



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of July 16, 2012 to July 22, 2012

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

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

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 800hrs

AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 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

GENERAL MEETING: 0845hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: PSRT Week 3 evaluations due at 0930hrs

Beach Safety Seminar Training—HQ—1815hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: Dewey Beach Patrol Ocean Series

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 3rd / 72nd St.

Tides: High: 1835hrs

Low: 1205hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs

Movies on the Beach—*Happy Feet 2*—27th St.—2030hrs

Starpower National Talent Competition—Convention Center

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Resumes Tomorrow

JBP Academy II: Day 1—0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Triathlon Club—27th St.—Bike-0700hrs/Run-0800hrs

OCBP Floor Hockey—Northside Park—1900hrs

Jones Beach Invitational—Jones Beach, NY

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 1st St. / 70th St.

Tides: High: 0647hrs

Low: 1251hrs

Special Events: Family Beach Olympics—27th St.—1830hrs to 2030hrs

Beach Weddings—Inlet—1830hrs

Beach Fireworks—N. Division St.—2230hrs

OCBP Floor Hockey

Northside Park 1900hrs \$5.00

Wear Your Athletic Shoes. No Blades

Tuesdays: July 17, July 24,
July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/16/2012	Tuesday 7/17/2012	Wednesday 7/18/2012	Thursday 7/19/2012	Friday 7/20/2012	Saturday 7/21/2012	Sunday 7/22/2012	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

OCBPSRA: 1 Mile Run—Dorchester St.—0830hrs ~&~ Landline—Dorchester St.—0830hrs

JBP Academy II: Day 2—0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Camp Horizon: N. Division St.—1130hrs to 1515hrs

Opportunity to Compete: USLA Mid-Atlantics Crafts—Long Branch, NJ

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / Caroline St. / 68th St.

Tides: High: 0732hrs

Low: 1335hrs

Special Events: Movies on the Beach—*The Adventures of Tin Tin*—Carousel Hotel—2030hrs

Concerts on the Beach—*Rising Sun Reggae*—N. Division St.—2000hrs

Starpower National Talent Competition—Convention Center

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012

OCBPSRA: Run-Swim-Run—Dorchester St.—0830hrs

JBP Academy II: Day 3—0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

JBP One-Day Clinic: 1300hrs to 1700hrs

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Triathlon Club—27th St.—Bike-0600hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Competition Workout: TBD

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 66th St. / 146th St.

Tides: High: 0816hrs

Low: 1418hrs

Special Events: Free Concerts at Sunset Park—*James Gallagher & Off the Boat*—S. Division St.—1900 hrs

Movies on the Beach—*The Zookeeper*—Princess Royale—92nd St.—2030hrs

Starpower National Talent Competition—Convention Center

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2012—PAY DAY!

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Resumes Monday

JBP Academy II: Day 4—0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Opportunity to Compete: None

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Competition Workout: TBD

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 64th St. / 144th St.

Tides: High: 0859hrs

Low: 1501hrs

Special Events: Free Breakfast—Son'Spot Ministries-12 Worcester St.—0730hrs

MARP 2012 Dolphin Count—40th St. & 130th St.—0900hrs to 1200hrs

Movies on the Beach—*Up*—27th St.—2030hrs

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2012

OCBPSRA: Resumes Monday

Opportunity to Compete: Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run—Surf Ave.—1800hrs

Wave Jet Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Challenge—Narragansett, RI

Mandatory Daily Workout: Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 62nd St. / 142nd St.

Tides: High: 0943hrs

Low: 1546hrs

Special Events: ESA Malibu's Classic Surf Competition—8th St.—0700hrs to Dusk

Mitch Maiorana Memorial Run-Swim-Run—7th St.—1800hrs

JBP One Day Clinic

Thursday afternoons

July 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16

1300hrs to 1700hrs

Spread the word to kids 10-17 who hang around the stand. This weekly one-day activity is perfect for kids who are interested in lifeguarding.



OCBP Triathlon Club

This week's workouts

Tuesday, July 17 will be a bike ride at 0700hrs from 27th St., followed by a run at 0800hrs.

Thursday, July 19 will be a bike ride from 27th St. at 0600hrs.

