



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2011 to JUNE 12, 2011

### SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011—End of Pay Period

**WEEKLY MEETING:** CONVENTION CENTER - 40TH STREET

**AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS:** 800hrs

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0815hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

**CREW MEETING:** 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule and assignments, information from Crew Chief)

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0830hrs

**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 0845hrs

**GENERAL MEETING:** 0850hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Starts Next Week!

**Surfing Beaches:** 39<sup>th</sup> St./119<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1045hrs and 2308hrs

Low: 0450hrs and 1646hrs

**Special Events:** *Play It Safe Karaoke—Dorchester St. Boardwalk—1800hrs to 2000hrs*

*Play It Safe at Trimper's--Roller Coaster Ride Only-2000hrs tom 2200hrs*

#### SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT CONVENTION CENTER MEETINGS

1. Do not park on Convention Center Drive
2. Do not park in the rear of Convention Center
3. Meetings begin promptly at 0830hrs
4. Clean up your trash.

Let's remember these overarching themes while performing our roles for the OCBP:

#### 2011 OCBP Themes

**Public Theme:** *Hospitality First-We are glad you are here!*

**Organizational Theme:** *Integrity is doing what's right when no one knows and no one is watching.*

**Leadership Theme:** *Be quick to listen—slow to speak—and slow to anger!*

**Crew Theme:** *Assuring the success of every person assigned to the crew whether for a day, a week, or the entire season, while upholding the missions and policies of the patrol.*

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 6/6/2011	Tuesday 6/7/2011	Wednesday 6/8/2011	Thursday 6/9/2011	Friday 6/10/2011	Saturday 6/11/2011	Sunday 6/12/2011	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

## **MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011**

**Officer in Charge-** Lieutenant Kovacs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Next Week!

**Workout:** Surf Boat, Paddleboards, Surf Skis, Running, Swimming, and Dry Land Workouts--130<sup>th</sup> St.-1800hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 37<sup>th</sup> St./ Fountainhead

**Tides:** High: 1134hrs and 2356hrs

Low: 0538hrs and 1740hrs

**Special Events:** *Play It Safe Windsurfing—48<sup>th</sup> St. Water Sports Center—1000hrs*

*Play It Safe Kayak Relays—48<sup>th</sup> St. Water Sports Center—1600hrs*

*Play It Safe Moonlight Bowling—Ocean Lanes, 72<sup>nd</sup> St.—2100hrs*

*Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Old Pro Golf, 68<sup>th</sup> St—2200hrs*

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011**

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Kovacs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Starts on June 15th!

**Workout:** Surf Boat, Paddleboards, Surf Skis, Running, Swimming, and Dry Land Workouts--130<sup>th</sup> St.-1800hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet/ 35<sup>th</sup> St/ High Point North

**Tides:** High: 1227hrs

Low: 0628hrs and 1838hrs

**Special Events:** *Play It Safe Beach Volleyball Tournament, Dorchester St.—1630hrs*

*Play It Safe Karaoke & Dance, Dorchester St.—1700hrs*

***Play It Safe Beach Safety Seminar***

*Play It Safe Pancake Eating Contest—Happy Jack Pancake House, 26<sup>th</sup> St.—2200hrs*

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011**

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Kovacs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Starts in One Week!

**Workout:** Surf Boat, Paddleboards, Surf Skis, Running, Swimming, and Dry Land Workouts--130<sup>th</sup> St.-1800hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet/ 33<sup>rd</sup> St/ Capri

**Tides:** High: 2448hrs and 1324hrs

Low: 0719hrs and 1940hrs

**Special Events:** *Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Maui Golf, 57<sup>th</sup> St—1200hrs—1500hrs*

*Play It Safe 3-on3 Basketball Tournament—OC Rec. & Parks—1900hrs*

*Play It Safe Buccaneer's Booty Miniature Golf, 146<sup>th</sup> St.—2100hrs—2300hrs*

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011**

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Kovacs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Right around the corner!

