



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

MAY 20, 2012 - MAY 28, 2012

Welcome to the Summer of 2012!



SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

Officers/Office Staff: Prep for the 2012 Season

Tides: High: 0705 hrs
Low: 1309 hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: ESA Surf Series-48th St.—0700hrs to Dusk

Cruisin' Ocean City Car Show & Parade--Inlet Lot – 0900hrs – 1700hrs

Salute to the Services—Town-wide discount program to military, police, EMS, & fire personnel—For details, visit www.salutetotheseervices.com (thru 6/20/12)

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012-End of Pay Period

Officers/Crew Chiefs-Drug Test—1000hrs—Pick up form at Headquarters

Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 1- Check-in and Equipment Issue-1030hrs-1330hrs

Tides: High: 0746 hrs
Low: 1347 hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: ESA Surf Series-48th St.—0700hrs to Dusk

Cruisin' Ocean City Car Show & Parade--Inlet Lot – 0900hrs – 1600hrs

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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

Tides: High: 08:27hrs
Low: 14:25hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: N/A

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 3- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training
Featured Training: Active Victim; Evening: Red Cross Certification

Tides: High: 09:08hrs
Low: 15:04hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: None

2012 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. James McVey
Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
Unit 14- Sgt. Mark Muller
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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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 4- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

Featured Training: Passive Victim

Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up- 1600hrs to 1830hrs

Tides: High: 09:49 hrs
Low: 15:44 hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: N/A

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 5- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

Featured Training: CPR

Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up- 1600hrs to 1830hrs

Tides: High: 10:31 hrs
Low: 16:26 hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: N/A

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012—Pay Day

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 6- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

Featured Training: Rips, Rocks, and Rescues

Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up- 1600hrs to 2030hrs

Tides: High: 11:13hrs
Low: 17:12hrs

Surfing Beaches: Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

Special Events: North Carroll Varsity Club Beach—1015hrs

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2012—The OCBP IS ON THE BEACH FOR THE 2012 SEASON!!!

Prayer Service: 0700hrs—Boardwalk at Somerset St.

Crew Chief Meeting: 0800hrs—Training Room-(ACCs are encouraged to attend).

Surf Rescue Academy I: 1000 hrs- Qualifying Test: Ocean Test and Soft Sand Sprint

1100hrs- Beach Patrol Policies and Paperwork - Pay Scales - OCBPSRA Certifications

1200hrs- On-the-Job-Training

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surfing Beaches: 38th St./Carousel

Tides: High: 1159hrs

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

Low: 1803hrs

Special Events: Spring Arts & Crafts Show—Convention Center--1000hrs to 1700hrs

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2012

Surf Rescue Academy I: 0945hrs-On-the Job-Training-Same location as previous day

Assistant Crew Chief Training: 1900hrs- Location TBA

Crew Chief Training: 1900hrs- Location TBA

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surfing Beaches: 36thSt./Sea Watch

Tides: High: 1249 hrs

Low: 1859 hrs

Special Events: Spring Arts & Crafts Show—Convention Center--1000hrs to 1600hrs

OC Beachlights-N. Division-2130hrs to 2245hrs

CC & ACC Training
Required for all
ACCs and 1st & 2nd
year CCs. Others
may attend or serve
as Instructors

2012 OCBP Assistant Crew Chiefs

- Crew 1 - David Balog
- Crew 2 - Robert Fox
- Crew 3 - Joseph Keefe
- Crew 4 - John Miller
- Crew 5 - Robert Forristal
- Crew 6 - Thomas Lurie
- Crew 7 - Richard Devine
- Crew 8 - Kalani Linnell
- Crew 9 - Chris Babcock
- Crew 10 - Travis Sevier
- Crew 11 - David Cuomo
- Crew 12 - Nick Sakell
- Crew 13 - Sam McElvaney
- Crew 14 - Ryan Grantham
- Crew 15 - David Krabbe
- Crew 16 - Max Posner
- Crew 17 - Justyn Zangwill

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012—Memorial Day!

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

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation-Week 1-Assigned to Crews

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: 34thSt./Rainbow

Tides: High: 1344 hrs

Low: 0739hrs

Special Events: N/A



- 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.
 5. Drive carefully to your assignment

F.Y.I.

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012 to FRIDAY, June 1, 2012—Officer-In-Charge – Lt. Kovacs

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012

SRA Academy I: Supper Seminar – Headquarters –1830hrs —Attendance is MANDATORY!-Uniforms Optional

Next Meeting: SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012

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GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012—Pay Day!



UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

June 2	SRA 1 Supper Seminar--Training Room--1830hrs
June 3	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
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-June 27	OCBPSRA Events
June 17-24	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 18	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays--Convention Center
June 21-June 22	OCBPSRA Events
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
Aug. 16-19	Dew Tour-Pier—N. Division-OC, MD

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Play It Safe Events	May 31-June 19	Various Times and Places	www.playitsafeoceancity.com
Baltimore Ravens Roost Parade	June 2	1000 hrs	19 th to 26 th St.
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		

Do You Remember? A Quick Refresher!