Sunday, July 22 at 0600hrs will be a ride from HQ to Assateague and back to HQ



OCBP TRIATHLON

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2012

OCBPSRA: Resumes Tomorrow

Opportunity to Compete: Bike Ride to Assateague—Meet at HQ—0600hrs

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 60th St. / 140th St.

Tides: High: 1027hrs

Low: 1633hrs

Special Events: ESA Malibu's Classic Surf Competition—8th St.—0700hrs to Dusk

Sundaes in the Park—*The Groove Train*—Northside Park —1900hrs to 2100hrs

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

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012

WEEKLY MEETING: Location To Be Announced

CREW CHIEF MEETING: 800hrs

AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 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

GENERAL MEETING: 0845hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: Jet Drive Certification—HQ —1830hrs—Safe Boaters certificate must be on file—May serve as recertification

Opportunity to Compete: None

Mandatory Daily Workout: Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 58th St. / 138th St.

Tides: High: 1113hrs

Low: 1725hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs

Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp—38th St.—1400hrs to 1600hrs

Movies on the Beach—*Cars 2*—27th St.—2030hrs

UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 17-20	JBP Academy II
July 21	Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run
July 24-27	JBP Academy III
July 28-29	American Heart Association BLS Instructor Course
July 28	OCBP 2012 Crew Comps
July 31-Aug. 3	JBP Academy IV—AM & PM Sessions
Aug. 4	OCBP Triathlon
Aug. 7-10	JBP Academy V—AM & PM Sessions
Aug. 11	OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test
Aug. 14-17	JBP Academy VI
Aug. 16-19	Dew Tour-Pier—N. Division-OC, MD
Aug. 18	OCBP Annual Awards Dinner
Sept. 1	OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test

2012 Competition Schedule

July

25—All Women's (Sandy Hook, NJ)

26—Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics

28—OCBP Crew Comps

30—Bethany Beach (Ocean Series)

August

3—N. Bethany Beach Ironman Relays

4—OCBP Triathlon

6—Rehoboth Junior Lifeguard

9, 10, 11—USLA Nationals—Cape May, NJ

15—Middlesex BP Invitational

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Concerts on the Beach	July 18	2000hrs	N. Division St.- <i>Rising Sun Reggae</i>
Sunset Park Party Night	July 19	1900hrs	S. DivisionSt. — <i>Pat O'Brennan Trio</i>
ESA Surfing Competition	July 21-22	0700hrs	8 th St.
Sundaes in the Park	July 22	1800hrs	Northside Park— <i>The Groove Train</i>
Concerts on the Beach	July 25	2000hrs	N. Division St.— <i>21Horses Band</i>
Sunset Park Party Night	July 26	1900hrs	S. DivisionSt. — <i>Lauren Glick Band</i>
ESA Surfing Competition	July 28-29	0700hrs	30 th St.
Sundaes in the Park	July 29	1800hrs	Northside Park— <i>Oh Boy</i>
White Marlin Open	Aug. 6-10	Daily	Weigh-ins at Bahia Marina
Dew Tour-Pier-N.Division-OC, MD	Aug. 16-19	Various Times and Places	
ESA Surfing Competition	Aug. 18-	0700hrs	40 th St.
Movies on the Beach	June-Aug.	2030hrs	27 th St. & The Carousel
Family Beach Olympics	June-Aug.	1830hrs	27 th St.
OC Lifesaving Museum Summer Programs	July-Aug.	1000hrs	OC Lifesaving Museum
Beach Lights Spectacular	Sundays	2130, 2200, & 2230hrs	N. Division St
Beach Fireworks	Tuesdays	2230hrs	N. Division St

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>7/2/12</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/8/12</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>7/4/11</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/10/11</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>7/5/10</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/11/10</u>	<u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2010</u>
Action						
Preventions	3245	20830	8776	38498	9625	22923
Rescues	28	879	133	686	814	1055
Minor First Aid	161	475	214	765	185	662
Ambulance Calls	19	65	41	113	31	80
Police Calls	18	49	9	31	3	32
USCG/MDNRP	1	4	0	2	1	3
Lost/Found Persons	102	213	71	259	37	206
N. Surf Beach Population	2	142	17	173	159	544
S. Surf Beach Population	156	1469	369	1200	515	1352
Inlet Surf Beach Population	53	364	161	442	246	903
Beach Wheelchair Usage	43	163	29	130	23	121

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

This Week's Question How many lifeguard stands are there from the inlet to the Delaware state line (My kids ask me this all the time, and I used to ask my parents this too years ago, so getting an answer would be great!) Also, how many beach patrol surf rescue technicians are there in total, and how many does it take to staff the beach on a typical summer day.

