

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

September 1, 2026

49th Annual Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race Fee Waiver

On Sunday, August 30, 2026, the Catalina Classic Paddleboard Association, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Lifeguards, hosted the 49th Annual Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race (Catalina Classic), an open-ocean event in which participants paddled 32 miles from Catalina Island to the Manhattan Beach Pier. Established in 1955 and resurrected in 1982, the Catalina Classic is the oldest and most celebrated endurance paddleboard race in the world and is widely regarded as the premier race of its kind. As an all-volunteer effort, the Catalina Classic has long served as both a historic tradition and a cherished community event.

Proceeds from this year’s event will support the Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation’s ocean therapy programs serving veterans and youth, as well as the South Bay Boardriders Club’s youth scholarship and ocean safety programs. These organizations play an essential role in promoting ocean wellness, youth development, water-safety education, and access to transformative ocean-based programming.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors to retroactively waive the permit fee of \$250, and the gross receipts in the amount of \$4,750, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the 49th Annual Catalina Classic Paddleboard Race that was held on Sunday, August 30, 2026.

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