



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK OF JUNE 3, 2012 to JUNE 10, 2012

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012—End of Pay Period

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court

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: SRA I-PSRT Eval.— Week 1 Due at 1800hrs

Workout: Swim

Surfing Beaches: 22nd St./91st St.

Tides: High: 0653hrs

Low: 1301hrs

Special Events: Marines Pull-up Challenge—Dorchester St.

Play It Safe Karaoke—Dorchester St. Boardwalk—1800hrs to 2000hrs

Play It Safe Trimper's Roller Coaster—2000hrs to 2200hrs

Beach Lights Spectacular—N. Division St.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

Don't forget that next week the
Weekly Meeting moves to
Monday, June 11



SUMMER THANKS OCEAN CITY, MD

Our way of saying thanks – with sweet beach savings!

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 6/4/2012	Tuesday 6/5/2012	Wednesday 6/6/2012	Thursday 6/7/2012	Friday 6/8/2012	Saturday 6/9/2012	Sunday 6/10/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Starts in One Week!

Workout: Run

Surfing Beaches: Inlet /20th St./89th St.

Tides: High: 0748hrs

Low: 1355hrs

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

Play It Safe Kayak Relays—48th St. Water Sports Center—1600hrs

Play It Safe Moonlight Bowling—Ocean Lanes—72nd St.—2100hrs

Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Old Pro Golf—68th St.—2200hrs

Beach Lights Spectacular—Northside Park.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Starts on June 11th!

Workout: Swim

Surfing Beaches: Inlet/ 18th St/ 87thSt.

Tides: High: 0842hrs

Low: 1447hrs

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

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

Play It Safe Pizza & Dance Party—Pizza Tugos Rte. 50 W.O.C.—2200hrs

Beach Fireworks—N. Division St.—2230hrs

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2012

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Soon!

Workout: Run

Surfing Beaches: Inlet/ 16thSt/ 85th St.

Tides: High: 0936hrs

Low: 1540hrs

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

Play It Safe 3-on3 Basketball Tournament—Northside Park—1900hrs

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Close!

Workout: Swim

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 14th St/ 83rd St.

Tides: High: 1030hrs

Low: 1635hrs

Special Events: **O.C. Air Show Rehearsal Day—1100hrs to 1700hrs**

Play It Safe Dodgeball—Northside Park, 125th St.--2000hrs to 2200hrs

Play It Safe Laser Tag/Mini Golf/Rock Climbing—Planet Maze, 33rd St.—2300hrs to 0100hrs

2012 Officers

Unit 2- Captain Butch Arbin
Unit 3- Lt. Mike Stone
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. James McVey
Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
Unit 14- Sgt. Mark Kaulffman
Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Kauffman
Unit 16-Sgt. Steve Fowler
Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
Unit 18- Sgt. Ben Davis
Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell
Unit 20- Sgt. Jason Konyar

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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 8, 2012—PAY DAY

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Closer!

Workout: Run

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 12^h St/ 81st St.

Tides: High: 1123hrs

Low: 1731hrs

Special Events: O.C. Air Show Practice Day— Loud & Distracting!

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Team Challenge—36th to 38th St.-0900hrs

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

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

Play It Safe Buccaneer's Booty Miniature Golf, 146th St.—1300hrs—1500hrs

Play It Safe Paintball—OC Paintball--Rte. 50--2000hrs



2012 OCBP Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Kevin Johnson
Crew 2	Liz Vander Clute
Crew 3	Jacob Ritter
Crew 4	Gregory Evanoff
Crew 5	Alex Desy
Crew 6	Kelly McGrath
Crew 7	Mitch Witherow
Crew 8	Jon Clouser
Crew 9	Dustin Stokes
Crew 10	Harrison Fisher
Crew 11	Damien Sanzotti
Crew 12	Steve DeKemper
Crew 13	Dave Haight
Crew 14	Adam Atwood
Crew 15	Travis Wagner
Crew 16	Dan Pogonowski
Crew 17	Jake Foy

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012

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

Priority will be given to those with the best late summer availability: Aug. 27 – Sept. 23

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Two Days!

Workout: Swim

Surfing Beaches: 10^h St/ 79th St.

