



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of July 2, 2013 to July 7, 2013

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 800hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0815hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

CREW MEETING: 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, and assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0830hrs

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0845hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs featuring the OCPD Bomb Squad

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

SRA II-PSRT Week 1 Evaluations due at 0930hrs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

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

Opportunity to Compete: Sea Colony Ocean Series Challenge

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 10th St. / 78th St.

Tides: High: 1520hrs

Low: 0852hrs

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

Movies on the Beach—*Big Miracle*—27th St.—183

Equipment Needs

Sgt. Phillips will be available
Mondays from 1730 to 1830hrs
for equipment needs.



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



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/1/2013	Tuesday 7/2/2013	Wednesday 7/3/2013	Thursday 7/4/2013	Friday 7/5/2013	Saturday 7/6/2013	Sunday 7/7/2013	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
								Totals

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013

Veteran Recertification: Session VIII—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.

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 8th St. / 76th St.

Tides: High: 1617hrs

Low: 0943hrs

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

Movies on the Beach—*The Amazing Spider-Man*—Princess Royale—91st St.—2030hrs

Jet Drive Certification and Recertification

The last jet drive certification and yearly recertification is July 6th. Those wishing to continue having jet drive duty need to recertify. Those wishing to be certified for the 1st time should see Sgt. Davis at the Monday meeting to get on the list, or email him at bdavis@oceancitymd.gov

. All participants must have safe boater's certification on file by Wednesday July 3rd. Those not having safe boater's certification on file by this date will not be able to take the course.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013

Camp Horizon: N. Division St.—1145hrs—1515hrs—*Instructors report to Headquarters at 1000hrs.*

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Opportunity to Compete: None

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

Competition Workout: OCBP Triathlon Club—Meet at 130th St. BH— Bike@ 0700hr; Run@ 0800hrs

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 6th St. / 74th St.

Tides: High: 1708hrs

Low: 1033hrs

Special Events: Movies on the Beach—*The Lorax*—Carousel—118th St.—2030hrs



THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2013

OCBPSRA-Rookie Graduation—Tomorrow, July 5th at 0730hrs—Required for SRT III

Opportunity to Compete: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 4th St. / 72nd St.

Tides: High: 1753hrs

Low: 1122hrs

Special Events: Open Water Scuba Certification—HQ Training Room—1830hrs

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



FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2013—PAY DAY

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: 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)

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

Competition Workout: OCBP Triathlon Club—Meet at 27th St. BH— Bike@ 0700hrs; Run @ 0800hrs

Opportunity to Compete: None

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 2nd St. / 70th St.

Tides: High: 0603hrs

Low: 1208hrs

Special Events: Movies on the Beach—*Paranorman*—27th St.—2030hrs

Open Water Dive Certification Classes

HQ Training Room—1830hrs

July 9, July 11, July 16, July 18



Dive Trip to Lake Rawlings , VA
7/21 & 7/22

SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Jet Drive Certification—HQ Training Room—1815hrs
Jet Drive Recertification—HQ Training Room—1815hrs—(Must be currently certified)

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

Surfing Beaches: N. Division St. / 68th St.

Tides: High: 0647hrs

Low: 1252hrs

Special Events: Delaware Volleyball Beach Bash—20th St to 23rd St.—0830hrs

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2013

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

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

Competition Workout: OCBP Triathlon Club—Meet at HQ—Long Bike Ride@ 0600hrs

Surfing Beaches: 65th St. / 145th St.

Tides: High: 0730hrs

Low: 1334hrs

Special Events: OC Cruzers Car Show & Concert with The Delmarva Chorus—1630hrs to 1830hrs

Beach Wedding—54th St.—1830hrs

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

Equipment Needs

Sgt. Phillips will be available
Mondays from 1730 to 1830hrs
for equipment needs.



MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps

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FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0815hrs

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SRA II-PSRT Week 2 Evaluations due at 0930hrs

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: Beach Safety Seminar Training—HQ-1815hrs

Opportunity to Compete: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 63rd St. / 143rd St.

Tides: High: 0812hrs

Low: 1414hrs

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

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

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

OCBP Floor Hockey Starts Tomorrow!