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 31<sup>st</sup> St/ Quay

**Tides:** High: 0144hrs and 1425hrs

Low: 0811hrs and 2044hrs

**Special Events:** *Play It Safe Splash Mountain Water Park—Jolly Roger's, 30<sup>th</sup> St.—1600hrs—1800hrs*

*Play It Safe Dodgeball—Northside Park, 125<sup>th</sup> St.--2000hrs to 2200hrs*

*Play It Safe Laser Tag/Mini Golf/Rock Climbing—Planet Maze, 33<sup>d</sup> St.—2300hrs to 0100hrs*

### **Tax Form Changes**

If you would like to change any deduction information on either of your tax forms, please go to the Human Resources office at City Hall.

If you need to update your personal data information, including any changes in your local address, please see Secretary Tyler.

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011—PAY DAY**

**Officer in Charge-** Lieutenant Kovacs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Starts Wednesday, June 15

**Workout:** Surf Boat, Paddleboards, Surf Skis, Running, Swimming, and Dry Land Workouts--130<sup>th</sup> St.-1800hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 29<sup>th</sup> St/ English Towers

**Tides:** High: 0244hrs and 1527hrs

Low: 0904hrs and 2149hrs

**Special Events: O.C. Air Show Rehearsal Day- Loud & Distracting!**

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Challenge—36<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> St.-1200hrs

US Marine Corps Pull-Up Challenge- Dorchester St.—1200hrs to 1800hrs

Play It Safe Tennis Tournament—OC Tennis Center, 61<sup>st</sup> St.—1300hrs to 1500hrs

Play It Safe Paintball and Tugos Pizza Eating Contest—OC Paintball--Rte. 50--2000hrs

### **Equipment Needs**

Please contact Sgt.  
Kauffman at Headquarters  
to make arrangements to  
discuss any equipment  
concerns.

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2011**

**OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation: Dorchester St. and Boardwalk—1100hrs**

*Priority will be given to those with the best late summer availability: Aug. 29 – Sept. 25*

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Four Days!

**Surfing Beaches:** 27<sup>th</sup> St/ Pyramid

**Tides:** High: 0346hrs and 1628hrs

Low: 0959hrs and 2254hrs

**Special Events: : O.C. Air Show—16<sup>th</sup> St. & Boardwalk-1200hrs to 1530hrs-Loud & Distracting!**

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Challenge—36<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> St.-1200hrs

Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge—Wicomico St. to N. Division St.—0800hrs to 1800hrs

US Marine Corps Pull-Up Challenge- Dorchester St.—1200hrs to 1800hrs

Play It Safe-Tye-Dye T-Shirt Design-OC Art league--94<sup>th</sup> St.—1000hrs to 1200hrs

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011**

**WEEKLY MEETING:** CONVENTION CENTER - 40TH STREET

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs—SRA I-Week 3 Probationary Evaluations Due at 1600hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

**CREW MEETING:** 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0830hrs

**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 0850hrs

**GENERAL MEETING:** 0855hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Three Days!

**Opportunity to Compete:** Captain George Schoepf Relay—7<sup>th</sup> St.—1000hrs—See P. 8 for more info.

**Surfing Beaches:** 25<sup>th</sup> St/ 94<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0446hrs and 1725hrs

Low: 1055hrs and 2357hrs

**Special Events: O.C. Air Show—16<sup>th</sup> St. & Boardwalk-1200hrs to 1530hrs-Loud & Distracting!**

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Challenge—36<sup>th</sup> to 38<sup>th</sup> St.-1200hrs

Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge—Wicomico St. to N. Division St.—0800hrs to 1800hrs

US Marine Corps Pull-Up Challenge- Dorchester St.—1200hrs to 1800hrs

Play It Safe Karaoke Competition—Dorchester St.—1800hrs

Play It Safe at Trimper's--Roller Coaster Ride Only-2000hrs tom 2200hrs

## **MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011**

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** Two Days!

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet/ 23<sup>rd</sup> St/ 92<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0543hrs and 1819hrs

Low: 1151hrs

**Special Events: Play It Safe Windsurfing—48<sup>th</sup> St. Water Sports Center—1000hrs**

Play It Safe Kayak Relays—48<sup>th</sup> St. Water Sports Center—1600hrs

Play It Safe Moonlight Bowling—Ocean Lanes—72<sup>nd</sup> St.—2100hrs

Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Old Pro Golf—68<sup>th</sup> St—2200hrs

**Important Reminder!**

**This is a copy of the Parking Policy that you signed during registration. Your initials next to the policy indicates your acceptance of it. Do not violate the parking policy.**

