



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 9, 2012 to September 15, 2012

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

Officer in Charge: 1st Lt. Skip Lee

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 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 29th / English Towers

Tides: High: 1448hrs
Low: 0816hrs

Special Events: **ESA MD States Surfing Championship—Inlet or 48th—0700hrs**
Beach Wedding—109th St.—1500hrs & 2nd St.—1800hrs

Important Notice
Please note the dates, times, and location of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Sunday, September 9
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 16
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 23
City Hall—0830hrs



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 27th / Pyramid

Tides: High: 1547hrs
Low: 0912hrs

Winter Mailings

Newsletters and all return-to-work information and notifications for the 2013 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office--either in person or by e-mail.

2012 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, 2013. 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, 2013.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/10/2012	Tuesday 9/11/2012	Wednesday 9/12/2012	Thursday 9/13/2012	Friday 9/14/2012	Saturday 9/15/2012	Sunday 9/16/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 25th / 94th St.

Tides: High: 1641hrs

Low: 1008hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding—4th St.—0800hrs

MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial—27st & Boards to Memorial Service at N. Division St.—0830hrs

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 23rd / 92nd St.

Tides: High: 1729hrs

Low: 1103hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding—4th St.—0800hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 21st / 90th St.

Tides: High: 1815hrs

Low: 1156hrs

Special Events: OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1100hrs to 2000hrs
Beach Wedding—Inlet—1500hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2012—Pay Day

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: 19th / 88th St.

Tides: High: 0633hrs

Low: 1246hrs

Special Events: OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1000hrs to 2000hrs
Beach Wedding—27th St.—1830hrs

A Day of Remembrance Celebration

MD 3 Red Knights Parade of Brothers and 9/11 Memorial
0830hrs—Motorcycle Parade—27th St. Boards to N. Division St.
Memorial Service—N. Division St.

On This Day, Please Remember All the Public Safety Personnel
Who Have Risked Their Lives for Others.



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
Grey or White Ringer T-Shirts	\$10.00
Sweatshirts Adult	\$30.00
Child	\$25.00
Long-sleeved T-shirts	\$15.00
Tie-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
NEW! Mesh Tank Tops	-\$20.00



Request for Recommendations

Between seasons, I am often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need me to provide something like this for you, I ask that you make the request in writing. In that request you should give me any information that will help me in giving you the best possible recommendation. I will need to know whom it goes to and if there is a particular format or form that is required. It will also be helpful to remind me of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. I also will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured in Ocean City while I am in La Plata. You may send your request by e-mail or if you are required to mail to a physical address, you may use:

Captain Butch Arbin
134 West Quail Lane
La Plata, Maryland 20646

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.



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



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 17th / 86th St.

Tides: High: 0719hrs
Low: 1334hrs

Special Events: OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1000hrs to 2000hrs
Beach Wedding—52nd St.—1030hrs & Inlet—1500hrs

Guidelines for Modified Surfing

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 15th each year.

- Surfers must still wear a leash.
- Swimmers **always** have the right of way.
- Surfers must remain no less than 50 yds. from the nearest swimmer or non-surfer.
- Surfers should be moved to the area between the stands.
- If there are too many swimmers, then the surfers must relocate or stop surfing altogether.
- The use of skimboards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc. is still prohibited
- If a surfer injures another person, he/she is responsible, and we must ID the surfer, involving the police if necessary.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

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 2013

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Ordinance out of effect Sept. 16th until 2013

Tides: High: 0805hrs
Low: 1422hrs

Special Events: OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1100hrs to 1700hrs

UPCOMING 2012-2013 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 23	Last Day of 2012 Season
Sept. 24	First Day of Extended Patrol
May 27	Memorial Day—1 st Day of 2013 Summer Season

