



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 18, 2011 to September 25, 2011

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers —3rd St. —1st Floor—0830hrs

Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter through rear of the building.

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012 ***

Tides: High: 1200hrs

Low: 0535hrs and 1827hrs

Special Events: Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show—Convention Center—1100hrs to 1700hrs

OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1100hrs to 1700hrs

For safety purposes, continue to enforce surfing policies regarding leashes and separation from swimmers

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 2415hrs and 1249hrs

Low: 0623hrs and 1

SURF FISHING AND CASTING
Sec. 106-131. Public beach
restrictions.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to surf fish, surf cast or practice surf fishing or surf casting on the public beaches within the corporate limits of Ocean City between Friday of Memorial Day weekend to September 30 of each and every year, both days inclusive, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, except by permission from the Mayor and Council, within 50 yards of swimmers or persons in bathing attire lying, sitting, walking, surfing or standing on any part of said public beaches or areas adjacent thereto within the corporate limits of Ocean City.

(Code 1972, § 28-9)

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/19/2011	Tuesday 9/20/2011	Wednesday 9/21/2011	Thursday 9/22/2011	Friday 9/23/2011	Saturday 9/24/2011	Sunday 9/25/2011	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
								Totals

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0105hrs and 1346hrs

Low: 0716hrs and 2017hrs

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0205hrs and 1447hrs

Low: 0815hrs and 2115hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0309hrs and 1548hrs

Low: 0916hrs and 2212hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 2200hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—1st St. to 6th St.—0900hrs to 2100hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011—*First Day of Autumn*

Officer-in-Charge: *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0411hrs and 1644hrs

Low: 1017hrs and 2306hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 2200hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—1st St. to 6th St.—0900hrs to 2100hrs

The Exiting Process

Reminder!

Make sure that you have completed and turned in all necessary paperwork, equipment, and/or provided the required official documentation before leaving.

If you have not already done so, bring the following to Headquarters:

- Notification of Last Day Agreement
- Official Documentation of your Next Commitment
- All Uniforms and Equipment
- Fall Employment Agreement

2011 W-2 Forms

The Town of Ocean City will send your W-2 form to the permanent address on record for you. This is the address that is printed on your paycheck. W-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2012. If you need to make any changes and/or adjustments, you must fill out a change of address form and submit it to the City Hall Human Resources department by January 1, 2012.

1. Contact Dolores in the City Hall Human Resources
410-289-8822

~and~

2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email
ocbp@oceancitymd.gov
with any changes.
This is Very Important

Winter Mailings

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2012 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided, as well as to the email address you provided in May. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office--either in person or by e-mail.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0507hrs and 1737hrs

Low: 1117hrs and 2357hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 2200hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—1st St. to 6th St.—0900hrs to 2100hrs

Beach Wedding—118th St.—1200hrs

Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach—2nd to 3rd St.—1600hrs to 1700hrs

Opportunity

Interested in becoming certified by the National Aquarium as a Marine Mammal Rescue Responder? One class will take place in Ocean City this fall, and we *may* try to arrange a class in the Baltimore area (depending on interest). Contact Unit 13, Sgt. Falcon, at jfalcon465@yahoo.com for more information.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011—End of Pay Period

Last Day of Guarding the Beach for 2011

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers —3rd St. —1st Floor

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OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2012

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect until 2012***

Tides: High: 0559hrs and 1827hrs

Low: 1214hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 1800hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—1st St. to 6th St.—0900hrs to 2100hrs

Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach—2nd-3rd St.—1300hrs to 1400hrs

**Last General Meeting of the Season
Sea you next year!**



Monday, May 28, 2012
OC Convention Center—8:00 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

First Day of Emergency Response Coverage—Those involved have been notified.

Fall Close Down Begins

Reminder:

All equipment must be returned by Sunday evening, or it will be deducted from your last paycheck!!! Once deducted, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.

