



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 15, 2013 to September 22, 2013

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers —3rd St. —1st Floor 0830hrs

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

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 61st St. / 141st St.

Tides: High: 1646hrs
Low: 1019hrs

Special Events: OC Bike Fest—Inlet Lot—1100hrs to 1700hrs
Beach Wedding—139th St.—1130hrs

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Officer in Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 59th St. / 139th St.

Tides: High: 1743hrs
Low: 1122hrs

Special Events:

Guidelines for Modified Surfing

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30th each year.

- Surfers must still wear a leash.
- Swimmers **always** have the right of way.
- Surfers must remain no less than 50 yds. from the nearest swimmer or non-surfer.
- Surfers should be moved to the area between the stands.
- If there are too many swimmers, then the surfers must relocate or stop surfing altogether.
- The use of skimboards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc. is still prohibited
- If a surfer injures another person, he/she is responsible, and we must ID the surfer, involving the police if necessary.

Attention!

As a result of the strong recruiting and testing campaign this August, we are not planning to hold off-site tests this winter. As more information is made available next spring, this may change. Thanks go to everyone for your part in the testing program.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/16/2013	Tuesday 9/17/2013	Wednesday 9/18/2013	Thursday 9/19/2013	Friday 9/20/2013	Saturday 9/21/2013	Sunday 9/22/2013	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								



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until the lifeguard's in the stand!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 57th St. / 137th St.

Tides: High: 1835hrs
Low: 1221hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding—2nd St.—1800hrs

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 55th St. / 135th St.

Tides: High: 0658hrs
Low: 1315hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding—86th St.—1800hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 53rd St. / 133rd St.

Tides: High: 0746hrs
Low: 1405hrs

Special Events: Sunfest Opening Parade—Inlet—1000hrs
Sunfest Kite Festival—2nd St. to 6th St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 51st St. / 131st St.

Tides: High: 0833hrs
Low: 1453hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 2200hrs
Sunfest Kite Festival—2nd St. to 6th St.

Mobile Rescue Units

- Mobile means MOVING! Do not become stationary unless your assignment requires it.
- Two or more quads should never congregate. This reduces the overall coverage of the beach.
- Your primary responsibility requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform dispatch of "ALL" your actions. They need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it. Quads need to be readily available in an emergency.
- Perform rescues if and when necessary.
- Back up SRTs making rescues in your area of responsibility or as directed by dispatch.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by dispatch.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel enforcing all policies and procedures.
- Assist with moving rovers when appropriate and circumstances permit.
- Patrol in your area of responsibility assisting the SRTs especially between stands and including ordinance enforcement.

**Town of Ocean City
Ordinance
SURF FISHING AND CASTING
Sec. 106-131. Public beach
restrictions.**

Surf fishing is permitted in Ocean City. However, be sure you are not within 50 yards of swimmers or of anyone on the beach between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
(Code 1972, § 28-9)

Winter Mailings

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2014 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided, as well as to the email address you provided this year. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office--either in person or by e-mail.

2013 W-2 Forms

The Town of Ocean City will send your W-2 form to the permanent address on record for you. This is the address that is printed on your paycheck. W-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2014. If you need to make any changes and/or adjustments, you must fill out a change of address form and submit it to the City Hall Human Resources department by January 1, 2014.

1. Contact Dolores in the City Hall Human Resources 410-289-8822
~and~
2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email: dt Tyler@oceancitymd.gov with any changes.

This is very important that you notify both people!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

OCBPSRA: Will resume in June 2014

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 49th St. / 129th St.

Tides: High: 0919hrs
Low: 1539hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 2200hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—2nd St. to 6th St.

Beach Weddings—45th St.—0900hrs & 110th St.—1400hrs & 36th St.—1800hrs

Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach—2nd to 3rd St.—1600hrs to 1700hrs



**Last meeting for 2013
Sea you next year!**

**Equipment Turn-in Today
1500hrs to 1900hrs**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013-End of Pay Period

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Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day— Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 47th St. / 127th St.

Tides: High: 1003hrs
Low: 1625hrs

Special Events: Sunfest—Inlet—1000hrs to 1800hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival—2nd St. to 6th St.

Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach—2nd to 3rd St.—1300hrs to 1400hrs

Last Day of Guarding the Beach for 2013—First Day of Autumn

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End of Season Equipment Turn-in: 1500hrs to 1900hrs

Reminder:

All equipment must be returned by Sunday evening, or it will be deducted from your final paycheck. Once deducted, you will have to wait for reimbursement which may take an additional four weeks if you return an item after Sunday at 1900hrs.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

First Day of Emergency Response Coverage—those involved have been notified.

Fall close down procedures begin today.

UPCOMING 2013-2014 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Sept. 22	Last Day of 2013 Season
Sept. 23	First Day of Emergency Response Coverage
Oct. 14	Last Day of Emergency Response Coverage
Nov. 25	Fall Newsletter
April 1	Spring Newsletter & Invitations to Return
May 26	Memorial Day—1 st Day of 2014 Summer Season!

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

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
Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show	Sept. 27-29	Convention Center	1200hrs
ESA Surf Contest	Oct. 5	48 th St. or Inlet	Dawn to Dusk
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk & Run	Oct. 19	Inlet	0730hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 16</u> 9/2/13 to 9/8/13	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2013	<u>Week 16</u> 9/3/12 to 9/9/12	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2012	<u>Week 16</u> 9/5/11 to 9/11/11	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2011
Action						
Preventions	3	32066	NA	58705	NA	79739
Rescues	89	2017	153	2809	203	1594
Minor First Aid	NA	1229	NA	1342	NA	1954
Ambulance Calls	3	137	9	222	6	304
Police Calls	3	137	4	124	1	76
USCG/MDNRP	2	11	0	7	1	9
Lost/Found Persons	2	474	1	513	2	557
N. Surf Beach Population	NA	633	NA	551	7	818
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	3220	NA	3767	NA	2598
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	673	NA	1043	NA	820
Beach Wheelchair Usage	3	473	3	445	1	453

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 ~ or ~ jfalcon@oceancitymd.gov



4th Annual Fall Bowling Tournament

Monday, September 16th

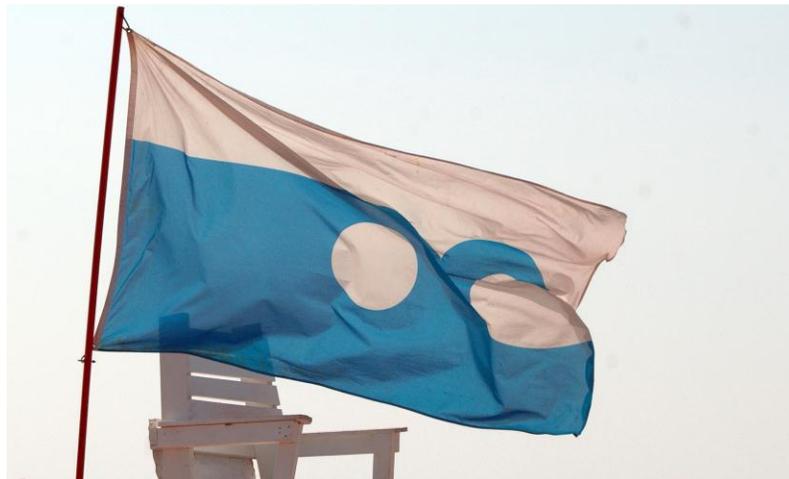
Ocean Lanes—72nd St.

1900hrs



The 4th annual fall bowling tournament will be held at 7:00 at Ocean Lanes on 72nd Street on Monday, September 16th. Football will be on when the Monday night game starts. Cost is \$4.50 per person, per game plus a \$2 shoe rental fee.
 You can pay the bowling attendants yourself as you play.

Any questions--please let me know and I hope to see you all there!!! Unit 15 😊



Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although satisfactory evaluations are very important, they are only one aspect of each person'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. Following through with what you told us you would do is critical and will affect your ability to return. Only after a complete review of the assessment process is done, will a final recommendation be made to the Captain regarding an employee's status for the next season.

Letters will be sent to those employees being invited to return around April 1. Only those employees receiving an A rating will be invited to return for the 2014 season.

If you need to know your status before this time, you can contact HQ after November 1, 2013.



OCBPSRA– Store Price List

- Yellow, 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
- New:** OCBP Crew Sox-\$11.00 or 2/\$20.00



A Note from Captain about the Marine Animal Rescue Program

If you trained last year on Monday, August 27, 2012, I am sending you an exam by email.

