



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

MAY 18, 2013 - MAY 27, 2013

*Welcome to the Summer of 2013!*



### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

**Officers/Office Staff:** Prep for the 2013 Season

**Crew Chiefs-Pick up form for Drug Test—1100hrs**

**Tides:** High: 1428hrs  
Low: 0819hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** ESA Surf Series-48<sup>th</sup> St.—0700hrs to Dusk  
Cruisin' Ocean City Car Show & Parade--Inlet Lot – 0900hrs – 1700hrs

### SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013-End of Pay Period

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 1**-Drug Test, Registration, Equipment Issue

**Officers/Crew Chiefs**-Drug Test—0900-in and Equipment Issue-1030hrs-1330hrs

**Tides:** High: 1524hrs  
Low: 0908hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** ESA Surf Series-48<sup>th</sup> St.—0700hrs to Dusk  
Cruisin' Ocean City Car Show & Parade--Inlet Lot – 0900hrs – 1600hrs

### MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lt. Ward Kovacs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 2**- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training  
Featured Training: Crew Organization, Rules of Conduct, Policies and Procedures, Victim ID

**Tides:** High: 1619hrs  
Low: 0958hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** N/A

### TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lt. Ward Kovacs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 3**- Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

**Featured Training:** Distressed & Active Victims, OCPD & Bomb Squad, City Ordinances;

**Evening:** Red Cross First Aid Certification

**Tides:** High: 1711hrs  
Low: 1049hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** None

#### 2013 Officers

- Unit 2- Captain Butch Arbin
- Unit 3- Lt. Mike Stone
- Unit 5- 1st Lt. Skip Lee
- Unit 6- Lt. Ward Kovacs
- Unit 7- Sgt. Ryan Cowder
- Unit 8- Sgt. Tim Uebel
- Unit 10- Sgt. Rick Cawthern
- Unit 11- Sgt. James McVey
- Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
- Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
- Unit 14- Sgt. Mark Muller
- Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Phillips
- Unit 16-Sgt. Steve Fowler
- Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
- Unit 18- Sgt. Ben Davis
- Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell
- Unit 20- Sgt. Jason Konyar

#### OCBP Office Assistants

- Debi Tyler
- Stella Malone

#### Public Information

**Coordinator**  
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## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lt. Ward Kovacs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 4-** Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

**Featured Training:** Active & Passive Victim, DNR, Animal Control

**Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up-** 1600hrs to 1830hrs

**Tides:** High: 1802 hrs

Low: 1140 hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** N/A



## **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lt. Ward Kovacs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 5-** Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

**Featured Training:** Neck-Back Rescues, CPR

**Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up-** 1600hrs to 1830hrs

**Tides:** High: 1853 hrs

Low: 1231 hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** N/A

### **2013 OCBP Crew Chiefs**

Crew 1	Kevin Johnson
Crew 2	Liz Vander Clute
Crew 3	Jacob Ritter
Crew 4	Phil Fraley
Crew 5	Alex Desy
Crew 6	Kelly McGrath
Crew 7	Jenelle Irwin
Crew 8	Jon Clouser
Crew 9	Dave Cuomo
Crew 10	John Miller
Crew 11	Damien Sanzotti
Crew 12	Steve DeKemper
Crew 13	Dave Haight
Crew 14	Adam Atwood
Crew 15	Travis Wagner
Crew 16	Dan Pogonowski
Crew 17	Jake Foy

## **FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013—Pay Day**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lt. Ward Kovacs

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Day 6-** Sgt. Uebel and Sgt. Falcon - Coordinators of Training

**Featured Training:** Rips, Rocks, & Rescues Review

**Veteran Registration & Equipment Pick-up-** 1600hrs to 2030hrs

**Tides:** High: 1944hrs

Low: 1322hrs

**Surfing Beaches:** Surfing ordinance is NOT enforced

**Special Events:** Family Movie Night-Northside Park-1930hrs to 2230hrs

## **SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013—The OCBP IS ON THE BEACH FOR THE 2013 SEASON!!!**

**Media:** Maryland Public Television to film the OCBP

**Prayer Service:** 0700hrs—Boardwalk at Somerset St.

**Crew Chief Meeting:** 0800hrs—Training Room-(ACCs are encouraged to attend).

**Surf Rescue Academy I: 1000 hrs-** Qualifying Test: Ocean Test and Soft Sand Sprint

**1100hrs-** Beach Patrol Policies and Paperwork - Pay Scales - OCBPSRA Certifications

**1200hrs-** On-the Job-Training

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) /15<sup>th</sup> St./83<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1413hrs