**19. Parking:** The Town of Ocean City **does** allow employee parking for Beach Patrol SRTs and SBFs, on duty, in municipal lots, provided you display an official OCBP issued parking permit. ON STREET parking is not included, you must pay to park. Park your vehicle legally at all times. Do not park in any red zone, block a hydrant or a driveway, or park in any private property without the owner's consent. Most property owners and condominiums issue a parking permit. Without displaying this permit, any owner in that building can have your vehicle towed. **Identifying your vehicle as belonging to a Beach Patrol employee to avoid paying a parking fee is absolutely in violation of Town and Beach Patrol policy.**

**FYI: NEXT MEETING:**

**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011—Weekly Meeting Moves to Monday**

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

**CREW MEETING:** 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule and assignments, information from Crew Chief)

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0830hrs

**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 0850hrs

**GENERAL MEETING:** 0855hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 2-** Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training  
Featured Training: Distressed Victim

**UPCOMING 2011 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**

June 5	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 10	Pay Day
June 11	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test
June 12	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 12	Captain Schoepf Relay Swim
June 15-June 17	OCBPSRA Events
June 19-26	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 19	Assateague Assault Sprint Triathlon
June 20	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays--Convention Center
June 21-June 24	OCBPSRA Events
June 23	JBP Instructor Training--HQ--1815hrs
June 24	Pay Day
June 25	CC Requalification-0830hrs
June 27-July 2	Veteran Re-certification
July 2	SRA 2 Supper Seminar
July 5 & 6	Veteran Re-certification
July 7	Rookie Graduation—0730hrs
July 9	OCBP Group Picture Day
July 9	Captain Craig Swim
July 13	USLA Mid-Atlantics-OC, MD
July 21-24	Dew Tour-Pier—N. Division-OC, MD



See daily updates and photos.

Search "Beach Patrol."  
Look for the OCBP logo and click on



100 monthly active users--10 since last week

83 people like this—4 since last week

27 wall posts or comments this week—  
21 since last week

94 visits this week—32 since last week

**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

Play It Safe Events	May 31-June 17	Various Times and Places	www.playitsafeoceancity.com
Ocean City Restaurant Week	June 5-June 19		www.oceancityrestaurantweek.com
Longboard Challenge	June 10-12		
OC Air Show	June 11-12	1200hrs to 1530hrs	16 <sup>th</sup> St & Boardwalk
O.C. Car & Truck Show	June 11-12	1000hrs to 2200hrs	Convention Center
OC 5 Mile Boardwalk Run	June 18	0700hrs	N. Division St.
MD Firemen's Parade	June 22	1300hrs	Inlet to 9 <sup>th</sup> St.
4th of July in OC	July 4	2000hrs	N. Division St/Northside Park
Dew Tour-Pier-N.Division-OC, MD	July 21-24		



**CODE OF THE  
TOWN OF  
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND  
Codified through  
Ord. No. 2007-4, enacted February 5, 2007.  
Supplement No. 13  
ARTICLE III.  
BEACH REGULATIONS  
DIVISION 2.  
BEACH ACTIVITIES**

**Sec. 106-92. Definitions.**

**Animal.** Any living organism, excluding human beings, wild fowl, wild marine organisms and other similar wild organisms. The term "animal" specifically includes any and all domestic pets, household or otherwise.

**Ball playing.** The throwing, kicking, hitting or slinging of any object or otherwise causing any object to become airborne or to traverse a portion of the beach as a result of being thrown, kicked, hit, slung, etc.

**Boogie board.** A flexible, semi-soft, buoyant, semi-curved object, no longer than 3 1/2 feet (42 inches) and no wider than two feet (24 inches) and no thicker than four inches, made of a closed-cell polyethylene foam and possibly but not always having a smooth plastic layer attached to the bottom and without rigid or semi-rigid attachments or protrusions for aid in steering or movements which serve as a rudder and commonly referred to as "skegs."

**Patrolman.** Any person employed by Ocean City as a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol (SRTs and SBFs).

**Skimboard.** A plastic board or "other object" used to glide, slide, or skim across the water with a person standing thereon.

**Surfboard.** Any object of rigid or semirigid construction, noninflatable, including, but not necessarily limited to, surfboards, bellyboards, paddleboards, etc., constructed or partially constructed of wood, plastic, fiberglass, styrofoam or similar foam substances, or any other similar substances, or combination thereof, but not including surf mats and boogie boards.

