# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

<u>**WEEKLY BULLETIN**</u>
**Week of July 2, 2012 to July 8, 2012**

<u>**MONDAY, JULY 2, 2012**</u>

 ***WEEKLY MEETING:*** CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court
 **CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs
 **SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE
 **CREW MEETING:** 0830hrs (Be sure to check for PSRT Evals. Week 2)
 **OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0830hrs
 **GENERAL MEETING:** 0850hrs
 **LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION:** SRA II-PSRT Eval. Week 1 due at 0930hrs

**Veteran Recertification:** Session VII—Inlet—1000hrs— Minimal equipment includes buoy, flags, whistle, and first aid kit.. Bring your fins if you have them. Syllabus includes run, swim, physical skills review, special topics, CPR/AED review, spinal cord management, and first aid recertification. ***Note:*** *Arrangements have been made for parking in the Inlet lot. You must have a parking pass and present it with your gate ticket when exiting or you will be required to pay the full fee. Do not park at OCBP headquarters. The training room will be open from 9:30 to 9:45 to secure your belongings.*

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

**Opportunity to Compete:** Sea Colony Ocean Series Challenge—Bethany Beach, DE—1830hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** 31st / Quay

**Tides:** High: 1911hrs
 Low: 1244hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs
Lagond Honors Band—Somerset Plaza—1300hrs to 1400hrs
Movies on the Beach—*Puss in Boots*—27th St.—1830hrs

**SUMMER *of* THANKS**
**OCEAN CITY, MD**
Our way of saying thanks — with sweet beach savings!

| S.R.T. Name: | Monday 7/2/2012 | Tuesday 7/32012 | Wednesday 7/4/2012 | Thursday 7/5/2012 | Friday 7/6/2012 | Saturday 7/7/2012 | Sunday 7/8/2012 | CREW |
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| **Daily Assignment** | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Totals |
| **Rescues** | | | | | | | | |
| **Preventative actions** | | | | | | | | |
| **First Aids** | | | | | | | | |

## TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2012
**Opportunity to Compete:** OCBP Triathlon Club—27th St.—Bike: 0700hrs/Run: 0800hrs
OCBP Floor Hockey—Northside Park—1900hrs
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet  / 29th / English Towers
**Tides:** High: 0730hrs
       Low:  1339hrs
**Special Events:** Free Breakfast-Son'Spot Ministries-12 Worcester St.—0730hrs
Lagond Honors Band—Somerset Plaza—1300hrs to 1400hrs
Family Beach Olympics—27th St.—1830hrs to 2030hrs
Movies on the Beach—*The Smurfs*—Carousel Hotel—118th St.—2030hrs

**OCBP Floor Hockey**
Northside Park    1900hrs   $5.00
*Wear Your Athletic Shoes.    No Blades*
Tuesdays: July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 14



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2012
**Officer in Charge:** 1st Lt. Lee
**OCBPSRA-Rookie Graduation Tomorrow, July 5th at 0730hrs—Required for SRT III**
**Opportunity to Compete:** None
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet  / 27th / Pyramid
**Tides:** High: 0825hrs
       Low:  1431hrs
**Special Events:** 78th Army Band Concert & Fireworks on the Beach—N. Division St.—2000hrs to 2200hrs
US Army Band Downrange Concert & Fireworks at Northside Park—125th St.—2000hrs to 2200hrs

## THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012
**OCBPSRA—Rookie Graduation—Inlet—0730hrs—Mandatory for all PSRTs! (Report by 0715hrs)—***Officers and Crew Chiefs report to Training Room at 0700hrs*
*SRTs volunteering to assist or receiving OCBPSRA credit report to Inlet at 0715hrs (Required for SRT III)*
**Camp Horizon:** N. Division St.—1145hrs—1515hrs—*Instructors report to Headquarters at 1000hrs.*
**Opportunity to Compete:** None
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 25th / 94th St.
**Tides:** High: 0917hrs
       Low: 1523hrs
**Special Events:** Open Water Scuba Certification—HQ Training Room—1830hrs
Sunset Park Party Nights—*Flashback to the Beatles*—S. Division St. & Bay—1900hrs
Movies on the Beach—*Dolphin Tale*—Princess Royale—91st St.—2030hrs

**Scuba Dive Certification Classes**
For the next 3 Thursdays—HQ Training Room—1830hrs



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**More OCBP Dive Team News**
**Tentative certification check-out dives:**
Friday, July 20; Monday, July 23; Saturday, August 3; Sunday, August 4
Each person needs two consecutive days.  Contact Unit 13 to provide your first and second choices.

## FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2012—*PAY DAY*
**OCBPSRA:** Paddleboard—Dorchester St.—0830hrs
**Opportunity to Compete:** None
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 23rd / 92nd St.
**Tides:** High: 1008hrs
       Low: 1614hrs
**Special Events:** Free Breakfast-Son'Spot Ministries-12 Worcester St.—0730hrs
Movies on the Beach—*HOP*—27th St.—2030hrs

## SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2012
**OCBPSRA:** Jet Drive Recertification—HQ Training Room—1830hrs—(Must be currently certified)
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts
**Surfing Beaches:** 21st / 90th St.
**Tides:** High: 1057hrs
      Low:  1707hrs
**Special Events:** Free Breakfast-Son'Spot Ministries—12 Worcester St.—0730hrs
Delaware Volleyball Beach Fest—20th St to 23rd St.—0830hrs

## SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2012
**OCBPSRA:** None
**Opportunity to Compete:** OCBP Triathlon Club—HQ—0700hrs—Bike Ride to Assateague
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Run Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** 19th / 88th St.
**Tides:** High: 1146hrs
      Low: 1800hrs
**Special Events:** OC Cruzers Car Show & Concert with Rob Fahey—1630hrs to 1830hrs
Beach Wedding—54th St.—1830hrs
Sundaes in the Park—Key West Band—Northside Park—1800hrs
Beach Lights Spectacular—N. Division St.—2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

## MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012
*WEEKLY MEETING***:** CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court
    **CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs
    **SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE
    **CREW MEETING:** 0830hrs (Be sure to check for PSRT Evals. Week 3)
    **OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0830hrs
    **GENERAL MEETING:** 0845hrs—Jennifer Dittmar Stranding Coordinator from the National Aquarium
    **LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs
**OCBPSRA:** PSRT Week 2 evaluations due at 0930hrs
Marine Animal Rescue Training—HQ Training Room—1830hrs—Required for OCBPSRA Instructor Certificate
**Opportunity to Compete:** None
**Mandatory Daily Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 17th / 86th
**Tides:** High: 1236hrs
      Low: 1855hrs
**Special Events:** Beach Safety Seminar—OC Lifesaving Museum—1000hrs
Endless Summer  Boogie Board Camp—38th St.—1400hrs to 1600hrs
Movies on the Beach—*Yogi Bear*—27th St.—2030hrs

### UPCOMING 2012 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

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|---|---|
| July 2 & 14 | Veteran Re-certification |
| July 5 | Rookie Graduation—0730hrs |
| July 5 | Camp Horizon Beach Day |
| July 10-13 | JBP Academy I |
| July 11 | USLA Mid-Atlantics-Rehoboth |
| July 13 | Ironguard Triathlon Championship |
| July 14 | OCBP Group Picture Day |
| July 14 | Captain Craig Swim |
| July 17-20 | JBP Academy II |
| July 21 | Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run |
| 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 |
| Sept. 1 | OCBPSRA 2013 Pre-Employment Ocean Test |

# Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|---|---|---|---|
| Concerts on the Beach | July 11 | 2000hrs | N. Division St.-Bob Lougheed & Mystery Train |
| Sunset Park Party Night | July 12 | 1900hrs | S. DivisionSt. —Full Circle |
| Sundaes in the Park | July 15 | 1800hrs | Northside Park—The Janitors |
| Concerts on the Beach | July 18 | 2000hrs | N. Division St.—Rising Sun Reggae |
| Sunset Park Party Night | July 19 | 1900hrs | S. DivisionSt. —Pat O'Brennan Trio |
| 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 | |
| Movies on the Beach | June-Aug . | 2030hrs | 27th St. & The Carousel |
| Family Beach Olympics | June-Aug. | 1830hrs | 27th. 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 |

| Stats. | Week 5 6/18/12 to 6/24/12 | Year-To-Date 2012 | Week 5 6/20/11 to 6/26/11 | Year-To-Date 2011 | Week 6 6/21/10 to 6/27/10 | Year-To-Date 2010 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Action** | | | | | | |
| Preventions | 4277 | 15278 | 7949 | 22921 | 2566 | 9878 |
| Rescues | 255 | 802 | 171 | 498 | 19 | 181 |
| Minor First Aid | 72 | 241 | 124 | 313 | 122 | 342 |
| Ambulance Calls | 24 | 37 | 14 | 56 | 5 | 37 |
| Police Calls | 3 | 17 | 4 | 15 | 4 | 14 |
| USCG/MDNRP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Lost/Found Persons | 29 | 67 | 30 | 93 | 37 | 81 |
| N. Surf Beach Population | 35 | 135 | 123 | 151 | 53 | 318 |
| S. Surf Beach Population | 185 | 852 | 130 | 711 | 140 | 567 |
| Inlet Surf Beach Population | 9 | 246 | 29 | 160 | 222 | 384 |
| Beach Wheelchair Usage | 72 | 92 | 30 | 69 | 18 | 57 |

## OCBPSRA Events-Round 2

July 6—Paddle Board—Dorchester St.—0830hrs
July 7—Jet Drive Recert.—HQ Training Room —1830hrs
July 11—2 Mile Run— Dorchester St.—0830hrs
July 12—200M Sprint – Dorchester St.— 0830hrs
July 12—2 Person Rescue— Dorchester St.— 0830hrs
July 13—Captain Craig Mile Swim—14th St.—1800hrs
July 16—Beach Safety Training—HQ Training Room —1830hrs
July 18—Landline – Dorchester St.—0830hrs
July 18—Mile Run – Dorchester St.—0830hrs
July 19—Run Swim Run— Dorchester St.—0830hrs
July 23—Jet Drive Certification—HQ Training Room —1830hrs
Aug. 8— Mile Swim—Dorchester St.—0830hrs

## 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 Stickers3:00 / $2 for 5.00
New OCBP Oval Sticker $2.00 / 3 for $5.00

## OCBPSRA  SRT Levels and Requirements

SRT I—Required for Round SRT Patch
- Complete Surf Rescue Academy
- Pass Semaphore Test
- 21 Days Incident Free
- 3 Successful PSRT Evaluations
- Complete Rookie Graduation
- Complete National Incident Management Systems Courses (NIMS) IS 100 & IS 700

SRT II – Required for ACC *(Previous Basic)*
- Two Mile Run—18:00 minute limit
- One Mile Swim—40:00 minute limit
- Dispatch Training
- Beach Safety Seminar
- 100 Days Experience after SRTI
- NIMS Courses IS 200 & IS 800

SRT III – Required for CC (*Previous Advanced*)
- Paddleboard Training
- Landline Training
- 1 Mile Run—8:00 minute limit
- 200m Soft Sand Sprint—40 second limit
- Run-Swim-Run
- Two Person Rescue
- Successfully serve as Assistant Crew Chief
- Instruct at Rookie Graduation
- Junior Beach Patrol Instructor Training
- 100 Days Experience after SRT II

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

***This Week's Question:*** **I notice the Lifeguards make everybody get out of the ocean before they leave but people go back in. Why is that?**