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

9/11 Parade of Brothers	Sept. 11	27 th St. Boards to N. Division	0830hrs to 1300hrs
OC Bike Fest	Sept. 13-16	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 1900hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 20-23	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 2200hrs
Fireworks on the Beach	Sept. 21	Dorchester St.	2230hrs
Gem, Jewelry, & Mineral Show	Sept. 28-30	Convention Center	1000hrs to 1800hrs
Winefest	Sept. 28-30	Inlet Lot	1100hrs to 1900hrs
Harbor Day at the Docks	Oct. 6	West OC Harbor	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Endless Summer Cruisin'	Oct. 4-7	Inlet	1000hrs to 1600hrs
Oktoberfest	Oct. 20	N. Division St.	1100hrs to 2300hrs
Making Strides against Breast Cancer 10/5k	Oct. 20	Inlet	Reg. @ 0730hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 15</u> 8/27/12 to 9/2/12	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2012	<u>Week 15</u> 8/29/11 to 9/4/11	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2011	<u>Week 15</u> 8/30/10 to 9/5/10	<u>Week 15</u> Year-To- Date 2010
Action						
Preventions	41	58705	2057	79652	1628	73219
Rescues	17	2656	167	1524	81	3126
Minor First Aid	4	1342	26	1946	31	1937
Ambulance Calls	8	213	6	298	18	228
Police Calls	4	120	3	75	6	72
USCG/MDNRP	1	7	0	8	0	10
Lost/Found Persons	19	512	24	555	28	588
N. Surf Beach Population	21	551	293	811	276	1459
S. Surf Beach Population	211	3767	251	2598	133	3233
Inlet Surf Beach Population	82	1043	94	820	NA	1936
Beach Wheelchair Usage	25	442	25	452	20	440

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

This Week's Question: I was on the beach the other day after the Bikini Parade and noticed water almost like a swimming pool behind the guard stands. I have never seen this before but my kids sure loved playing in it. Does this happen often and what causes it?

We commonly refer to these as tide pools. However, they are not only formed by the outgoing tide but are also formed when large waves are driven further onto the beach by wind or during storms. Tropical activity in the Atlantic over the past several weeks has caused larger than usual waves and surf conditions. These waves bring more water onto the beach and if it becomes trapped in a low area a "tide pool" may form. These low areas on the beach are formed as waves push sand into large mounds running parallel to the shore with the area behind the mound (to the west) being lower than this newly formed retaining mound. As water is pushed over this mound, it cannot make its way back into the ocean as runoff and becomes trapped in the low lying area. Although the amount of water, the size of the low lying area and the depth of low lying area, may vary from a few inches to a few feet deep and the size may be as small as a backyard pool or as large as several city blocks, most tide pools are only a few inches deep and less than a block long. Because of the relatively small quantity of water, the sun heats it and it is much warmer than the ocean and it usually has no wave action making it very inviting. When a child comes to the beach and finds a tide pool, they become very excited. It is like having a backyard pool on the beach. However, tide pools pose their own dangers. Because a tide pool seems like the perfect place for small children to play, parents often do not give the same attention to their children as they would if they were playing in the ocean. Further complicating this is the fact that most often the tide pool ends up forming behind the guard stands. This means that the SRT (lifeguard) is only scanning this area as part of their secondary scan giving much less attention to this water hazard than the large body of water directly in front of them. Parents often have a false sense of security due to the shallow depth of most of these tide pools but those of us in water safety realize it only takes 1 inch of water to drown a toddler. A second hazard associated with this phenomenon is the risk of injuries from running and jumping into such a shallow area. Although not a safety concern another potential issue has to do with this trapped water becoming stagnant, dirty, and smelly. Therefore, the Public Works Maintenance Department sculpts the beach to facilitate the drainage of these tide pools after they have remained for a couple of days. Sometimes you might find a tide pool that behaves more like a waterslide than a pool. In this instance wave action is bringing more water into the low area while breaks in the retaining mound allow water to flow back into the ocean resulting in strong currents being formed in the tide pool. When this happens the tide pool becomes far more dangerous as people playing in the tide pool might find themselves washed into the ocean. This action is the perfect model of what is happening out in the ocean as waves come across the underwater sand bar and then make their way back out to the deeper water which is the mechanics and cause of the deadly Rip Currents you have heard so much about. Although we have given some cautions about tide pools, they can be fun when enjoyed safely.

Officer of the Week Walter R. "Skip" Lee III, First Lieutenant

Skip Lee has served the Beach Patrol for 30 summers; most of this time has been in the capacity of First Lieutenant with Captain Arbin. Some of the other roles he inhabits include the coordinator of the OCBP testing and assessment program, overseer of the use and condition of the six buildings the beach patrol incorporates into daily operations, and assistant in the many annual initiatives the Captain and Beach Patrol pursue each summer. He brings a strong work ethic and passion to the Beach Patrol which, in turn, motivates the ranks and assists in continually moving the Beach Patrol forward.

When not in Ocean City, Skip works full-time with the Anne Arundel County Public School System as the Coordinator of Health, Physical Education, and Dance. He leads nearly 300 teachers in health and wellness initiatives. He serves in many additional roles such as Co-Chair of the State Health and Wellness Advisory, member of the State Track and Field Committee, Director of the State Tournament, as well as a committee member on the County Wellness Policy and the County School Health Advisory Council.

