



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of September 2, 2013 to September 7, 2013**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2013—Labor Day!**

**WEEKLY MEETING:** CONVENTION CENTER – 40<sup>th</sup> STREET-Southwest corner on steps

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0700hrs

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 800hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE—Last test for 2013!

**AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS:** 0825hrs

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

**GENERAL MEETING:** 0845hrs—Jennifer Dittmar, the National Aquarium MARP Stranding Coordinator, will speak.

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 20<sup>th</sup> St. / 88<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1820hrs

Low: 1158hrs

**Special Events:** 16<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish Explorer tall ship

*The Galleon* —3<sup>rd</sup> St. bayside— **Last day of tours-0900hrs to 1800hrs**

MARP Training—HQ Training Room—1800hrs

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

**FALL PATROL MEETING—HQ Training Room—0830hrs**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2014

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 18<sup>th</sup> St. / 86<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0634hrs

Low: 1243hrs

Beach wheelchairs and their boxes will be removed from the beach on 9/3/13.

Notice: Today, Monday,  
September 2, 2013  
Last Opportunity To  
Take the Semaphore  
Test for 2013

#### Equipment Turn in Reminder

If you are not returning to work after Labor Day, (or live over 30 miles from OC and working weekends), all equipment must be returned after work Monday, September 2, 2013, (before 7:00 PM), or the value of all missing equipment will be deducted from your last paycheck. Your direct deposit will be cancelled and your final paycheck will be mailed to your permanent address on file by certified mail once we can confirm that the equipment deduction was taken out of your pay. Once deducted, if you return any missing equipment at a later date, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.

Rescheduled! Ocean City MARP Stranding Training  
OCBP HQ Training Room  
Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>—Dorchester St.—1800hrs  
Required for instructor certification



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/2/2013	Tuesday 9/3/2013	Wednesday 9/4/2013	Thursday 9/5/2013	Friday 9/6/2013	Saturday 9/7/2013	Sunday 9/8/2013	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								



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



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; you are encouraged to complete Dispatch Training and certifications from outside agencies, such as Safe Boaters, NIMS, SCUBA, ETC.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 16<sup>th</sup> St. / 84<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0716hrs  
Low: 1326hrs

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2014

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 14<sup>th</sup> St. / 82<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0757hrs  
Low: 1408hrs

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2014

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 12<sup>th</sup> St. / 80<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0839hrs  
Low: 1450hrs

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2014

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 10<sup>th</sup> St. / 78<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0920hrs  
Low: 1533hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Weddings: 55<sup>th</sup> St.—1000hrs / 101<sup>st</sup> St.—1100hrs / Inlet Beach—1300hrs / 15<sup>th</sup> St.—1500hrs / Beach Weddings: 21<sup>st</sup> St.—1700hrs—21<sup>st</sup> St.—1800hrs / 140<sup>th</sup> St.—1800hrs

### Important Notice

Please note the dates and times of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)  
Convention Center—0800hrs

Tuesday, September 3 (Start of Fall Patrol)  
HQ Training Room—0830hrs

Beginning on September 8, the weekly meetings will move to City Hall on Sundays.

Sunday, September 8  
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 15  
City Hall—0830hrs

Sunday, September 22  
City Hall—0830hrs



### Crew Chief Equipment

All issued equipment must be returned on your last day. Equipment that is given to you does not need to be returned: collared shirt, jacket, bathing suits, whistle, and hats. As with all employees, a crew chief who leaves without completing his/her commitment will be required to return ALL equipment that was given to them by the Beach Patrol. The purpose of this policy is to have an accurate inventory and to minimize the loss of equipment should a Crew Chief decide not to return in subsequent years. Any and all equipment not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck.

### The Exiting Process

#### Reminder!

Make sure that you have completed and turned in all necessary paperwork, equipment, and/or provided the required official documentation before leaving.