Tides: High: 1217hrs

Low: 1829hrs

Special Events: ESA Surfing Contest—48th St.—0600hrs to 1900hrs

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Team Challenge—36th to 38th St.-0900hrs

Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge—Dorchester St. to Caroline St.—0800hrs to 1800hrs

O.C. Car & Truck Show-O.C. Convention Center—1000hrs

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

O.C. Air Show—1200hrs to 1600hrs—Loud & Distracting!

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

Play It Safe Pizza Eating Contest—Pizza Tugos Rte. 50 W.O.C.—1400hrs

Equipment Needs

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2012—Flag Day

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Tomorrow!

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

Workout: Run

Surfing Beaches: 8th St/ 77thSt.

Tides: High: 1313hrs

Low: 0711hrs

Special Events: ESA Surfing Contest—48th St.—0600hrs to 1900hrs

Surfrider Foundation Longboard Team Challenge—36th to 38th St.-1200hrs

Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge—Dorchester St. to Caroline St.—0800hrs to 1800hrs

O.C. Car & Truck Show-O.C. Convention Center—1000hrs

O.C. Air Show –1200hrs to 1600hrs—Loud & Distracting!

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

Play It Safe Karaoke—Dorchester St.—1800hrs

Beach Lights Spectacular—N. Division St.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

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

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court

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: Quad Recert.—130th St. –1800hrs

Workout: swim

Opportunity to Compete: None

Surfing Beaches: 6th St/ 75thSt.

Tides: High: 1411hrs

Low: 2001hrs

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

Play It Safe Kayak Relays—48th St. Water Sports Center—1600hrs

Play It Safe Moonlight Bowling—Ocean Lanes—72nd St.—2100hrs

Play It Safe Miniature Golf—Old Pro Golf—68th St—2200hrs

Beach Lights Spectacular—Northside Park.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs



UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

June 8	Pay Day
June 9	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test
June 10	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 10	Captain Schoepf Relay Swim
June 11	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays--Convention Center
June 11-June 27	OCBPSRA Events
June 17-24	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 22	Pay Day
June 23	CC Requalification-0830hrs
June 26	Women's Dinner
June 21 & 27	JBP Instructor Training--HQ--1815hrs
June 25-July 3 & 14	Veteran Re-certification
June 30	SRA 2 Supper Seminar
July 5	Rookie Graduation—0730hrs
July 11	USLA Mid-Atlantics-Rehoboth
July 14	OCBP Group Picture Day
July 14	Captain Craig Swim
July 28	OCBP 2012 Crew Comps
Aug. 4	OCBP Triathlon
Aug. 11	OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test
Aug. 16-19	Dew Tour-Pier—N. Division-OC, MD
Aug. 18	OCBP Annual Awards Dinner

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Play It Safe Events	May 31-June 19	Various Times and Places	www.playitsafeoceancity.com
ESA Surf Series	June 9-10	0700hrs	Inlet or 48 th St.
O.C. Car & Truck Show	June 9-10	1000hrs to 2200hrs	Convention Center
OC Air Show	June 9-11	1200hrs to 1530hrs	16 th St & Boardwalk
MD Firemen's Parade	June 17	1300hrs	Inlet to 9 th St.
4th of July in OC	July 4	2000hrs	N. Division St/Northside Park
Dew Tour-Pier-N.Division-OC, MD	Aug. 16-19		

There is a MARP volunteer event opportunity coming up for the Ocean City Shark Tourney on June 15-16th. If anyone is interested in helping out the Baltimore Aquarium on either of those days, please let Mike know. You will be assisting as a MARP volunteer but representing the OCBP.



BEACH MINISTRY TO BEGIN JUNE 11th

Beginning Monday, June 11th, an exciting new beach ministry will begin at 38th street in Ocean City at 6:15 pm. This inter-denominational ministry is open to the public, and families are encouraged to attend with children of all ages. There will be live music, followed by a short devotion. Then, attendees are invited to hang out together, surf, and play on the beach.

Many years ago, Michelle Sommers of Sommers Surf Lessons, was part of such a beach ministry in Ocean City. "I met many wonderful friends through this ministry, while deepening my own personal faith." Recognizing a need for this type of outreach, Michelle and Colby Nelson-Kauffman of the Ocean City Beach Patrol decided it was time to launch a similar ministry.