**Watercraft.** Any water vessel, whether powered or propelled by human power, sail power or motorized engine power, including but not limited to boats, kayaks, canoes, jet skis, surf skis and wave runners, excepting boogie boards, surfboards, surf mats, inflatable soft plastic or rubber flotation devices or Ocean City Beach Patrol surf rescue units.

**OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List**

Whistles \$5.00  
Lanyards \$6.00  
Buoy Key Chains \$4.00  
Car window sticker Ocean City Beach Patrol \$2.00  
Beach Patrol Logo Tattoos \$.25  
Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts \$10.00  
Sweatshirts Adult \$30.00  
Child \$25.00  
Captain Craig T-Shirts \$10.00  
Long-sleeved T-shirts \$15.00  
Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00  
Swim Caps \$5.00

Week 1 Stats-May 28 to May 29	
Preventions	2329
Rescues	84
Minor First Aid	28
Ambulance Calls	3
Police Calls	2
USCG/MDNRP	0
Lost/Found Persons	26
Beach Wheelchairs	7

Week 2 Stats-May 30 to June 3	
Preventions	NA
Rescues	97
Minor First Aid	15
Ambulance Calls	4
Police Calls	2
USCG/MDNRP	0
Lost/Found Persons	2
Beach Wheelchairs	5

### 2011 OCBPSRA Events



June 15--2 Mile Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs  
 June 16--2 Person Rescue-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs  
 June 16--200M Sprint-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs  
 June 17-Run-Swim-Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs  
 June 21--1 Mile Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs.  
 June 22-Paddleboard & Landline-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs  
 June 23-JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1815 hrs  
 June 24-1 Mile Swim-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs

### 2011 Officers

Unit 2- Captain Butch Arbin  
 Unit 3- Lt. Mike Stone  
 Unit 4- Lt. Wes Smith  
 Unit 5- 1st Lt. Skip Lee  
 Unit 6- Lt. Ward Kovacs  
 Unit 7- Sgt. Ryan Cowder  
 Unit 8- Sgt. Tim Uebel  
 Unit 9- Sgt. Ed Fisher  
 Unit 10- Sgt. Rick Cawthern  
 Unit 11- Sgt. Marc Bouloucon  
 Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard  
 Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon  
 Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Kauffman  
 Unit 16-Sgt. Steve Fowler  
 Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz  
 Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell

### OCBP Office Assistants

Debi Tyler  
 Stella Malone  
 Kristin Joson

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### 2011 Competition Schedule

#### June

22--Rehoboth Ocean Series  
 27--Ocean City Paddle  
 29--North Bethany

#### July

6--Sea Colony  
 9--Captain Craig Swim  
 13--USLA Regionals (Ocean City, MD)  
 15--Iron Guard  
 18--Dewey Beach Ocean Series  
 20--USLA Regionals (Cape May, NJ)  
 22--Fenwick Ultimate  
 23--Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run  
 25--USLA Regionals Junior Lifeguard (Sea Girt, J)  
 25--Bethany Beach (Ocean Series)  
 27--All Women's (Sandy Hook, NJ)  
 28--Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics

#### August

1--Rehoboth Junior Lifeguard  
 3, 4, 5, 6--USLA Nationals--(Cape May, NJ)  
 11--Middlesex (12<sup>th</sup> Rain Date)  
 14--OCBP Triathlon

Crew	2011 Crew Chiefs	Assistant Crew Chiefs
1	Ben Davis	Emanuelle Oulette
2	Damien Sanzotti	Brooke Witherow
3	Aaron Steely	Sean Nugent
4	Joe Osborn	Chad Miller
5	Alex Desy	Christian Castaneda
6	Jason Konyar	Rich Devine
7	Dan Pogonowski	Rob Fox
8	Jon Clouser	Mitch Witherow
9	James McVey	Jake Ritter
10	Dustin Stokes	Will Wilkinson
11	Mark Muller	Max Posner
12	Steve DeKemper	Samantha McElvaney
13	Dave Haight	Luce Bedard
14	Adam Atwood	Pete Schonk
15	Travis Wagner	Nick Sakell
16	Garrett Lee	Kelly McGrath
17	Jake Foy	Jay Kleman

## **OCBP Question-of-the-Week for The Worcester County Times**

The newspaper is published on Thursdays.

