

## Recommended Navigators by the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation

The **first step** of arranging a Catalina crossing is to schedule a date with an escort vessel. Two recommended captains are docked at [The 22nd Street Landing](#) in San Pedro. They operate independently of the CCSF, though we have a close relationship based on their decades of experience in escorting open water swimmers in Southern California.

Only after booking a captain should you start the **CCSF application** process for your [solo](#) or [swim relay](#)

**Greg Elliott**  
**Boat Name: Bottom Scratcher**  
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**Phone: (714) 963-4378**  
**Email: [Captain@BottomScratcher.com](mailto:Captain@BottomScratcher.com)**

**\*\*\*NOTE: Captain Greg requires swimmers to have a kayaker in the water 100% of the time.\*\*\***

**John Pittman**  
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**Phone: (310) 994-5693**  
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**Escort vessel charges are entirely separate from CCSF membership and sanction fees.**

Swimmers-- who are traveling a great distance-- can [request assistance](#) in recruiting support members and kayakers. There is no guarantee that any person in the pool of volunteers will be available on your particular date. This service does not relieve the swimmer of their responsibility to bring a complete support team.

Volunteer kayakers and support members register [HERE](#) to enter the recruiting pool.