Both mothers love the ocean almost as much as they love their families and the Lord. "The beach is a great place to spread the Word of God because looking at the ocean, there's no denying the blessings that God has given each of us." says Sommers. "I've seen the positive influence that surfing and other beach activities can give to people. We will provide an atmosphere for everyone to feel comfortable, regardless of their age, background, or denomination." They are also looking for people to help share their stories of faith or give a message. For more information about the new ministry, contact Michelle at 410-251-8583 or Colby at 410-251-3500.



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.



Week 1 Stats-May 28 to May 29 2011		Week 1 Stats-May 26 to May 27 2012	
Preventions	2329	Preventions	1470
Rescues	84	Rescues	130
Minor First Aid	28	Minor First Aid	33
Ambulance Calls	3	Ambulance Calls	8
Police Calls	2	Police Calls	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	USCG/MDNRP	0
Lost/Found Persons	26	Lost/Found Persons	14
Beach Wheelchairs	7	Beach Wheelchairs	8



OCBPSRA Events



- June 11—Quad Recert.—130th St.—1800hrs
- June 13—Jet Drive Recert—HQ—1830hrs
- June 14—2 Person Rescue-130th St.-1815 hrs
- June 14—Beach Safety Seminar Training-HQ-1815hrs
- June 15—Run-Swim-Run-130th St.-1815 hrs
- June 16—Quad Recert-1830hrs-HQ
- June 18--200M Sprint-130th St.-1815 hrs
- June 19—1 Mile Run-130th St.-1815 hrs.
- June 19—Quad Cert-1830hrs-HQ
- June 20—2 Mile Run-130th St.-1815 hrs
- June 21—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830 hrs
- June 22—1 Mile Swim-130th St.-1815 hrs
- June 22—Landline-130th St-1815 hrs
- June 25—Jet Drive Certification-1830hrs
- June 27—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830 hrs

2012 Competition Schedule

June

- 10—Captain Schoepf Relay-
- 25—Rehoboth Ocean Series

July

- 2—Sea Colony Challenge
- 14—Captain Craig Swim
- 11—USLA Mid-Atlantics Non-Crafts – Rehoboth Beach, DE
- 16—Dewey Beach Ocean Series
- 18—USLA Mid-Atlantics Crafts – Long Branch, NJ
- 20—USLA Regionals (Cape May, NJ)
- 21—Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run
- 23—USLA Mid-Atlantics Junior Lifeguard (Sea Girt, J)
- 25—All Women's (Sandy Hook, NJ)
- 26—Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics
- 28—Crew Comps
- 30—Bethany Beach (Ocean Series)

August

- 6—Rehoboth Junior Lifeguard
- 9, 10, 11—USLA Nationals—Cape May, NJ
- 14—OCBP Triathlon
- 15—Middlesex BP Invitational

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
- Tye-Dyed T-shirts \$15.00
- Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00
- Swim Caps \$5.00
- OCBP Big White Towels \$15.00
- BP Bumper Stickers 3:00 / \$2 for 5.00
- New OCBP Oval Sticker \$2.00 / 3 for \$5.00



OCBP Question of the Week for The Worcester County Times

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is a division of the Department of Recreation and Parks in Ocean City, MD. The OCBP consists of over 200 men and women dedicated to ocean rescue and maintaining a safe and orderly environment along 10.5 miles of Ocean City's beautiful beaches. The Surf Rescue Technicians (SRTs) guard the beach seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. –5:30 p.m. While on duty they often get questions from beach goers. The following is our "Question of the Week." We hope sharing these questions and answers will help make your stay in Ocean City as safe and enjoyable as possible. Always remember, "Keep Your Feet in the Sand until the Lifeguard's in the Stand." If you would like to submit a question, simply ask a lifeguard at his or her stand or email your question to ocbp@ococean.com.

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!"

Meet the lifeguard: Sergeant Colby Kauffman

Colby has been with the Beach Patrol for 19 years. She received her promotion to sergeant in 1999. She currently oversees the equipment and uniform office. Colby is also a strong addition to our officer corps in starting up the women's competition team. She is an area supervisor in the south end of Ocean City. She is also a member of the Ocean City and Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department. Colby has two beautiful girls, Remy age 11 and Sadie who is almost 6.



From: Elizabeth Kreutzer
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2012 11:26 AM

We are on the beach at 136th street. The female lifeguard is amazing!!! She is truly paying attention to everyone and especially the young ones! We always watch the kids but it is great to have an extra pair of eyes! She is great at her job!