The number of stands on the beach changes throughout the season and is dependant on several factors. During the earliest part of our season, Memorial Day weekend through mid-June, while the water is traditionally colder and the crowds are smaller, we place less stands on the beach than we do during peak season July and August. However during our early season we increase the number of guard towers on the weekends and holidays. In support of our early season deployment goals we hold our final Surf Rescue Academy beginning the 3rd week of June each year. With the addition of this last academy of rookies we will be at 100% staffing by the end of June. We plan to have all stands in place by July 1st each summer and on a typical day there will be 92 stands deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Delaware line.

Another annual occurrence is our reduction in staff during the last weeks of August as our personnel return to other obligations. This reduction in personnel is complicated by the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. Many of our professional educators are required to return two weeks prior to Labor Day. In recent years we have seen a trend for both colleges and public school systems to begin classes prior to Labor Day. The Ocean City Beach Patrol is committed to provide Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) along the entire beach for all visitors and residents so rather than have unguarded areas the number of available lifeguard towers are equally distributed along the beach front. During this time of the year you will notice a larger distance between stands. This trend continues following Labor Day through the last day of our season, which is the Sunday of Sunfest weekend. While we are in a reduced coverage scheme and the redistribution of personnel occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes on a daily basis).

With the addition of returning Surf Rescue Technicians on weekends we will increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on those days. Although our coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers than during peak season we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid and AED equipped with one SRT (rider) acting as the primary rescue swimmer while the other SRT (driver) maintains radio communication and backup during an emergency. Both are qualified as surf rescue technicians, medical first responders and are quad (ATV) certified.

Now that we have explained how the number of guard towers changes throughout our season, I will attempt to answer the 2nd part of your question regarding how many guards it takes to staff all the stands. Using our maximum deployment of 92 stands it takes a minimum of 109 SRTs to just cover these stands and lunch shifts. However, based on the typical workweek of an SRT which is 5 ½ days it takes additional SRTs to cover days off, special duties, and training. To accommodate this the Ocean City Beach Patrol is organized by crews. The 17 crews are deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Maryland/Delaware line and cover all 10 miles of beach and ocean. Each crew is made up of eight or nine SRTs, one of which is the crew chief and one is appointed to the one season training position of assistant crew chief. Typically each stand is assigned a "regular" guard who sits that stand five days each week. During their half day they are known as the lunch rover and replace an SRT in their crew for 30 minutes during that crew's lunch rotation. During their two days off their stand one of the crew's rovers will cover their stand. In addition to the SRTs the beach patrol also employs surf beach facilitators who monitor the daily surfing beaches as well as office staff. The leadership of the patrol is made up of one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant, two 2nd Lieutenants, and fourteen sergeants. The one leadership position you are most likely to notice is our area supervisors (sergeants) who patrol one of 4 areas along the beach on Honda 4x4s.

SRT of the Week

SRT Andrew King has been a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol for three years. He currently sits the stand at 4th Street in Crew 2, which is the South area of the beach. Andrew is a local who graduated from Stephen Decatur High School. He furthered his education at Montclair State University in New Jersey, while returning to the beach each summer to work for the OCBP. In addition to his daily SRT duties, Andrew is an active instructor in the popular Junior Beach Patrol program. As vice president of the local United States Lifesaving Association, Andrew is very involved in organizing and participating in lifeguard competitions; he competed in the USLA Nationals Competition last year, as well as the various OCBP events. Andrew is also a founding member of the newly formed OCBP Dive Team. In his free time, Andrew goes scuba diving, skydiving, and surfing and is a volunteer diver for the Ocean City Artificial Reef Foundation. Andrew recently graduated from Montclair State University where he played on the lacrosse team. He is applying to Officer Candidate School for the military in the fall. SRT King has also received advanced training as a rescue craft operator and is re-certified each year.