Tuesday, July 9

Northside Park 1900hrs \$5.00
Wear Your Athletic Shoes. No Blades



UPCOMING 2013 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 1	Weekly Meeting with OCPD Bomb Squad Demo
July 2	Veteran Re-certification
July 4	Open Water Scuba Certification Class—HQ—1830hrs
July 5	Rookie Graduation—Inlet Beach—0730hrs
July 9-12	JBP Session A July 11—One Day Seminar
July 10	USLA Mid-Atlantics-Rehoboth
July 11	Open Water Scuba Certification Class—HQ—1830hrs
July 12	Iron Guard Triathlon Championship
July 13	OCBP Group Picture Day-Inlet-0730hrs
July 13	Veteran Re-certification
July 13	Captain Craig Swim-14th St.-1800hrs
July 16-19	JBP Session B July 18—One Day Seminar
July 18	Open Water Scuba Certification Class—HQ—1830hrs
July 20	Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run
July 27	Crew Comps-N. Division St.
Aug. 3	OCBP Triathlon

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Movies on the Beach	<i>Big Miracle</i>	July 1	2030hrs	27 th St.
Family Beach Olympics		July 2	1830hrs	27 th St.
Movies on the Beach	<i>The Amazing Spider-Man</i>	July 2	2030hrs	Princess Royale
Movies on the Beach	<i>The Lorax</i>	July 3	2030hrs	Carousel Hotel
4 th of July Celebrations	Concerts & Fireworks	July 4	2000hrs	N. Division St. & Northside Park
Movies on the Beach	<i>Paranorman</i>	July 5	2030hrs	27 th St.
Concert & Cruzers	Blake Haley	July 9	1500hrs	Somerset Plaza
Concert on the Beach	<i>Sir Rod</i>	July 10	N. Division St.	2200hrs
Sunset Park Party Night	<i>Full Circle</i>	July 11	S. Division St.	1900hrs
Arts on the Dock		July 11	OC Fishing Pier	1600hrs
Sundaes in the Park	<i>Key West Band</i>	July 14	Northside Park	1900hrs
ESA Surf Competition	Malibu's Classic	July 20	Dawn to Dusk	8 th St.

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 5</u> <u>6/17/13</u> <u>to</u> <u>6/23/13</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2013</u>	<u>Week 5</u> <u>6/18/12</u> <u>to</u> <u>6/24/12</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2012</u>	<u>Week 5</u> <u>6/20/11</u> <u>to</u> <u>6/26/11</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2011</u>
Action						
Preventions	3019	7322	4277	15278	7949	22921
Rescues	289	596	255	802	171	498
Minor First Aid	79	260	72	241	124	313
Ambulance Calls	3	13	24	37	14	56
Police Calls	8	34	3	17	4	15
USCG/MDNRP	1	2	0	0	0	2
Lost/Found Persons	20	41	29	67	30	93
N. Surf Beach Population	39	185	35	135	123	151
S. Surf Beach Population	190	581	185	852	130	711
Inlet Surf Beach Population	162	534	9	246	29	160
Beach Wheelchair Usage	19	58	72	92	30	69

OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Store Price List

Blue or Grey Short-sleeve T-Shirt—\$10.00
 Grey or Tan Long-sleeve T-shirts—\$15.00
 Grey Sweatshirts—\$25.00
 Grey Sweatpants—\$20.00
 Tie-Dyed T-shirts-Blue, Red, or Purple—\$15.00
 Reversible Mesh Tanks—\$20.00
 Hats – 1 for \$6.00 or 2 for \$10.00
 Knit Hats—\$10.00
 Swim Caps \$5.00
 Whistles \$6.00
 Lanyards \$6.00
 Buoy Key Chains \$4.00
 Car window sticker Ocean City Beach Patrol—
 \$2.00
 OCBP Stickers—Small—\$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00/
 OCBP Stickers—Large—\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
 OCBP Big White Towels \$15.00



OCBP Triathlon Club Training Workouts This Week

Wed. 7/3—130th St.-Bike @ 0700hrs; Run @ 0800hrs
 Fri. 7/5—27th St.-Bike @ 0700hrs; Run @ 0800hrs
 Sun. 7/7—HQ—Long Bike @ 0600hrs



OCBP TRIATHLON

Handicapped Parking Policy in Ocean City

The Town of Ocean City extends **free** parking privilege to persons from any state who either have a handicapped registration tag or are displaying a state issued handicapped tag from the vehicles rear view mirror. You may park free of charge at any parking spot (paid or not) or in a designated handicapped parking spot if available. **You do not have to pay the parking fees.** Please make certain your handicapped tag is clearly displayed so the parking enforcement personnel do not issue you a citation.