Kindly,
Elizabeth Kreutzer

From: preston charles [mailto:p_charles_2000@yahoo.com]

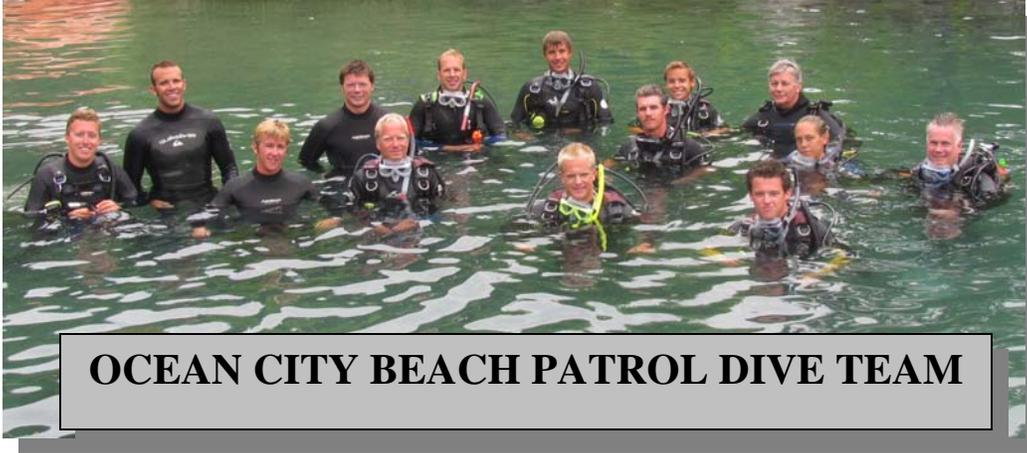
Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2012 7:14 PM

Dear Capt. Arbin,

Today we observed an amazing performance by a life guard. On Sunday, May 27, we were already on the beach when this life guard dragged the life guard chair to begin his day. We sat behind him and observed his interaction with swimmers, surfboarders, and all kinds of beachgoers. He was observant, constantly alert, and always proactive. We watched him leap into action several times to assist those who needed (or appeared to need) help. Every time he returned to the chair, he never appeared winded or out of breath. He displayed a level of professionalism that I hadn't seen on that beach before and I thought you should know.

Pat Kearns is a great credit to your organization. Whenever I'm back in OC, I will be proud to swim wherever he is watching.

Best regards,
Preston and Paola



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL DIVE TEAM

This summer, the PADI Open Water Certification course will run on Thursday evenings, meeting in the classroom at headquarters at 6:30. The specific dates will be Thursdays, June 28th, July 5th, 12th and 19th (only four nights!).

Prices: Course,
Book * **Check-out
dive

Equipment
Open Water \$285
\$150 **Mask, fins, snorkel
Advanced \$175
\$150 **Mask, fins, snorkel
Rescue Diver \$175
\$150 **Mask, fins, snorkel

*If you have your own equipment, the check out dive is only \$50.
**Equipment is discounted through the instructor.

Certification is for life. Due to our relationship and reputation with the instructor, he allows us to pay later in the course (not up-front). PADI Advanced and Rescue Diver courses are self study; attendance is only required the first night and at the check-out dives.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL UNIT 13, SERGEANT FALCON AT jfalcon465@yahoo.com.

- Since last summer, we dove:
- ✓ Lake Rawlings as a large group
 - ✓ Eastern Bay Since last summer for oysters
 - ✓ Calvert Cliffs for fossils
 - ✓ the Florida Aquarium shark tank to not get eaten
 - ✓ a twilight wreck dive off of Fort Lauderdale
 - ✓ a night reef dive off of Fort Lauderdale
- two tanks in the National Aquarium in Baltimore





Annual Captain George A. Schoepf Memorial Relay
Sunday, June 10, 2012

Run-Swim-Run Begins at 7th St. 1030hrs

Run South to Rockpile

Swim North to 146th St.

Run South to 7th 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 7th 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 7th 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 7th 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.

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



Hard copy of an Attaboy for Lt. Ward Kovacs from Chief Bernadette DiPino for his after-hours assistance with family members of an accident victim.

Hard copy of an Attaboy for Lt. Ward Kovacs from Buckingham Elementary School for his Beach Safety Seminar Presentation.