The beach patrol has known of, or been involved with dozens of drownings and near drownings that have occurred outside our 10:00 – 5:30 "Duty" hours ( over 97% of all water related deaths in Ocean City in the past 80 years have occurred while the Ocean City Beach Patrol is off duty). The single, strongest message that we try to impress on people is that they should stay out of the ocean when the lifeguards are not on duty. Many times we have been involved in cases where, if this simple rule had been followed, lives and families would not have been scarred by such a preventable tragedy, the death of a loved one. Clearing the water at the end of our shift may seem routine, but we never take the goal of this policy lightly.  Before we started the policy of clearing the water of swimmers at 5:25, it was very possible that a swimmer could have entered the water while guards were on duty, only to turn around and find the stands empty and pulled back for the night. In most cases this would not be a problem. However, if the swimmer were to become caught in a rip current, the situation could quickly take a tragic turn, despite their intentions to swim only under the watchful eyes of the beach patrol. In contrast, by pulling everyone out of the ocean before we leave the beach, we know that those who enter the water during unguarded hours are taking that risk knowingly. We continue our efforts to educate the public, warning them of the dangers of swimming on unguarded beaches, and that we make sure people leave the ocean before we pull our lifeguard stands back and cross over the dune for the night.

Hence our slogan, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguards in the stand". Heeding this simple warning could save a life, YOURS!

Sgt. Mark W. Muller may be one of the newest OCBP officers, but he has been with the Beach Patrol for 14 years.  Previously, Mark served as an SRT and then as a Crew Chief of Crew 11.  As a sergeant, one of Mark's tasks is to supervise an area of the beach; this season, he is supervisor of the crews in the northern area, which runs from 100th St. to 145th St. Mark is certified as a Maryland State Police (MSP) Rescue Swimmer, as well as a Marine Mammal Rescue Program (MARP) volunteer; he is also a member of both the OCBP softball and floor hockey teams.  In his free time, he likes to play golf, fish, and surf.  Mark attended James Madison University where he majored in physics and played lacrosse.  He earned a Masters of Engineering from the University of Virginia and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Hawaii with a dissertation in underwater acoustics.  Mark is a professor and engineering coordinator in the physics department at Salisbury University.  He also serves as the faculty adviser for the SU Golf Club.



## 2012 Competition Schedule

**July**
2—Sea Colony Challenge
11—USLA Mid-Atlantics Non-Crafts – Rehoboth Beach, DE
14—Captain Craig Swim
16—Dewey Beach Ocean Series
17—Jones Beach Invitational—Jones Beach, NY
18—USLA Mid-Atlantics Crafts – Long Branch, NJ
20—USLA Mid-Atlantics-Non-Crafts (Cape May, NJ)
21—Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run
23—USLA Mid-Atlantics Junior Lifeguard (Sea Girt, NJ)
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

## OCBP Triathlon Club
This week's workouts:

Tuesday, June 26h will be a bike ride at 0700hrs from 27th St., followed by a run at 0800hrs.

Sunday, July 1st at 0700hrs will be a ride from HQ to Assateague and back to HQ



**OCBP TRIATHLON**

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

| OCBPSRA | Mile Swim | 6/29/12 |
|---|---|---|
| Name | Crew | Time |
| Travis Sevier | 10 | 26:45 |
| Georgia Speier | 13 | 29:26 |
| Maude T. Desroches | 7 | 28:49 |
| Emmanuelle Ouellet | 1 | 22:21 |
| Eric Snee | 15 | 28:12 |
| Chris Kim | 15 | 28:24 |

| OCBPSRA | Landline | 6/29/12 |
|---|---|---|
| Name | Crew | Time |
| Brandon Wilson | 10 | 5:56 |
| Tyler Baxter | 17 | |
| Sean Lanahan | 14 | 6:00 |
| Cory Brown | PSRT | 6:04 |
| Steve Plimack | SBF | 6:09 |
| Pat Sweeney | 7 | |
| Kevin Stang | 8 | |

### The Captain Craig Swim

**July 14, 2012**
**Registration: 1700hrs**
**Race: 1800hrs**
**Location: 13th St. & the Boardwalk**
Competitors swim a measured mile with the prevailing current to a finish line located at 13th Street and the beach. Awards will be presented to age group finishers and a commemorative t-shirt is included in the $15.00 registration fee.