UPCOMING 2011 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 25	Last Day of 2011 Season
Sept. 26	First Day of Extended Patrol
October	Dive Team—Eastern Bay
TBD	National Aquarium Fish Feeding Dive—Baltimore
April 21-22	Two-Day Guarding Weekend/Evening Dives—Ft. Lauderdale, FL
May 28	Memorial Day—1 st Day of 2012 Summer Season

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Sunfest	Sept. 22-25	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 2200hrs
Park Place Jewelers Beach Treasure Hunt	Sept. 22-25	2 nd -3 rd St.	1600hrs-1700hrs/1300hr-1400hrs
Winefest	Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Inlet Lot	1100hrs to 1900hrs
Harbor Day at the Docks	Oct. 1	Sunset Ave.	1000hrs to 1700hrs
OC Coin & Currency Show	Oct. 1-2	Convention Center	1000hrs to 1700hrs
Oktoberfest	Oct. 14-15	40 th St.	1100hrs to 2300hrs
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	Oct. 15	5 th St & Boardwalk	0900hrs

Stats.	Week 16 9/5/11 to 9/11/11	Week 17 Year-To- Date 2011	Week 16 9/6/10 to 9/12/10	Week 17 Year-To- Date 2010	Week 17 9/7/09 to 9/13/09	Week 17 Year-To- Date 2009
Action						
Preventions	NA	79739	NA	73219	881	69523
Rescues	203	1594	4	3130	71	3399
Minor First Aid	NA	1954	NA	1937	4	1445
Ambulance Calls	6	304	2	229	11	269
Police Calls	1	76	2	74	3	80
USCG/MDNRP	1	9	0	10	0	5
Lost/Found Persons	2	557	6	594	26	695
N. Surf Beach Population	7	818	NA	1459	N/A	629
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	2598	NA	3233	N/A	4414
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	820	NA	1936	N/A	1046
Beach Wheelchair Usage	1	453	1	441	17	420

Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each person's summative performance rating. Employee commendations, incidents, responsibility for equipment, amount of time worked, amount of time taken off, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel. Following through with what you told us is critical and will affect your ability to return. Only once a full and complete assessment is made will a final recommendation be made to the Captain regarding an employee's status for the next season.

All letters will be sent out by April 1 indicating your final evaluation and status for re-employment.

If you need to know your status before this time, you can contact HQ after November 1.

OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

- Classic Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts-navy collar \$10.00
- Grey T-shirts-\$10.00
- Tie Dye T-shirts-L/XL-\$15.00
- Adult Sweatshirts-with OCBP on front & logo on back-\$30.00
- Adult Sweatshirts with-logo on back only-\$25.00
- Sweatpants \$20.00
- Captain Craig T-Shirts \$10.00
- Beige Long-sleeved T-shirts \$15.00
- Whistles \$5.00
- Lanyards \$6.00
- Red SRT Lanyards-\$5.00
- Buoy Key Chains \$4.00
- "Only God Saves More Lives"-\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
- OCBP stickers-\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
- Ocean City Beach Patrol car window sticker \$2.00
- Beach Patrol Logo Tattoos \$.25
- Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00
- Swim Caps \$5.00
- CDs-\$5.00



Follow the OCBP on Twitter!

If you send a text message saying "Follow OCBP_HQ" to 40404, the tweets will appear as text messages on your cell phone. Tides & surf beaches go out prior to 1000hrs daily. You can also tell beach patrons. Even if they don't really use Twitter, they can still get the messages on their cell (TXT rates apply).



Follow the Beach Patrol on Facebook

Go to www.ococean.com/ocbp

Click on



See daily updates, safety tips, and photos.

Mobile Rescue Units

- Mobile means MOVING! Do not become stationary unless your assignment requires it.
- Two or more quads should never congregate. This reduces the overall coverage of the beach.
- Your primary responsibility requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform dispatch of "ALL" your actions.. they need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it.. It needs to be readily available in an emergency.
- Perform Rescues if and when necessary.
- Back up SRTs making rescues in your area of responsibility or as directed by dispatch.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by dispatch.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel enforcing all policies and procedures.
- Assist with moving rovers when appropriate and circumstances permit.
- Patrol in your area of responsibility assisting the SRTs especially between stands and including ordinance enforcement.

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

Last Week's Question: I went to the beach the day after Hurricane Irene and there were no lifeguards or stands. The Beach Patrol on the four-wheelers were not allowing any swimmers in the ocean at all yet I saw surfers out in the ocean. The weather seemed like it was a great beach day and I was surprised I wasn't even allowed to go wading. Why?