What do you do when a parent comes to you saying that his/her child is lost?

Get the child's name, age, trunk color, and tell the parent to stay with you until the child is found.

What do you put on an accident report?

Who? What? Where? When? Witness?

Do you need a leash when surfing is modified?

Yes!

Do we ever sit two guards to a stand?

NO!

Do we ever use our cell phones to make or receive calls on the beach?

Never!

Do we ever use our cell phones to text on the beach?

Never!

OCBPSRA Events



- 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



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.

Lifeguards don't go on duty until Saturday, May 26. Why do I see them running up and down the beach with their buoys at various locations in Ocean City before then?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol started recruiting for this summer season last August with a physical skills test. Once a candidate passes the rigorous, all day eight-phase pre-employment physical test to become a surf rescue technician (SRT), the beach patrol provides training for the job during one of two surf rescue academies. The lifeguards you see on the beach during this time are in one of the training academies. They are called PSRTs (probationary surf rescue technicians). They are taught all necessary skills, techniques, procedures and protocols of the beach patrol. This is an eight-day, 65-hour, paid (\$12.99/hr and \$14.07 after probation) training program conducted by beach patrol instructors with support from other public safety agencies, followed by three weeks of supervised, on-the-job probation. All aspects of becoming an SRT are taught during this surf rescue academy. When you see an SRT guarding your beach, 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 9 to fill the few potential openings that exist. Once a candidate passes the skills test they will receive an appointment to a paid surf rescue academy that begins on June 20 where all training and certification will be provided. For more information, visit the OCBP website at www.ococean.com/ocbp.

Meet the lifeguard, Sergeant Ben Davis

The lifeguard's of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. Sgt. Ben Davis has been with the Beach Patrol for 12 years. He was recently promoted to Sergeant, and will be supervising the middle south area (from 18th st. to 52nd St.). For the past 4 years, Ben has been the crew chief of Crew 1. This crew works the inlet area extending to just north of the pier. Ben is also a Maryland State Police (MSP) Rescue Swimmer, Jet Drive Instructor, Maryland Animal Rescue Program (MARP) volunteer, and an officer for the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) Chapter, which works to promote beach safety throughout the country, and organizes competitions for the SRT's to compete in. In his spare time Ben refers to himself as a computer geek. He said, "I don't think I could work full time in IT, because it is hard to find meaning in working with computers. Both of my primary jobs have a lot of meaning and impact on people's lives." In the off-season, Ben is a science teacher at the new James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury, MD. He is originally from Scranton, PA and served in the US Coast Guard as a Quartermaster for 4 years working primarily in Aids to Navigation. Ben attended Salisbury University, completing his BS in Biology. He presently is attending University of Maryland online, working on completing his MS in Chemical and Life Science. Ben now lives in Ocean City and is currently a volunteer FF/EMT for the Ocean City FD.





OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) is America's nonprofit, professional association of beach lifeguards and open water rescuers. The USLA works to reduce the incidence of death and injury in the aquatic environment through public education, national lifeguard standards, training programs, promotion of high levels of lifeguard readiness and other means.

BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE USLA INCLUDE:

- A one-year subscription to *American Lifeguard Magazine*... A \$12.00 value.
- Eligibility to compete in USLA Regional, National and World Lifeguard Competitions.
- Eligibility for USLA Regional, National, and International Lifeguard Exchange Programs.
- Membership in the only United States open water lifeguard association.
- Access to USLA regional and national programs and conferences.
- Access to USLA MD OCBP Chapter, USLA Regional and National Board of Directors meetings.
- Access to free USLA public educational materials, i.e. posters, bookmarks, stickers, etc.
- All members of the chapter can vote in annual chapter elections and professional members can run for office.
- Membership kit, including T-Shirt, Patch, and other items.
- Discounts at major USLA sponsors. See <http://www.usla.org> for a complete list.

The cost of membership is \$30.00.
Make checks payable to **OCBPMD USLA Chapter**.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Permanent Address: _____

Male / Female

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

E-mail: _____@_____

Membership: **(circle one)** PROFESSIONAL* ALUMNI ASSOCIATE JUNIOR

(circle one) RENEWAL or INITIAL

Agency: **Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland**
Chapter: **Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland**
Region: **Middle Atlantic**



A PROFESSIONAL member is an employee of the Ocean City Beach Patrol and has worked a minimum of eight hours with the Ocean City Beach Patrol in the calendar year.

Payment Options

<p><u>Current OC Beach Patrol employees:</u></p> <p>_____ (Initial) Yes, I would like to have \$30 deducted from my pay so that I may join the Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland Chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association.</p>	<p><u>By Mail with a check to:</u></p> <p>OCBPMDUSLA President c/o Ocean City Beach Patrol 109 Dorchester St. Ocean City, MD 21842</p>	<p>Office Use</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entered</p>
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