#### **Bring the following to Headquarters:**

- Notification of Last Day Agreement
- Official Documentation of your Next Commitment
- All Uniforms and Equipment
- Fall Employment Agreement

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

**GENERAL MEETING:** City Hall Council Chambers—3<sup>rd</sup> St —1<sup>st</sup> Floor-0830hrs

**Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter through rear of the building.**

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2014

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day— Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 8<sup>th</sup> St. / 76<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1003hrs

Low: 1619hrs

**Special Events:** Concert & Cruzers—*Troy Mawyer*—Somerset Plaza—1500hrs

**A Note on Fall Guarding:** If you plan to work past Labor Day, you will need to complete a Fall Agreement form for full or part time. You must also indicate on the fall agreement if you are interested in extended patrol or other opportunities for work. Fall Guarding begins on Sept. 23 and continues through Monday, Oct. 7, 2013

## UPCOMING 2013 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 3	Fall Patrol Meeting-Training Room—0830hrs
Sept. 22	Last Day of 2013 Season
Sept. 23	First Day of Extended Patrol
May 26	Memorial Day—1 <sup>st</sup> Day of 2014 Summer Season!
Nov. 25	Fall Newsletter
April 1	Spring Newsletter & Invitations to Return

## Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Concert & Cruzers	<i>Tommy Edwards</i>	Sept. 8	Somerset Plaza	1500hrs
Sunfest		Sept. 20-23	Inlet Lot	1000hrs to 2200hrs
Park Place Jewelers Beach Treasure Hunt		Sept. 21-22		
Concert & Cruzers	<i>Troy Mawyer</i>	Sept. 22	Somerset Plaza	1500hrs
ESA Surf Contest		Oct. 5	48 <sup>th</sup> St. or Inlet	Dawn to Dusk
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk & Run		Oct. 19	Inlet	0730hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 14</u> 8/19/13 to 8/25/13	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2013	<u>Week 14</u> 8/20/12 to 8/26/12	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2012	<u>Week 14</u> 8/22/11 to 8/28/11	<u>Week 14</u> Year-To- Date 2011
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	3661	30097	5253	58664	1052	79739
Rescues	163	1792	233	2539	7	1594
Minor First Aid	60	1209	97	1338	47	1954
Ambulance Calls	9	126	18	205	11	298
Police Calls	8	130	6	116	5	75
USCG/MDNRP	0	8	0	6	0	8
Lost/Found Persons	73	453	26	493	24	555
N. Surf Beach Population	11	633	58	530	1	811
S. Surf Beach Population	756	3099	121	3556	37	2598
Inlet Surf Beach Population	84	665	28	961	NA	726
Beach Wheelchair Usage	50	443	28	417	27	452

### DO NOT FORGET THE BEACH PATROL WHEN YOU MAKE CHANGES

If you make any changes in the contact information that you have on file with us, it is your responsibility to let us know. If this coming season is as we predict, we will not be allowing personnel to return who have missed deadlines. Having mail returned or lost in forwarding may cause you to miss an important deadline.

**E-mail** – With free accounts and school accounts that are often changed you need to let us know immediately. We use e-mail to keep everyone informed of events and activities as well as confirming information and to get out quick updates.

**Winter address** – This is used to send U.S. mail such as newsletters, incentive checks, invitations to return, and other paperwork.

**Permanent address** – This address is not used by the Beach Patrol but is used by the Town of Ocean City to send tax information (W-2).

### Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each employee's summative performance rating. Employee commendations, incidents, responsibility for equipment, amount of time worked, amount of time taken off, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel. Only once a full and complete assessment is made will a final recommendation be made to the Captain, regarding an employee's status for the next season.

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

**This Week's Question:** I stayed in Ocean City past Labor Day thinking I could finally take my dog on the beach. The lifeguard informed me that I could not. I was surprised that the lifeguards were still even on duty. I thought they ended on Labor Day. How much longer will there be lifeguards on the beach and when do the rules change?