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.



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 Training
- 100 Days Experience after SRT I
- 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 / Assist at Rookie Graduation
- Junior Beach Patrol Instructor Training
- 100 Days Experience after SRT II

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

Last Week's Question: What are you doing with those flags? The surf rescue technician's (lifeguard's) flags serve two purposes. First, they are used in one of the three communications methods that the beach patrol uses to communicate among themselves. This form of communications is called semaphore. Semaphore is a type of communication by which a person signals with two hand flags, moving his arms through various positions to represent letters, numerals and special signs. Semaphore is also used by the Scouts, Navy and Coast Guard to communicate over long distances (as long as you can see the other person). Although this method has been around for a long time, a major benefit to the beach patrol is that in an emergency or when a lifeguard is in the water, they do not need any electronics or technology to immediately update and communicate with each other. The majority of messages being sent between lifeguards are communications about lost and found individuals and potential dangers.

Example:LB N ADAM A ATE RED

Lost Boy Name Adam Age eight bathing suit color red

Above is an example of one type of a message that SRTs send between adjoining stands. This information is also transmitted by radio to the beach patrol dispatch center for broadcast to other agencies and departments throughout Ocean City.

Note: We respond to approximately 2,000 cases of lost and found individuals in a typical season with a 100 percent return rate. To learn more about semaphore, visit the beach patrol website, www.ococean.com/ocbp ; click on the semaphore alphabet link under employee links.

The second use of the flags is to direct beach patrons out of harm's way. Although we do not expect any of our beach patrons to understand this signaling system, we also use the flags to indicate and point to our visitors. The SRT may point at you and direct you to move in a particular direction or to stop an activity such as ball playing in the water. This gentle signaling may be all it takes to warn and move you out of potential danger, such as rip currents, dangerous shorebreak or even marine life such as we saw with last year's whale sightings. So remember, when an SRT whistles and points, locate them and make sure they are not trying to tell you something.

Interesting note: The popular peace sign is really the combination of two semaphore letters N and D and stands for Nuclear Disarmament.

The other two communication methods used by the beach patrol are a whistle system and two-way radios.

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

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 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. "duty" hours (over 97 percent 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 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 impacted by such a preventable tragedy. 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 p.m., 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. The risk is great, although many of the 2,000 – 4,000 people who we rescue during guarding hours tell us that they never intended to go out that "far", they do not make the connection to the fact that rip currents (the 3rd leading cause of weather related deaths nationally) will actually pull a person from waist deep water to water that is over their head quickly and without warning. These same currents that are the cause of 95% of all rescues we make during the day are also present before and after we are on our stands. The only difference is that when a person finds themselves in trouble before 10:00 AM or after 5:30 PM. there is no one to save their life and unfortunately it all too often has ended in tragedy. 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.

Our slogan, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand." Heeding this simple warning could save a life, yours!

Crew Chief Phil Fraley has been with the Beach Patrol for 7 years. He is in charge of the beaches in Crew 4 and sits the stand at 14th street. Phil is actively involved with the OCBP Competition Team and he is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member. He competes in local, regional and national level lifeguard competitions. Phil is also a member of the OCBP Triathlon Club. For recreation, Phil likes running, paddling, working out, Stand Up Paddling and being outside. He also enjoys hanging out with his family. In the off-season, he is an Educational Assistant, MANNY.

The lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



OCBPSRA Events for June 22 thru June 30

OCBPSRA Jet Drive Certification	6/22/13
Name	Crew
Thomas Mechling	11
Jonathan Clouser	8
Bryan Clark	9
OCBPSRA Jet Drive Recertification	6/22/13
Steve DeKemper	12
Charles Swartz	12
Will Wilkinson	10/11
Billy Eckert	13
Georgia Speier	16
Seth Bergman	4
Phil Fraley	4
Mitch Masser	10
Josh Kirstein	14

OCBPSRA 2-Person Rescue		6/24/13
Name	Crew	Time
Mike Brockmeyer	15	4:42
Tucker Lurie	6	4:25
Michael Legath	6	4:13
Ryan Latgis	17	4:20
Mitch Masser	10	4:08
Julie Mikolaichik	7	4:58
Tommy Vondersmith	6	4:25
Shelby Stang	6	3:59
Bryan Clark	9	4:19
Kevin Stang	8	3:39
Pat Hagar	12	3:44
Andrew Douglas	8	4:02
Travis Wagner	15	4:08

OCBPSRA JBP Instructor Certification	6/26/13
Name	Crew
Jonathan Tourgee	5
Shayne Custodio	11
Brian Servia	4
Damien Sanzotti	11
Jenelle Irwin	7
Liz VanderCLute	2
RJ Phiambolis	11

OCBPSRA 2-Mile Run		6/24/13
Name	Crew	Time
Mike Brockmeyer	15	12:42
Ian Alexander	15	20:12
Tommy Vondersmith	6	14:03
Shelby Stang	6	16:12
Tucker Lurie	6	14:03
Kevin Stang	8	14:08
Andrew Douglas	8	13:09
Brian Joiner	16	17:10 (Soft Sand)
Michael Legath	6	13:13
Ryan Latgis	17	14:06
Rusty Barnes	15	13:04
Pat Hagar	12	12:28
J.W. Hunt	12	14:00
Mitch Masser	10	13:43
Julie Mikolaichik	7	16:03
Bryan Clark	9	13:53
Joe Stedman	17	17:13 (Soft Sand)
Travis Wagner	15	17:10 (Soft Sand)

OCBPSRA Quad Certification	6/28/13
Name	Crew
Pat O'Malley	7
OCBPSRA Quad Recertification	6/28/13
Name	Crew
John Miller	1
Jonathan Clouser	8
Emmanuelle Oullet	1
Jenelle Irwin	7
Rob Fox	2
Jacob Ritter	3
Kevin Johnson	1
Randy Wheeler	18
Alex Desy	5
Jake Foy	17
Dan Pogonowski	16
Travis Wagner	15
Adam Atwood	14

Note: Due to the high tide (1 min.), slope, (1 min.), and 10 mile- per-hour winds, the time to pass was 20 min. 30 sec.

OCBPSRA Events



July 5—Rookie Graduation Assist-**SRT III**
 July 6—Jet Drive Certification
 July 6—Jet Drive Recertification—HQ—1615hrs
 July 8—Beach Safety Training—HQ—1815hrs- **SRT II**
 July 9—2 Mile Run—Dorchester St.—0800hrs-**SRT II**
 July 9—Landline—Dorchester St.—0830hrs-**SRT III**
 July 10—200M Sprint—Dorchester St.—0800hrs-**SRT III**
 July 10—Paddleboard—Dorchester St.—0800hrs-**SRT III**
 July 13—1 Mile Swim (Captain Craig)—14th St.-1800hrs-**SRT II**

2013 Competition Schedule

July

- 1—Sea Colony Challenge
- 10—USLA Mid-Atlantics Non-Crafts – Rehoboth Beach, DE
- 13—Captain Craig Swim
- 15—Dewey Beach Ocean Series
- 17—USLA Mid-Atlantics Crafts – Long Branch, NJ
- 20—Mitch Maiorana Run-Swim-Run
- 22—Fenwick Ocean Series
- 22—USLA Mid-Atlantics Junior Lifeguard (Sea Girt, NJ)
- 25—Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics
- 27—OCBP Crew Comps
- 29—Bethany Beach Ocean Series
- 31—All Women's (Sandy Hook, NJ)

August

- OCBP Triathlon—TBA
- 5—Rehoboth Junior Lifeguard
- 7, 8, 9, 10—USLA Nationals—Manhattan Beach, CA
- 14—Middlesex BP Invitational



Sea Colony Lifeguard Challenge

Monday, July 1, 2013

First event starts at 1830Sharp

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)
- Blind Draw Relay

*Big Red or 10'6 Paddleboards.

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

Dogs on the Beach

Read below for important answers to common questions regarding dogs in and around the Ocean City beach area.