### **Last Week's Question: Lifeguards don't go on duty until May 28. Why do I see them running up and down the beach with their buoys before then?**

The beach patrol starts recruiting for the next season at the end of July in the prior year and then throughout the winter. Once a candidate passes the rigorous physical test to become a surf rescue technician, the Ocean City Beach Patrol provides training for the job during surf rescue academy. The lifeguards you see on the beach during this time are in one of the training academies that we offer. They are called probationary SRTs, and are taught all necessary skills, techniques, procedures and protocols of the beach patrol.

This is an eight-day, paid training program conducted by beach patrol instructors with support from other public safety agencies, followed by three weeks of supervised, on-the-job probation. When you see an SRT guarding your beach after May 29, you can feel confident that they have been through one of the most rigorous testing and training programs in the nation.

Our veteran guards are also required to pass a drug test, re-qualify in physical skills and complete re-certification and update training each season. If you or someone you know would like to work for OCBP as a surf rescue technician, there will be a pre-employment physical skills test on June 12. Once a candidate passes the skills test they will receive an appointment to a paid surf rescue academy where all training and certification will be provided. For more information, visit the OCBP website at [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp).

### **This Week's Question: Why do the lifeguards make people leave the beach when it is just thundering or a little bit of lightning?**

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is in constant contact with the weather service and is aware of the current weather situation at all times. Many times weather conditions vary from one end of Ocean City to the other. It can be sunny and mild in the south by the boardwalk and lightening and showers just 9 miles north. In fact, there are many documented cases throughout the country of people being hit by lightning while the sun is shining (called a bolt from the blue).

The beach patrol is not only in constant contact with the weather service, but they have constant communication with each other up and down the beach as well. The beach patrol, like other modern emergency services, relies on two-way radio systems. However, they still use two systems that do not rely on any technology: whistle blasts and semaphore. The beach patrol's primary concern is your safety and will clear the beaches if it is not safe. There have been at least 10 documented cases of people who have been struck by lightning while on the beach (not in the water). While vacationing on the beaches in OC you may or may not notice the lifeguards communicating with each other, but please heed their warnings and leave the beach if asked to do so even if you do not see lightening. Due to constant monitoring of the weather and their communication systems, they are aware of dangers that you might not be able to see. A beach is listed as one of the most vulnerable places to be during an electrical storm, according to weather researchers.

To get current information about the beach patrol as well as daily stats and current beach conditions, you can follow the beach patrol on Twitter or "like us" on the Official OCBP Facebook page. We can't wait to be a part of your wonderful experiences in Ocean City, because we are glad you are here, and always remember to "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!"

**From:** Sean Ganley

**Sent:** Monday, May 30, 2011 3:51 PM

To whom it may concern:

This weekend could have been every parents worst nightmare for my husband and I, and the family we were traveling with. As we are not regular Ocean City beach goers, we decided to brave the crowds and accept an invitation from friends to spend the Memorial Day weekend with them at the beach. On Saturday, we were on the beach at 94th Street. The parents sat on the beach and watched our kids play in the surf. We were relaxed and enjoying the beautiful weather. Between the two families, we have two 11 year old boys. We must have watched them for at least 45 minutes as they pretended to "face down" each wave. The boys were about waist deep in the water and were about 50/50 in their game of "you can't knock me down". As my friend and were chatting, I heard the lifeguard blow the whistle several times. I immediately checked the boys and they were still in the same spot. The longer I looked at the lifeguard, the more I became convinced that she was blowing the whistle at our boys. I couldn't imagine what they had done wrong or what rule they might have been breaking. All looked fine to me. But, when I realized she meant our boys, I immediately got up and started toward the water. As I crossed the twenty or so yards to the water, it became increasingly obvious that the boys were separating in the water. In what seemed like seconds, my son was in the water less than waist deep but his friend was struggling.

The lifeguard later explained that it was a "flash rip current". As a parent, when you see your child in trouble, it goes against every fiber of your being to not get to your child as quickly as possible. The female lifeguard stopped us just as a male lifeguard entered the water in a blur. The female lifeguard was calm, friendly, and so reassuring. The male lifeguard was so diligent. Initially, he tried to hand the boy "the orange thing" but quickly realized that the boy was losing strength. The lifeguard held onto him until he was in his parents arms.

