribeiro approaching Palos Verdes in June 1993. She was blessed with sunny afternoon skies and water temps of 69 degrees -- Yes, it was that warm in June. (One week later, Dailza was a relay member on a record-setting women's team.)

Here's a little trivia: Solo Catalina crossings have been accomplished in every month except May and December (SwimCatalina.org/Successes.htm).

It's not too late to make your plans for the summer of 2009. The CCSF requires an application and the proper documents -- at a minimum -- 45 days in advance of your attempt (SwimCatalina.org/Forms.htm). Naturally, we strongly encourage swimmers to complete the paperwork ASAP.

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