Q: Are dogs allowed on the beach or boardwalk?

Animals are not permitted on the beaches or boardwalk of Ocean City at any time during the period from May 1 through September 30 of each year. All dogs must be on a leash at all times, including when on the beaches during the offseason.

Town of Ocean City Code, Sec 106-94 (6).

Town of Ocean City Code, Sec 6-34 (19), (24), (25)

Q: What about service animals?

Service animals are any animal that are individually trained to do work for people with disabilities. Service animals must be allowed to accompany people with disabilities in all areas where the public is normally allowed to go. Service animals must be under control. There is no certification, or requirement that service animals be marked or carry documentation.

http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

So, when you are asking a beach patron to remove an animal from the beach, if they tell you it is a service animal, it is permitted to remain on the beach. You cannot ask for documentation, nor should you attempt to question the person. Advise your Crew Chief and Area Supervisor of the location of service animal and a description of the animal so that the person is not constantly questioned about the animal. If a service animal is not under control, or if there is a problem with the service animal, contact the area supervisor.

Q: Is there a dog park in Ocean City?

Yes, Little Salisbury Park located at 94th St. has a dog park with separate small dog and large dog areas. See http://oceancitymd.gov/Recreation_and_Parks/dogplayground.html for more information. Passes can be obtained at the Parks and Recreations Department front desk at 200 125th St. 410-289-0125

Q: So where can I take my dog on the beach?

Assateague Island Nation Seashore, in limited areas. Dogs must be leashed. Note, the state park does not allow pets. For specific areas, contact them at 410-641-1443. See <http://www.nps.gov/asis>, look for "pet regulations" in the "Plan your visit" section.

Fenwick Island, DE State Park allows dog at the Surf Fishing Beaches only. Dogs must be leashed. This beach is between Bethany Beach and Fenwick Island. Contact them at 302-227-2800.

Q: Can I just leave my dog in the car?

No, temperatures in the car rapidly rise and will endanger the welfare of the animal, even if a window is cracked open. In Maryland, it is illegal to leave a cat or dog in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the health or safety of the cat or dog. If discovered, police may use reasonable force to remove from a motor vehicle a cat or dog left in the vehicle in violation.

MD Code, Transportation, § 21-1004.1

Q: So, I brought my dog into Ocean City, and now I need to kennel my dog. Where can I do so?

The Dogtel Hotel - 12006 Ocean Gateway, West Ocean City, MD 21842 -- 410-213-8288

A Friend of Mine Kennel -- 8614 Littleton Rd Willards, MD 21874 -- 410-860-9454

The Heavenly Hound Hotel -- 33053 Lighthouse Rd, Selbyville, DE 19975 302-436-2926

Q: Do any hotels in Ocean City allow pets?

Quite a few do. Call the hotel to confirm as most do charge a pet fee and pet rooms are limited. This is not a complete list, and is subject to change.

Barefoot Mailman -- 35th St. -- 1-800-395-3668

Clarion -- 101st St. -- 1-800-638-2100

Beach Plaza Hotel -- 13th St. -- 1-800-492-5834

The Islander Motel -- 20th St. -- 1-877-289-3131

Comfort Suites -- 127th St. -- 410-213-71717

Safari Motel -- 13th St. -- 410-289-6411

Knights Inn -- 2nd St. -- 410-289-6900

Coastal Palms Inn & Suites -- 120th St. -- 1-800-641-0011

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Summer has officially arrived and for many people that means pulling the floaties out of storage and hitting the beach. Well, before you barrel onto the freeway to hit the surf and sand, it's worth doing some research about just what is waiting for you in that water – and we're not talking sharks.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council's 23rd annual beach water quality report, released Wednesday, many of America's beaches have some serious water pollution issues. But never fear, the report also includes beaches with 5-star "superstar" ratings, so you can skip the bacteria soup and head to a better beach.

"Sewage and contaminated runoff in the water can spoil a family vacation real fast, turning a day of lounging at the beach into a day at the doctor's office with a sick child," said NRDC senior attorney Jon Devine.

The report, "Testing the Waters: A Guide to Water Quality at Vacation Beaches," is a collection of the latest beach water quality data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from more than 3,000 testing locations nationwide. Click [here](#) for the full report and zip-code searchable map.