Skip has been married for more than 20 years to his beautiful wife Kristen, whom he met on the beach at 89th street and is the father of three teenage boys, Brendon, Connor, and Devon – and Summer the dog.



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.

OBBP DIVE TEAM -- Tentative Winter Schedule

October 13/14	Lake Rawlings, VA--Checkout Dives- Open Water, Adv., Rescue	
October...	Eastern Bay	Oyster Dive
November 3	OCBP HQ	MARP Training (first timers)
January...	Marathon, FL	5 Days; Maybe over New Year's
TBD	National Aquarium	TBD
April, 2013	Calvert Cliffs	Fossil Dive
May 3-6	Fort Lauderdale	Air Show, Three Dives

SERGEANT FALCON SENT AN EMAIL TO THE DIVE TEAM LIST ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT AND YOU WANT TO BE ON THAT LIST, YOU MUST SEND HIM AN EMAIL:

ifalcon465@yahoo.com or falcon@umbc.edu.



TOWN OF
OCEAN CITY

The White Marlin Capital of the World

Department of Recreation and Parks
200 - 125th Street, Ocean City, MD 21842
(410) 250-0125 / (410) 250-5409 (FAX)

August 22, 2012

Dear Mike, Matt, Emmanuel and all the other lifeguards,

I would like to take a minute and thank you very much for your work and time with our 2012 Beach Activities program this summer.

Having staff assigned every night and the 27th street crew putting up the signs every week and all of the guards that worked the whole summer were a help and a asset to the program and I want you to know how much I appreciate your time, with this program. We really appreciate the support and without the help from all of you, we would not be able to offer such great successful and positive programming for our visitors to Ocean City.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you again in the future. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Lynda Brittingham
Recreation Supervisor
lbrittingham@oceancitymd.gov

6/20/12 10:12 AM
OCEAN CITY
MAY 2012

ALYSON
JAMES S. FALL
LLOYD MARTIN
BRENT ARBRY
JOSEPH R. HALL, JR.
MAYOR

Ocean City, MD



Dear Captain OCBP,

I just had to write and tell you how impressed we were with our life guard on 35th Street last week. I have been coming to OC every year of my life for a vacation and I'd now be. I'd stayed different places and have been around countless guards but never one like we had last week. We were there all week and really enjoyed watching him and his professionalism with his job. He really cared about those in the water (or on the beach) & even asked the ages of our grandkids when he saw them in the water alone. His eyes never left the surf for more than a few seconds. He continually acted in an exemplary manner.

On Friday I decided to ask his name + see if it would be OK to write a letter. To my surprise I found out I taught him in second grade. We had it recognized each other all week. Mitchell Master was a joy to be around - Congratulations on having young people so well trained & dedicated to protecting to OC beach goers.

Sincerely,

P.S. I'll have to say the summer I worked in OC in college I had many guards as friends but they weren't as dedicated & professional as I have seen in recent years. The 60s were a different time for sure! :)

From: Garth, Karen
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 6:01 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: 13th Street, Wednesday, August 8

I stayed on 13th Street in Ocean City on Wednesday, August 8, and swam in the ocean from 10 am – 6 pm. The lifeguard on duty at this location was very professional and informative. He is a proud member of the lifeguarding profession. I applaud him!

He went out of his way to answer my questions. He was on duty and alert all day. I wanted to cry when I watched him end his day with such professionalism: I watched him make everyone get out of the water, move his chair and leave his post walking backwards. He's a proud American! The swimmers that day were lucky to have him watching over them and make sure they were safe. He cares.

In fact, every lifeguard I saw worked hard and with dignity. You must be very proud of your team, as I was proud of them.

Very Sincerely, Karen Garth

Hi, Mr. Arbin:

I am contacting you in hopes that you may be able to refer me to someone that is a certified lifeguard that may be willing to donate their time on Saturday, October 27th in the morning from approx. 9am – 12:30pm. In return, we would like to offer them breakfast (8-9am) an lunch (12:30-1:30pm) on Saturday.

I look forward to hearing from you!
Thank you!

Crystal Leedy
Community Programs Coordinator
National MS Society - Maryland Chapter
Phone (443) 641-1224

From: George Gavrilis
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 9:02 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Thank You

Butch,

I just wanted to say "Thank You" to you and your dedicated staff for a great job locating my lost 4 year old son this past Monday August 6th on 37th street. My cousin and I were talking close to the water when my oldest son, Alex, wandered away from us.