### Maryland Basic Boating Safety
#### Northside Park
**Section B: July 9-10**
Mon & Tues.—1800hrs to 2130hrs
Residents-$25.00/Nonresidents-$30.00
A written test will be given for certification at the end of the course.
Register online at www.oceancitymd.gov (Click on Rec. & Parks)
FAX your form to 410-250-5409.
**Course # 414503 B**

**REQUIRED FOR OCBPSRA ADVANCED**
Note: If you are currently certified through a recognized boating course, you do not need to retake this. Just provide a copy of your card.

Sea Colony Lifeguard Challenge
Monday, July 2nd 2012
First event starts at 6:30Sharp

Events:

Iron man/woman (limit 1 guard per patrol/division)

Run Swim Run Relay (limit 5 guards per patrol with at least 1 female)

Paddle Pick Up (4 person team per patrol with at least 1 female)

5 X 400 Soft Sand Relay (5 person team per patrol with at least 1 female)

Paddle Relay (6 person team per patrol with at least 2 females)
*Big Red or 10'6 Paddleboards.

Blind Draw Relay

TEAM CAPTAINS MUST MEET BEFORE EACH EVENT TO LEARN COURSE RULES AND SPECIFICS
$10 per Competitor Includes Long Sleeve T-Shirt

PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN THE LOT SOUTH OF THE WILMINGTON TRUST. Food and Beverage provided by Armand's Pizza at Award Ceremony.
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 1-800-732-2656, EXT. 6047

### OCBP License Plates
Listed below are the guidelines for receiving these special logo plates.

Your vehicle must be registered in Maryland.
Pick up MVA form VR-124 from Captain Arbin.
Fill out form completely.
Attach a check made payable to the Ocean City Beach Patrol Surf Rescue Association
(OCBPSRA) for $50.00. This is a one-time fee and will not be charged again.
If you are requesting a specific number, make sure it is still available.
Return form to Beach Patrol Headquarters. Do not send or take to MVA—the form needs an authorizing signature to process.
Once the VR-124 form and check have been received, it takes 4-6 weeks to receive the tags. They will be mailed to the address on your registration.
In the future, you will receive the regular tag renewal application directly from the MVA every 2 years.

## Marine Animal Rescue Program with the OCBP
### Remember Anna?

**Rescued**

Late in the evening on July 29, 2011, a severely debilitated loggerhead sea turtle was admitted to the National Aquarium's Marine Animal Rescue Program. Our team was contacted earlier that evening by the Ocean City Coast Guard and Beach Patrol that helped bring the loggerhead safely to shore—on a boogie board!

The female loggerhead arrived severely emaciated and covered with a heavy barnacle load, and could barely swim.

**Rehabilitated**

The Aquarium's animal health team safely removed the barnacle load, which helped her to be able to swim again once she was stable.

Every day, MARP staff and volunteers monitored her energy levels and her diet. Her weight steadily increased on a diet of capelin, shrimp, squid, and soft shell crabs.
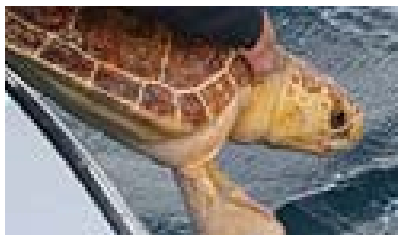
**Released**

This loggerhead turtle made a miraculous recovery in a surprisingly short amount of time! MARP staff was amazed at how well this turtle recovered in just a few months.

The Ocean City Beach Patrol officer who saved her and carried her to shore had the honor of naming her, and he chose "Anna."

On November 25, 2011, staff from the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program released Anna, along with a loggerhead that underwent rehab there and four yearling head-start loggerheads from the Virginia Aquarium. All the turtles were released from a vessel off the coast of North Carolina, where water temperatures were still warm enough to support sea turtles.

This is a great example of how aquariums and stranding response facilities work together to attain common goals and give sick and injured animals a second chance at life. A big thanks to MARP volunteers and our partners at the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Response Program!