During the Ocean City Rookie Graduation in early July, the USSG and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Police assisted the Beach Patrol with one of the stations. Andrew was picking up rescue swimmers in the inlet with the Coast Guard.





OCBP TRIATHLON

The OCBP Triathlon is August 4!

Time to push the training into overdrive!
Registration begins in 2 weeks, so keep watch for the notification. For a mere \$25.00, you will participate in a rigorous yet fun competition with fellow athletes, achieve a complete sense of personal accomplishment, and receive a fantastic commemorative T-shirt specially designed for this event.

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



AHA BLS Instructor Course

The American Heart Association Basic Life Support Instructor course will take place on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29

Meet at Fire Headquarters at 0900hrs



American Heart Association | American Stroke Association

Learn and Live.

Scuba Dive Certification Classes

Open Water Class TBD—Wednesday, July 18— HQ Training Room then Harrison Hall pool—1830hrs (If course is not already complete).



Open Water Dives—Lake Rawlings, VA

July 20-21-Open Water
July 22-23 Open Water, Advanced, Rescue Divers

Each person needs two consecutive days.
Make sure you put in your Special Off forms!



Free Car Wash!
Sunday, July 22nd at Station 3

Let Ocean City's finest wash your car for you!
Bayside—74th St. and Coastal

All donations go to the OCBP Women's Competition Team.
They will be representing Ocean City in an International All-Women's lifeguard competition; they receive no funding from the Town of Ocean City.
Come support the team!

28th ANNUAL ALL-WOMEN LIFEGUARD TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Gateway National Recreation Area
Hosted by the National Park Service

Sandy Hook, NJ

Check-in time is 0730hrs; the captains' meeting is at 0830hrs; the Surfboat Challenge Race begins at 0900hrs; all others follow.

1. Surfboat Challenge
2. Distance Run
3. Ocean-Kayak Challenge
4. Run-Swim-Run
5. Run-Paddle-Run
6. Beach Flags
7. Ironwoman
8. Surf Rescue
9. Swim-Run Relay
10. Run Relay

Note: In order to keep the tournament moving along in timely fashion, two sets of events will start at the same time: Surfboat Challenge and Distance Run, and Run-Paddle-Run and Beach Flags.

Attaboys

From: Mair Regan
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2012 3:57 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Incident at the Clarion beach on Sunday

Hello Capt. Arbin,

I wanted to tell you about the awesome job your lifeguard did on Sunday, July 1, with a little lost girl and her return to her mother on 101st Street beach at the Clarion. I am writing from the perspective of a mother who's own daughter was lost on a nearby Ocean City beach once upon a very scary time ago and was returned to me on the shoulders of a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

You often think of the Beach Patrol members as guarding us beach-goers in the ocean only, but I know it is much more than that. My nephew is life-guarding the beaches in Dewey this summer and it's a formidable task and a lot is at stake.

So I wanted to note that your guard was heroic in another way yesterday. He found the missing child, relayed the message to the other lifeguards, and made her feel comfortable while she waited for her mother to come. When the mother/daughter reunion happened, everyone on the beach burst into spontaneous applause! And it was applause surely in part for your lifeguard's role and the way he handled his duties for a different kind of rescue than lifeguards are celebrated for.

I would like to write a letter to the editors of the Ocean City newspapers about the situation and about the importance of our OC lifeguards. Please let me know the lifeguard's name so that I can include it in my letters.

My parent's have lived on the beach at 116th St. for 15 years and our family admires the work of the Ocean City Beach Patrol who protect our shoreline. Thank you for your important service to our community.

Best regards,
 Marilou Regan

From: Lisa Hetrick
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 12:55 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Lifeguard Joe 142nd street

Hi,

I just had to take a moment to share how impressed my entire family is with Lifeguard Joe. Today, he brought the entire area in close to his chair and shared some fun and safety tips. It was awesome!

In all my years coming here (so many) I have never seen/experienced a lifeguard who clearly "loves" what he does and truly cares. And, I have never seen a lifeguard take the time to introduce himself and share safety tips. NEVER!

I felt it was important to share with you. Happy 4th of July and thanks for keeping our beaches safe.

Thank you,
 Lisa Hetrick and the entire Hetrick, Zicha and Synan family.