Although the Beach Patrol has never gone off duty following Labor Day (at least for the past 41 years) many people assume this to be our schedule. In reality the earliest the Beach Patrol has gone off duty for the season has been the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (usually the 3rd weekend following Labor Day). This year the Patrol will end the regular guarding of the beach on Sunday September 22nd.

During this period following Labor Day, as Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel return to other obligations we are in a reduced coverage scheme, and the number of Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) available to staff the stands along the 10 miles of beach decreases. 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. As this redistribution occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes on a daily basis).

This reduction in personnel is an annual occurrence but is complicated by the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. However, as a direct result of our recruiting and staffing the number of stands we have been able to deploy on a daily basis has been higher than in many previous years. We will have additional returning Surf Rescue Technicians to allow us to increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on weekends

Because of the dedication and commitment of these public servants, we will continue to provide daily coverage between 10:00 and 5:30 for all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 22, 2013. Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers (than during the summer), 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.

As far as the rules go (Town of Ocean City Ordinances) most remain in effect until September 30th. The specific ordinance regarding dogs states that dogs are not permitted on the beach or boardwalk from May 1st to September 30th. Other ordinances and laws such as public drinking, vehicles on beach (although the City is considering a pilot program that would allow Surf Fishing vehicles with permits during the winter months), and fires on beach, remain in effect throughout the year.

Another difference in the beach during the fall season is surfing. Captain Arbin of the Beach Patrol will allow modified surfing along the entire beach, except where guards are posted. The Beach Patrol keeps the swimmers in front or near their stand and the surfers are encouraged to congregate away from the swimmers. This is a time of the year the surfers enjoy. They can surf while the Patrol is on duty and not be confined to designated surfing beaches like they are during the summer. Surfers must still utilize an ankle leash and remain 50 yards from the nearest swimmer. Having surfers in the vicinity often proves valuable in saving lives. It is helpful to have the extra floatation devices in the water at this time of year when the coverage is spread over larger spans of beach. It is not unusual for surfers to aid a distressed swimmer and keep them afloat until a Surf Rescue Technician can reach them and take them safely back to shore. Although surfing is modified, the Beach Patrol still reserves the right to prohibit surfing in certain areas or under certain conditions. The use of skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, paddle boards, etc) is still prohibited.

SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. To aide your SRT, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precautions and make sure to walk the short distance to the nearest lifeguard stand and check in with the Surf Rescue Technician and always swim in the vicinity of the SRT on duty. The first priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues to be public safety. We strongly encourage all beach patrons to restrict any beach or water related activities to times when Beach Patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay within the limits of their ability and never rely on a floatation device.

### **SRT of the Week Seth Bergman**

Assistant Crew Chief Seth Bergman has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years. He is the Assistant Crew Chief (a leadership training position) to Crew Chief Phil Fraley in the south area of Ocean City with Crew 4, which covers the beach from 11th Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Seth is a member of the OCBP Dive team as well as an active member in the United States Lifesaving Association. In his free time, Seth likes to scuba dive. In the off-season he studies Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Delaware. He is in his senior year. ACC Seth Bergman and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bowling Tournament**

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Ocean Lanes 72<sup>nd</sup> St.  
1900hrs



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**OCBP DIVE TEAM**

Tentative Fall & Winter Schedule

October 19	Oyster Dive	Eastern Bay (Kent Island)
October 12-14	Outer Banks Trip	North Carolina with Sea Colony Scuba
TBD	National Aquarium	Baltimore
March 16-23 (not all)	Spring Break Trip	West Florida
April 18-20	Twilight, Night Dives	Fort Lauderdale Air & Sea Show (working)

Sergeant Falcon sent an email to the Dive Team list on Sunday, August 18. If you did not receive it and you want to be on that list, you must send him an email: [jfalcon465@yahoo.com](mailto:jfalcon465@yahoo.com) ~ or ~ [jfalcon@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:jfalcon@oceancitymd.gov)



**Help Wanted**  
**YMCA Pool Lifeguard Position Available**

The Pocomoke YMCA is in need of part-time lifeguards for the hours of 1100hrs to 1600hrs.