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**Marine Animal Rescue Program**

Jennifer Dittmar from the MMRP will be our featured guest at the Monday Meeting on July 9. She will explain the rescue program as well as how to become a certified responder. Training will take place Monday evening, July 9th, in the HQ Training Room at 1830hrs. This is a requirement for an OCBPSRA Instructor certificate.



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Dear Friends -

It is my pleasure and honor to invite your lifesaving organization to participate in the 2012 WaveJet Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Challenge.

In association with the Waterman Eco-Challenge to be held on Saturday, July 21 in Narragansett, Rhode Island, the Challenge will pit your nominated guard(s) against the WaveJet Rescue Board, for the chance to win a $500 cash prize and a WaveJet Rescue Board System (valued at $4,150) for your organization.

The WaveJet Rescue Board System has been tested with lifeguard organizations all over the country and shown itself to be a critical tool for the future of lifesaving, enabling ocean rescuers to get out to victims in a fraction of the time and just as importantly, enabling them to conserve energy so that the can be optimally effective throughout their shift on the beach.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions that arise about registering for this event.

We look forward to seeing you in Narragansett, and integrating the WaveJet Rescue Board System as a key part of your lifesaving toolkit!

Best Regards,
**Kelly Virgulto**
**Director Global Sales, Marketing and Corporate Strategy**
**WaveJet Propulsion**
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**BREAK FREE**

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Notice: Participation in activities that include the use of equipment not issued or authorized by the OCBP while on duty is strictly prohibited. This includes time on your break i.e: surfing, bodyboarding, fishing, etc.
*Special Note: Allowing non-employees to use our equipment without the permission of an officer is also prohibited.*

## Weekly Bathing Beach Water Samples

**Natural Bathing Beach Areas**
Worcester County has approximately 30 miles of coastline on the Atlantic Ocean- 10 miles of ocean beach in Ocean City and 21 miles on Assateague Island. Twenty miles of coastal beach is easily accessible to the public and thousands of visitors swim in these waters daily during the summer.

There is also a public swimming area on the Chincoteague Bay at Public Landing, 6 miles east of Snow Hill. Many other bodies of water in Worcester County are also used for recreational purposes, such as the Isle of Wight Bay, St Martin's River, Assawoman Bay and Pocomoke River.

**Sampling Program**
During the bathing beach season, the county samples 8 sites in Ocean City, 8 sites on Assateague Island and 5 sites at Public Landing. Samples are collected every Monday and tested for enterococcus bacteria. Results are available on Thursday.
A running geometric mean of each site, using a minimum of 5 samples taken over a 30-day period, is calculated. The geometric mean should not exceed 35 organisms per 100 ml (35 MPN), with no single sample exceeding 104 organisms per 100 ml. Enterococcus serves as the sole indicator for evaluating water quality and determining beach advisories. An advisory is issued for a sampling site, if bacterial levels exceed the above state standards.

**Testing the Waters: Ocean City**
The 10 miles of Ocean City, Maryland beaches are divided into 6 areas referred to as Beach 1 – 6.

| Designation | Physical location | % of samples exceeding state standards |
|---|---|---|
| Beach 1 | Inlet – 30th Street | 0% |
| Beach 2 | 30th – 55th Street | 0% |
| Beach 3 | 55th – 75th Street | 0% |
| Beach 4 | 75th – 100th Street | 0% |
| Beach 5 | 100th – 126th Street | 0% |
| Beach 6 | 126th – MD/Del Line | 0% |

Although the press is reporting Beach 6 as the 5-star beach, all beaches in Ocean City are tested and have had 0% of samples above the Maryland State Standard for safe water.

    Less than 5% of water samples exceeded national standards in 2009, 2010, and 2011

    Local officials post advisories without re-sampling

    Closings/advisories are posted online and at the beach

    Water quality is then monitored more than once a week

    **Monitoring Data:** Assigned monitoring frequency: twice a week

    Total samples reported: 27

    % of samples exceeding state standards: 0%

    Notification days: 0 Tier: 1