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



OCBPSRA—National Aquarium Marine Animal Rescue Program—July 9, 2012

Name	Crew	Name	Crew	Name	Crew	Name	Crew
Jason Konyar	0	James McVey	0	Eric Snee	16	Tyler Baxter	17
Mike Stone	0	Dustin Whittles	1	Dan Pogonowski	16	Cory Brown	14
Max Posner	16	Tom Mechling	6	Tucker Lurie	6	Georgia Speier	13
AJ Smith	13	Joel Harrison	6	Nick Sakell	12	Michael Legath	6
Travis Sevier	10	Alex Desy	5	Steve DeKemper	12	Jonathan Clouser	8
Leah Palmer	12	Will Wilkinson	10	Charles Swartz	12	Marcela Rojas	2
Bryan Clark	9	David Balog	1	Seth Bergman	4	Maude Desroches	7
Adam Grant	9	Liz Vander Clute	2	Paul Vassalotti	6	Kalani Linnell	8
Chris Barton	5	Zack Goodman	9	Mitch Masser	7	Joe Keefe	3
Rob Fox	2	Travis Wagner	15	Andrew Maccherola	16	Jake Ritter	3
Tim Uebel	0	Pat Hagar	12	Andrew Douglas	9	Andrew King	2



OCBPSRA—2 Mile Run—July 11, 21012

Name	Crew	Time	Name	Crew	Time
Michael Brockmeyer	15	13:27	Craig Hunkele	4	13:13
Brent Warren	3	15:06	Tyler Walker	1	14:19
Billy Eckert	13	15:03	Patrick O'Malley	7	12:56
Marcela Rojas	2	14:49	Leah Palmer	12	16:28
Taylor Warren	1	15:39	Juan Luis Cepeda	7	13:49
Mike Keefe	4	15:38	Maude Desroches	7	17:30
Andrew Padley	13	15:14	Joel Harrison	6	13:38
Dustin Whittles	1	14:19	Mitch Masser	7	15:33
Josh Wilder	3	13:16	Chris Barton	5	12:50
Tucker Lurie	6	14:13			

OCBPSRA—200 Meter Sprint—July 12, 21012

Name	Crew	Time
Jordan Acton	2	:31
Juan Luis Cepeda	7	:33
Devin Paquette	4	:32
Kevin Johnson	1	:32
Jon Rothermel	1	:32
Jeff Stachnik	3	:31
Vincent Martirano	5	:31

OCBPSRA—Two Person Rescue—July 12, 21012

Name	Crew	Time
Jordan Acton	2	5:40
Juan Luis Cepeda	7	4:11
Kevin Johnson	1	3:33
Jon Rothermel	1	4:17
Emmanuelle Ouellet	1	4:23
Vincent Martirano	5	4:56
Devin Paquette	4	4:55

MARP Annual Dolphin Count July 20, 2012, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

On Friday, July 20, The public is invited to join the National Aquarium's Marine Animal Rescue Program staff for the Annual Maryland Dolphin Count along the Atlantic coast of Maryland. Annual dolphin counts help marine mammal specialists capture a snapshot look at dolphin populations, reproduction rates, and ocean health.

We now know that Atlantic bottlenose dolphins use Maryland waters as a thoroughfare for migration, summertime breeding, and feeding along the way. With your help, we will continue to gather and analyze this information and learn more about the state of our waters and the dolphin populations that are found off our coast.

The National Aquarium's annual Dolphin Count involves spending a few hours on the beach watching the water for passing dolphins, and filling out a data sheet. Each team will have an Aquarium representative to help set up and answer questions. The event is free and open to the public. If you're interested in participating with the 2012 Maryland Dolphin Count, Aquarium staff will be stationed at the following locations:

Assateague State Park (Day Use Area)
40th Street in Ocean City (at the beach)
130th Street in Ocean City (at the beach)

The public is more than welcome to join our staff at one of the locations mentioned above. Just look for all the Aquarium staff in blue shirts looking toward the water. The count will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. As a reminder, it is always helpful to bring the following items for comfort:

- A beach chair or blanket
- Water to stay hydrated
- Sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses, and binoculars

E-mail marp@aqua.org for more information about the event