Although we had 45 people attend the training, Jennifer Dittmar, the MARP Stranding Coordinator, only had 8 paperwork packs with her. She sent the additional books and we attempted to distribute them at a Monday meeting last summer, but only a very few people remembered to pick them up.

What I need from you: Complete the exam that I send to you, and email it to Jamie Falcon.

There are two options that our personnel have. Both will provide OCBPSRA certification, so make sure you complete the requirements of the program you wish to participate in.

1. OCBPSRA MARP certification only (required for OCBPSRA Instructor Certification).
 - You must have attended a full training: One was held back in Nov. 2011, another one was held on Aug 27, 2012, and another was held on November 3, 2012.
 - You must complete the take-home test and email to Jamie Falcon.
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2. National Aquarium "official" MARP volunteer
 - You must have attended a full training: One was held back in Nov. 2011, another one was held on Aug 27, 2012, and another was held on November 3, 2012.
 - You must complete the take-home test and email to Jamie Falcon.
 - You must submit a volunteer application
 - You must attend update trainings when available
 - You must be available in the Baltimore, D.C., or Ocean City area



Ocean City Beach Patrol Pre-Employment Test: Not your average job interview

by Julia Galan

It was a beautiful Labor Day weekend in Ocean City, Maryland. But while beachgoers relaxed on the sand and played in the waves, a group of determined young men and women gathered off the Boardwalk at Dorchester Street. This was no ordinary group of youngsters – this group was preparing to put in their best effort and qualify to be part of the Ocean City Beach Patrol. The OCBP pre-employment test that they were about to take is the first step in applying to become a Surf Rescue Technician, and is designed to assess whether the candidate is physically and mentally prepared to become a part of this outstanding organization.



1st Lieutenant Skip Lee addresses the candidates on test day.

To read the full text of this article, as well as more articles about the OCBP, go to www.swimspire.com

Discover an ocean of fun!

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

This Week's Question: Last weekend when I was here, I walked the beach and saw guards on stands although they seemed really far apart. When do the lifeguards go off duty?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until this Sunday, September 22nd (the Sunday of Sunfest weekend is our annual last day). Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. Due to the dedication and commitment of the Beach Patrol staff, many of our SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement our coverage for this last weekend. We will also 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach this Sunday Sept 22nd. To aide your SRT this last weekend, during this time of reduced coverage, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precaution and walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand.

After Sunfest weekend we remove all stands from the beach and no longer position SRTs along Ocean City's beaches. At this time of year it is important for people to realize that the Beach Patrol is off duty and they should not participate in water related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend in May 2014. We realize that in spite of our warnings a warm sunny day will still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed our warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of our season are still present now and could possible even be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity that we typically experience this time of the year. People may find themselves in danger just like it was August however, with no SRTs keeping a watchful eye, there is no one ready to respond if the need arises.

We will still maintain a presence on the beach for a few more weeks with our Water Rescue Patrols. These Water Rescue Patrols are mobile units that consist of 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 and are quad (ATV) certified. Having these units already on the beach and mobile, effectively reduces the response time from the original 911 call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important however that people not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their love ones. After September 22nd we will not be able to continue educating the public and actively preventing potential incidents. We will not be able to fulfill our mission and work in a proactive manner, therefore we are in a reactionary mode and cannot provide the coverage that the public is accustomed to during our regular guarding season. We have seen too many times when swimming without lifeguards and poor judgment turns into a tragedy with the loss of a life. So although our saying, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" is a friendly reminder to only swim when lifeguards are on duty, it comes with a very serious warning. 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 flotation device. Since the Beach Patrol is off duty until May and we have explained the dangers of swimming unprotected, we do not expect to see people in the ocean until Memorial Day weekend 2014. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards. Don't let it be you or someone you love. However you remember it, swimming only when lifeguards are on duty could save a life... yours or someone you love!

SRT of the Week

Sgt. Mark W. Muller has been with the Beach Patrol for 15 years. Previously, Mark served as an SRT and then as a Crew Chief of Crew 11. He was promoted to sergeant in the summer of 2012. One of Mark's tasks is to supervise an area of the beach; this season, he was the supervisor of the crews in the northern area, which runs from 100th St. to the Delaware Line. Mark is certified as a Maryland State Police (MSP) Rescue Swimmer, as well as a Marine Mammal Rescue Program (MARP) volunteer. In his free time, he likes to play golf, fish, and surf and go boating. 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.

