

2010

Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association Annual Report



Executive Director:
Scott Zornig, USA

European Director:
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1. Introduction

Mission:

The Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association's mission is to see that the history of swims to, from, around and between the 7 Channel Islands (*excluding Catalina Island, which is governed by the [CCSF](#)*) is preserved and to promote safe swimming from these islands. These islands include Anacapa, San Clemente, San Miguel, San Nicolas, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa.

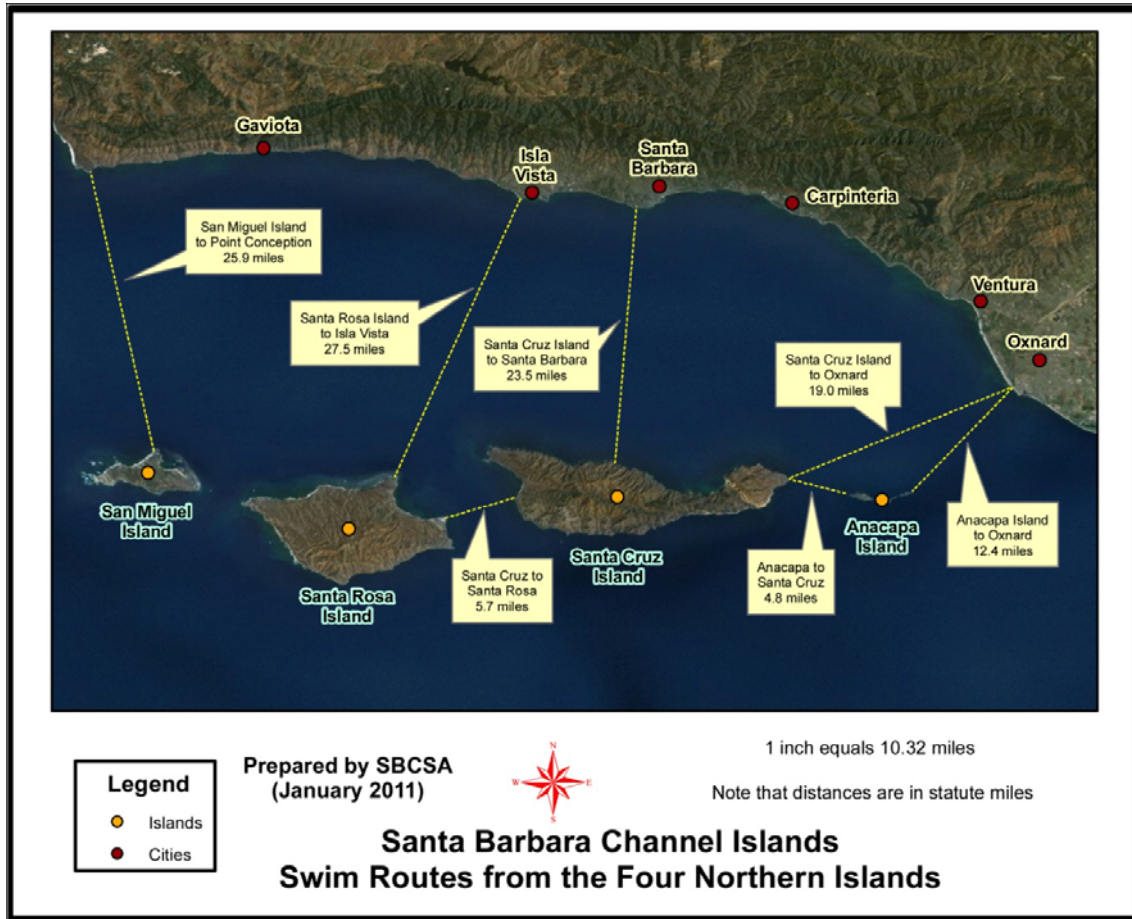
The Santa Barbara Channel Swimming Association has been formed to:

1. Sanction the swimmers who want to attempt Channel crossings and other marathon swimming adventures in the California Channel Island region, and recognize them in the category in which they choose to participate.
2. Sanction our members' marathon swims in other areas where there is no official sanctioning body.
3. Recruit pilots, observers and kayakers to help in the carrying out of the tasks necessary to "sanction" a swim.
4. Furnish information, advice and sanction only those swimmers with a proven history of marathon swimming that have a proper plan. To all those interested in attempting the crossing that do not have a history of marathon swimming, the Association will share with them a prescribed swimming practice that will enable them to get prepared.
5. Gather and preserve the historical channel crossing data.
6. Celebrate! We will hold a yearly banquet to honor those who successfully did the crossing their family and friends. Most important, all attempts that did not result in a full crossing, at this time, are also welcome to attend with their family and friends.
7. Promote activities to benefit the ocean.

About the Santa Barbara Channel:

The channel provides a variety of swims in cold/pristine waters – and we offer a choice of seven island swims – in various routes.

The more popular island to shore swims are shown in the diagram on the following page with distances ranging from 20k (12.4 miles) to 48k (30 miles). Inter-island swims are also catching on in popularity!



2. 2010 Crossings

The story of 2010, across the world of marathon swimming, could be summed up in one phrase “unusual weather patterns.” Santa Barbara suffered, and as a result, we had only 3 successful solo crossings in 2010 and no relays. All the successes were USA based swimmers going 20k (12.4 miles) from Anacapa Island to Oxnard. Congratulations to the following:

Solo Number	Date	Swimmer	Time
17	08/07/2010	Dave Van Mouwerik	07:00
18	9/25/2010	Kim Rutherford	08:18
19	10/16/2010	Joni Young	06:36

3. Finances

Your Association is on a positive financial basis. We ended 2010 with \$1,780 in the bank.

4. Participation and Fees

Membership:

Membership fees for 2011 will be:

Annual \$100

Lifetime \$250 (there are lot' of islands – more than you can swim in just a few years!)

Solos and relays vary depending on the course – for specifics go to:

<http://www.santabarbarachannelswim.org/forms.html>

Volunteers:

Everything we do requires the helping hand of volunteers. Please sign up to be an observer (in the boat or in a kayak alongside the swimmer) by going to our website:

<http://www.santabarbarachannelswim.org/observers.html>

One observer (kayaker) in 2006 gushed about his experience: “I had a ring side seat at a world class sporting event!”

5. The Board

With the move of founder Emilio Casanueva back to Chile, the Board restructured to replace his massive local contribution. The new board members are more active now in trying to have different representation for each swim.

Four previous Board members continue:

Scott Zornig – now President
Dean White
Ned Denison
Nick Caine

Five new members have joined the Board:

Dale Mercker
Dave Van Mouwerik
Lynn Kubasek
Jim Fitzpatrick
Jane Cairns

Board Member Profile - Scott Zornig President:

Scott is a 1981 Graduate of CSU Chico Business School who has been teaching children and adults how to swim since he was 14 years old. He has been involved with masters swimming for 25 years and was named a USMS All American. He is currently a member of the Capo Masters Swim team located in San Juan Capistrano, California. Scott was 90th person to swim the Catalina Channel solo, the 5th person to swim the Santa Barbara Channel solo and the 1st person to swim from one channel island to another (Anacapa Island to Santa Cruz Island). He has also swam around Manhattan Island (28.5 miles) and was a member of a relay which recorded the first swim from San Clemente Island to San Clemente....a distance of 60 miles. In 2007, Scott and 5 teammates circumnavigated Catalina Island (50 miles) in under 24 hours. The former high school and collegiate water polo payer and swimmer is the current holder of five, long distance, open water swimming records.

6. It is YOUR turn to swim?

All big swims start with a dream.

From there it takes just a small step: a commitment to prepare.

Your preparation starts with a program of training (physical and mental). Also because the big swims are more and more popular – you need to book your place early.

Do **YOU** have the dream? Are you ready to take the first small step?

See the news and stories on our website if you need a bit more inspiration:

<http://www.santabarbarachannelswim.org/news.html>