This report focuses on just one but critical element of beach water quality: bacterial contamination --so pollution pretty much created by human and animal waste. The authors note that there are all types of pollution that destroy beaches and cause serious illness, and a definitive list on the "cleanest" and "dirtiest" beaches based on all these types of pollutants would be "almost impossible" to put together. So with that in mind, here's a list of some of America's cleanest and dirtiest beaches.

Cleanest - Alabama: Gulf Shores Public Beach in Baldwin County

Cleanest - Maryland: Ocean City at Beach 6 in Worcester County
In Ocean City, Maryland's only coastal community, the beach is the main attraction. The good news is that it will stay that way, the water is top notch.



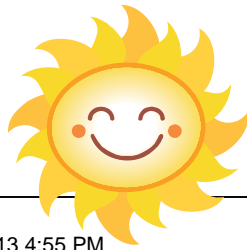
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The beaches in are divided into six areas:	Ocean City, MD, the following
Designation	Physical location
Beach 1	Inlet – 30 th Street
Beach 2	30 th – 55 th Street
Beach 3	55 th – 75 th Street
Beach 4	75 th – 100 th Street
Beach 5	100 th – 126 th Street
Beach 6	126 th – MD/Del Line

The Rest of the List...

3. Cleanest - California: Bolsa Chica Beach in Orange County
4. Cleanest - California: San Clemente State Beach -Avenida Calafia
5. Cleanest - New Hampshire: Wallis Sands Beach in Rockingham County
6. Dirtiest - California: Doheny State Beach in Orange County
7. Dirtiest - New York: Ontario Beach in Monroe County
8. Dirtiest - New Jersey: Beachwood Beach in Ocean County
9. Dirtiest - Wisconsin: South Shore Beach in Milwaukee County
10. Dirtiest - California: Poche County Beach in Orange County

Attaboys!



From: Mark Pacini
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Cc: Skip Lee; Edward Kovacs
Subject: Outstanding Work - Beach Patrol - Dew Tour Concerts !

Gentleman,

I would like to commend the work that Beach Patrol performed, under the direction of Skip Lee, during the Dew Tour Concert Operations. Professional, thorough and highly reactive. Please thank the crews that worked with the OCPD, as a team, during the Concert operations.

Thank You !

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From: windon05
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 12:53 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: Lifeguard Beach Patrol

To Captain Arbin,
After briefly speaking with you on the telephone you requested I send a letter on behalf of my experience.

I have been visiting the town of Ocean City since I was around 10 yrs. old or perhaps longer some 40 plus years... just put it that way. While visiting Ocean City this past week June 20th-June 23rd I stayed at the Dunes Manor Hotel located on 28th-29th Street. The weather was beautiful. however the water was dangerous with rip currents, you could see them extremely well from a higher point such as our balcony.

One day in-particular, I believe that was on Saturday June 22nd, the Lifeguard was giving his Informational speech to the beachgoers about the conditions of the water, while doing so two men were in the water (at the edge of a sandbar) one with crutches and the other one helping, in a blink of an eye a wave knocked them both down and within seconds the Lifeguard was there bringing him to safety. The man on crutches had a partial amputated leg. It was just a remarkable job the Lifeguard performed, and it happened to be while all the beach goers were looking on. The rest of the afternoon went on as normal. Days prior to I observed this Lifeguard rescuing an average of 4 plus daily from the rip currents. He was friendly to all, young children showing him their crabs, the seniors asking questions, concerned parents, etc He gave speeches more than once that's for sure. Also observed that while having his lunch break he continued to zone in on the waters. Astonishing!!

The Lifeguard showed leadership and commitment to his job. He will be an inspiration to others. The training, hiring, and overall supervision of the beaches is absolutely wonderful.

I know your wondering by now who is this young man? His name is PAUL, and I am pleased to say I had the honor to shake this young mans hand. He is a Lifesaver!!!!

Ocean City should become or is one of the safest Beach Resort Towns located on the East Coast. I have witnessed this first hand from NJ to FL.

Thank you OC for keeping our beaches safe...and again thank you Paul for your good work ethics! Our family will be returning several times over the summer.....see you all again one day....



Having fun at the OCBP
Women's Dinner
June 25
Pizza Tugos