When it was over, we thanked both lifeguards. As parents, you are ill equipped to thank someone for your childs life at the moment of "panic", but you mean it like you've never meant a "thank you" before. Both lifeguards were very "all in a days work" about the whole thing.

To the lifeguards that were there, Thank you for your foresight, your knowledge and your skill. The female lifeguard saw trouble coming before we did and was blowing the whistle to bring the boys in closer to the shore. The male lifeguard was moving past us in the surf before we even knew he was there.

I can't say for an absolute certainty that it would have ended in tragedy but I know that the lifeguards on duty prevented me having to consider that possibility.

With gratitude and respect,  
Natalie Ganley



### Annual Captain George A. Schoepf Memorial Relay

**Sunday, June 12, 2010**

**Run-Swim-Run Begins at 7<sup>th</sup> St. 1030hrs**

**Run South to Rockpile**

**Swim North to 146<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Run South to 7<sup>th</sup> St.**

Captain Schoepf served as Captain of the Ocean City Beach Patrol from 1987-1996; although his leadership role on the beach patrol was quite extensive, beginning with his appointment as "Assistant" to Captain Craig in the late 1960s. Every year in June, in honor of his many years of service to the OCBP a relay is held where a classic steel rescue buoy is passed along by alumni guards and current lifeguards. The relay begins at 7<sup>th</sup> street, Captain Schoepf's old stand and Street, with a run to the end of Ocean City followed by a swim the entire length of Ocean City where it is swam back into the beach and run back to the starting point at 7<sup>th</sup> street. The direction of the relay is contingent on the direction of the ocean current on the morning of the relay. Sergeants and crew chiefs on quads cover each stand as each SRT takes a turn running or swimming the buoy along the beach toward the inlet or the Delaware line (depending on the current that day). This honorary relay begins with a prayer and has been led off by various people that have been influenced by Captain Schoepf such as his daughter, his wife, as well as former beach patrol members that served under him. This year 2 of Schoepf's grandsons will begin the running leg of the relay. This relay is open to the Ocean City Beach Patrol as well as anyone that has worked for the beach patrol in the past or has a personal connection to Captain Schoepf. The relay takes place during the regular workday beginning at 10:00 am. Visitors to Ocean City have enjoyed watching this relay as the vintage buoy travels up the beach and then back down in the ocean with the many exchanges along the way. It usually takes approximately 5 hours for the buoy to make the full circle from 7<sup>th</sup> street and back.

#### Background Information on Captain Schoepf:

In 1950 George Schoepf applied for a job and was tested thoroughly by Captain Craig. After serving admirably for a couple of years, he was advanced to Sergeant, then to Lieutenant. Ocean City had grown by expanding the city limits from 15th Street to 24th Street, then to 41st Street and finally to the Delaware State line, a distance of ten miles. Obviously, the Patrol had to be increased to cover the additional distances and greater influx of visitors. Additional supervision was also needed. With the approval of the Mayor and City Council, a new position was created to be designated "Assistant to the Captain". It was his idea to divide the Patrol into crews. The idea of an annual crew competition was also Captain Schoepf's. The competition was good public relations with the visitors who had a chance to see the various abilities of the guards in running and swimming. In 1980 the Ocean City Beach Patrol formed a local chapter of the United States Life Saving Association. Three years later under the direction of Chapter president George Schoepf the Ocean City chapter began hosting regional life guarding competitions. Captain Schoepf was given the complete responsibility for setting up and running the USLA Mid-Atlantic Championships and he did the job extremely well. When Craig retired in 1987, Schoepf was appointed Captain by the Mayor and City Council. He served the Town of Ocean City well for over 40 years.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Insurance</b>	<b>X-Ray</b>	<b>Hours</b>
West OC Injury & Illness Center	410-213-0119	Yes	Yes	Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm Sat 9am – 1 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Street Medical Center	410-289-0065	Locals only	Yes	8am – 6pm every day
63 <sup>rd</sup> Street Medical Center	410-524-9355	No	No	9am – 5pm every day
75 <sup>th</sup> Street Medical Center	410-524-0075	No	Yes	8am – Midnight every day



**Keep your feet in the sand,  
until the lifeguard's in the stand!**