If interested, contact MaryBrad Kelley:  
[lsfitdir@yahoo.com](mailto:lsfitdir@yahoo.com)



We are looking for Banquet Houseman this fall/winter to help with our conventions. If any of the lifeguards are looking to supplement their income when BP slows down please send them my way.

The hours are pretty flexible and can work around any schedule.

Mark Elman, General Manager  
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel  
10100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
410-524-3535 ext.7158  
[www.clarionoc.com](http://www.clarionoc.com)



## Attaguards

From: Aimee Chrest  
 Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 12:47 PM  
 To: Butch Arbin  
 Subject: Lifeguard Andy -94th street

Just wanted to let you know how impressed I am. Andy just flagged everyone out of the water and asked for everyone to gather around his chair. Not only was his message educational for the children but also for the parents. I've been coming to OC for a very long time and have never seen his done before. Great message delivery and perfect timing! Kudos for Andy...he definitely should be commended for being proactive.

Best regards,  
 Aimee Chrest

From: Dana  
 Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 5:10 PM  
 To: Butch Arbin  
 Subject: Clarion hotel life guard Emily

Butch,  
 I wanted to take the time to give kudos to one of you lifeguards Emily.  
 My children (ages 11 and 13) and I spent much of each summer here in ocean city. Although both children are strong swimmers, I am a parent that constantly watches the children as they play in the water.  
 Upon our arrival yesterday, I explained to my children what to do if caught in a rip current, as the current was so rough. We were back on the beach bright and early this morning, and I was impressed when Emily took the initiative to be proactive and explain to the crowd on the beach just what to do if caught in a rip tide. I continued to watch her time and time again respond to swimmers in trouble in a tireless and continuous manner all day. At the end of the day, I was watching my 13 year old son as he again fought the current that was pulling him out and away from the shore and was thrilled when I realized that Emily already had been watching my son when it became apparent that this current was a problem for him. Emily, who had already been watching my son also realized that this current was giving him some trouble, and she began assisting him as he swam parallel to the shore until he was able to pass the current and swim in to shore. I was thrilled to see that he was able to keep his wits about him and do exactly what he was supposed to do--exactly what Emily had instructed him to do earlier in the day when she addressed the crowd of beach attendants. I was also very impressed with how observant and hardworking she was, and that she was aware of my son--before he got into trouble --even as she continued to observe everyone else on her beach. As much time as we spend here, I have never seen a lifeguard work as hard as this young lady did today! Not only was she proactive with offering instruction to the crowd in advance of any issues due to the the current conditions, she was also non-stop with her constantly attending to swimmers in trouble all day--and all the while she never lost her smile!  
 Kudos to Emily for a job well done!! Kudos to you as well for a great hire and proper training!!

Sincerely,  
 Dana Sensi

**From:** Keller, Mark  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2013 2:39 PM  
**To:** Butch Arbin  
**Subject:** Saved the day, and more

Butch –

My wife and I, having come to Ocean City for over 20 years (long before kids in tow). However, today, I need to offer thanks to you and your Beach Patrol for saving both of my (twin) 8 year old girls from the water today between 67<sup>th</sup> and 69<sup>th</sup> street ~ 12:00 noon.

I believe that lifeguards named Jeff and Fred were the ones who (each) pulled one of my daughters out first.

As I sit typing this note, I am keenly aware that this event could have been much worse than it was. Thank you for keeping your standards high to protect those who are humbled after something like this occurs & affects those that they love.

You and your team saved the day (and more) for me and my family.

Best regards.



Mark W. Keller, MBA  
 Assistant Vice President, EMEA Product Pricing – Institutional Products