Please extend my sincere thanks to the lifeguards from 37th to 47th street who worked together as a team to find my son. My son was located at approximately 47th street within 15 minutes. The intense display of professionalism that these young boys displayed was remarkable. They deserve to be commended on a job well done!

If you have any questions or comments about the incident, I'd be more than happy to talk to you.

Best Regards,
George Gavrilis

From: abcross@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, August 12, 2012 2:50 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Kudos to the beach patrol

Please forgive me if you already received an earlier message. During the past year, my mom broke her hip, and then two months later, fractured her back. In March, she told me she would not be able to go to the beach, although she loves nothing more than sitting on the beach and reading a book. I found out about wheelchair accessible beaches and the availability of beach wheelchairs. My mother was still concerned about how the two of us would manage since I am not young or healthy either. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to the Ocean City beach patrol. The kind and generous manner in which the life guards and sergeants interacted with my mom and me really made such a difference. Everyone was so pleasant and helpful. My mom and I wanted to specifically mention Kalani, the guard at 48th/49th street. Kalani went out of her way to make my mom's beach vacation a possibility. No matter what she was doing, no matter how crowded the beach, Kalani always made sure that my mom was able to use the chair and get to the beach. One day we were running a little late. Before she went on her break, Kalani got the chair from the box and made sure the guard who was covering for her would be on the look-out for us. On another occasion, a storm was approaching Ocean City. Kalani warned us ahead of time and made sure that my mom and I were able to leave the beach safely. On the final day of our vacation, I tried to express my gratitude to Kalani. She said, "It is our job to make sure everyone has a good time at the beach." It has been a very difficult year for my mom and for our family. The kindness of the beach patrol, especially Kalani, will contribute in a very positive way to my mother's recovery.

Gratefully,
Anne Cross

From: Eric Lagstrom [<mailto:ELagstrom@oceancitymd.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 10:44 AM
To: Butch Arbin; Arbin III, Melbourne L. [Butch] (CCPS); Edward Kovacs
Subject: FW: life-changing experience in Ocean City, MD

I wanted to share this with you-Steve and his family are good friends of mine

Eric T Lagstrom
Risk Manager
Town of Ocean City

From: Steve and Shelia Young [<mailto:steveandsheliayoung@gmail.com>]
Thanks so much for praying for us!

Yesterday afternoon (Tuesday) about 3:45pm, Shelia, her sister Terri, our daughter Sierra, one of our Student Disciples Rebecca and I were on the beach. It was somewhat windy and the water was a little rough. Sierra & Rebecca had just returned from a walk on the beach and I had just finished talking about GOD with Alex, an International Student who works on the beach. I had met Alex last summer in Ocean City, visited him in Cluj, Romania and had just been interacting with him about the Bible, Jesus and the great adventure it is to know GOD personally and follow Him.

As Sierra, Rebecca & I entered the water, we observed that the undertow was strong. Sierra decided to stay close to shore while Rebecca and I ventured out into the surf. The waves were breaking close in and Rebecca and I were hoping to get just beyond them so we wouldn't get pounded. Close by were a middle-aged couple. About the same time, the husband headed out while the wife stayed back. And then a triple-header wave broke down upon Rebecca while the man I emerged on the other side. Before I knew what was happening, the man & I were caught in a rip current - struggling to keep our heads above the waves while rapidly being carried out to sea. Initially, I was further out, and as I was thinking of asking him to help me he cried out for me to help him. Then he reached out to grab my hand as he began to go under. At that point, I realized that we were both in trouble, that I would not be able to pull him in myself, and that we needed immediate help. So as I kept an eye on him, and focused on floating on my back trying to keep my own head above water, I started yelling to Sierra for help hoping that she could hear me.

Not long afterwards, I was relieved to see the life guard swimming toward us with his red flotation device. Once we made it to shore, the paramedics gave the guy some oxygen and then took him to the hospital to check him over since he had swallowed some salt water. We hope to be able to check on him today.

I am convinced that GOD spared both of our lives yesterday, and that HE used various people in the process, especially people who have been praying for us. I also believe that GOD has given me a chance to take a closer look at my life - to evaluate priorities and hopefully make some changes. Thanks so much for partnering with us. Your prayers are making a difference in people's lives, especially my own!

Steve (& Shelia, Sierra et al)