After Hurricane Irene passed, the ocean was not as dangerous as we would typically expect following a tropical storm (hurricane) event and the beach was left in unbelievably great condition with a gradual slope and plenty of beach still remaining. With 85 percent of our 200 personnel living over 100 miles away and being evacuated along with all others including many lifeguards that had already returned to school, we were unable to provide adequate protection to safeguard swimmers or others wishing to venture into the ocean. As the town went into a re-entry mode after Irene, it took most of the day to get the lifeguards back into town and the stands back on the beach. All available staff members were placed on mobile vehicles to replace the stands that had been moved away and to assist with informing the public to remain out of the ocean. In this case we did not have enough surf rescue technicians to adequately protect the public on Sunday afternoon, when the weather broke, to safely guard all 10 miles of beach. We returned to normal operation for this time of year by 10 a.m. Monday.

Surfers were allowed in the ocean on that day, because a surfboard gives flotation and the people who usually have this type of equipment are generally far more experienced. The extra flotation makes it safer for these individuals to enjoy their sport while providing additional assistance should a beach patron disregard the warnings of the beach patrol and find themselves being pulled away from the beach in a rip current. Typically surfers have the experience and skills to keep themselves out of danger compared to the typical tourist who buys a boogie board at a sundry shop and has little to no knowledge of the ocean.

This is typically the time of year that Ocean City experiences an increase in the volume and size of waves due to tropical activity in the Atlantic. August and September are traditionally our large surf months, producing larger waves, dangerous rip currents and hazardous shorebreak. Larger waves bring more water into shore, which has to escape out through the rips, meaning that rip currents become larger, longer, faster moving and deadlier. This is exactly what happens this time of the year as hurricanes pass through the mid Atlantic region and is currently happening as more tropical systems develop in the Atlantic.

As these systems move closer to our coast, the impact becomes greater and the potential for dangerous conditions becomes more likely. On an occasion we will have a high tide which occurs with a 4-6 foot wave height and occasional 8-foot swells that will break right on the beach. This is the wave's impact zone and when waves break on the beach we call it shore break. As a result it can become unsafe for anyone to be in the impact zone (wading to waist deep). Additionally as the tide recedes going to low this is the perfect recipe for the most dangerous rip activity. For this reason when there is no safe area for the general public to enjoy the ocean, OCBP will limit water activity, rather than risk harm to our visitors.

2011-2012 Off-Season Contact Information

The following numbers and addresses will ensure that you have all available means to communicate with the OCBP.

Keep this page available for future reference.

Ocean City Beach Patrol P.O. Box 158 Ocean City, MD 21843 410-289-7556 Rec. & Parks: 410-250-0125	Captain Butch Arbin 134 Quail Lane La Plata, MD 20646 240-349-2834 barbin@oceancitymd.gov.com barbin@ococean.com
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Lt. Skip Lee Lt. Wes Smith: Lt. Mike Stone: Lt. Ward Kovacs: Sgt. Ryan Cowder Sgt. Tim Uebel: Sgt. Ed Fisher: Sgt. Rick Cawthern: Sgt. Marc Bouloucon: Sgt. Brent Weingard: Sgt. Jamie Falcon Sgt. Colby Kauffman: Sgt. Steve Fowler Sgt. Jeff Brabitz Sgt. Mat Postell Debi Tyler Stella Malone Kristin Joson	slee@oceancitymd.gov wsmith@oceancitymd.gov mstone@oceancitymd.gov wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov rcowder@oceancitymd.gov tuebel@oceancitymd.gov efisher@oceancitymd.gov rcawthern@oceancitymd.gov mbouloucon@oceancitymd.gov bweingard@oceancitymd.gov jfalcon@oceancitymd.gov ckauffman@oceancitymd.gov sfowler@oceancitymd.gov jbrabitz@oceancitymd.gov mpostell@oceancitymd.gov dtyler@oceancitymd.gov smalone@oceancitymd.gov kjoson@oceancitymd.gov	ocbp55@comcast.net wes@miami.edu mkstone13@hotmail.com ryancowder@hotmail.com timtubal@gmail.com Edward_Fisher@fc.mcps.k12.md.us surfrac@comcast.com mbouloucon@hotmail.com hairear@aol.com jfalcon465@yahoo.com colbykauffman@yahoo.com sfowler85@gmail.com brabitzj@yahoo.com gpostell@aacps.org debiocbp@aol.com bystarlight@verizon.net kjoson@ccboe.com
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**Keep your feet in the sand,
until the lifeguard's in the stand!**