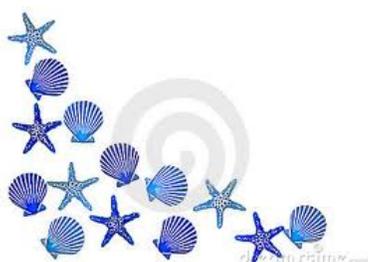
Low: 0807hrs

**Special Events:** Spring Arts & Crafts Show—Convention Center--1000hrs to 1700hrs

4th Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament-Sunset Marina



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**2013 OCBP Assistant Crew Chiefs**  
 Crew 1 - Jon Rothermel  
 Crew 2 - Marcela Rojas  
 Crew 3 - Josh Wilder  
 Crew 4 - Seth Bergman  
 Crew 5 - Pat Kearns  
 Crew 6 - Paul Vassalotti  
 Crew 7 - Pat O'Malley  
 Crew 8 - Kari Sheahan  
 Crew 9 - Bryan Clark  
 Crew 10 - Mitch Masser  
 Crew 11 - Tom Mechling  
 Crew 12 - Adam Grant  
 Crew 13 - Billy Eckert  
 Crew 14 - Chris Barton  
 Crew 15 - Colin Stang  
 Crew 16 - Brian Joiner  
 Crew 17 - Joe Stedman

**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2013**

**Media: Maryland Public Television to film the OCBP**  
**Surf Rescue Academy I: 0945hrs-On-the Job-Training-Same location as previous day**  
**Assistant Crew Chief Training: 1900hrs- Location TBA**  
**Crew Chief Training: 1900hrs- Location TBA**  
**OCBPSRA Certification: None**  
**Surfing Beaches: : Inlet (Conditional) /13<sup>th</sup>St./81<sup>st</sup> St.**  
**Tides: High: 1505 hrs**  
**Low: 0901 hrs**  
**Special Events: Spring Arts &Crafts Show—Convention Center--1000hrs to 1700hrs**  
 4th Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament-Sunset Marina  
 OC Beachlights Spectacular-N. Division-2130hrs, 2200hrs & 2230hrs

**MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013—Memorial Day!**

**WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40<sup>th</sup> STREET-Southwest corner on steps.**  
**AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS: 800hrs**  
**CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0815hrs**  
**SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE**  
**CREW MEETING: 0830hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule and assignments, information from Crew Chief)**  
**OFFICERS' MEETING: 0830hrs**  
**USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0845hrs**  
**GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs**  
**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs**

**Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation-Week 1-Assigned to Crews**  
**OCBPSRA Certification: None**  
**Work-out: Run Day**  
**Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) /11<sup>th</sup> St. /79<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Tides: High: 1559hrs**  
**Low: 0954hrs**



**SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT CONVENTION CENTER MEETINGS**  
 1. Do not park on Convention Center Drive.  
 2. Do not park in the rear of Convention Center  
 3. Meetings begin promptly at 0830hrs  
 4. Clean up your trash.  
 5. Drive carefully to your assignment

**F.Y.I.**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 to FRIDAY, May 31, 2013—Officer-In-Charge – Lt. Kovacs**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013**

**SRA Academy I: Supper Seminar – Headquarters –1830hrs —Attendance is MANDATORY!-Uniforms Optional**

**Next Meeting: SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013**

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013—Pay Day!**





**UPCOMING 2013 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**

June 1	SRA 1 Supper Seminar--Training Room--1830hrs
June 1	OCBPSRA Events Begin-Check Schedule for Specific Dates
June 2	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 7	Pay Day
June 8	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test
June 9	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 9	Captain Schoepf Relay Swim
June 16-23	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 17	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays--Convention Center
June 20-23	Dew Tour-Pier--N. Division-OC, MD
June 20 & 26	JBP Instructor Training--HQ--1830hrs
June 21	Pay Day
June 22	CC Requalification-0830hrs
June 24-July 2 & 13	Veteran Re-certification
June 25	Women's Dinner
June 27	Open Water Scuba Certification--HQ--1830hrs
June 29	SRA 2 Supper Seminar--Training Room--1830hrs
July 5	Rookie Graduation--0730hrs
July 10	USLA Mid-Atlantics-Rehoboth
July 13	OCBP Group Picture Day
July 13	Captain Craig Swim
July 27	Crew Comps



**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

Play It Safe Events	May 30-June 14	Various Times and Places	<a href="http://www.playitsafeoceancity.com">www.playitsafeoceancity.com</a>
Baltimore Ravens Roost Parade	June 1	1000 hrs	19 <sup>th</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> St.
O.C. Car & Truck Show	June 8-9	1000hrs to 1800hrs	Convention Center
OC Air Show	June 8-9	1200hrs	
Flag Day Ceremony	June 8-9	1200hrs	16 <sup>th</sup> St & Boardwalk
MD Firemen's Parade	June 19	1300hrs	Inlet to 9 <sup>th</sup> St.
Dew Tour-Pier-N. Division-OC, MD	June 20-23		Pier to N. Division St.

**Do You Remember? A Quick Refresher!**

**What do you do when a parent comes to you saying that his/her child is lost?**

*Get the child's name, age, trunk color, and tell the parent to stay with you until the child is found.*

**What do you put on an accident report?**

*Who? What? Where? When? Witness?*

**Do you need a leash when surfing is modified?**

*Yes!*

**Do we ever sit two guards to a stand?**

*NO!*

**Do we ever use our cell phones to make or receive calls on the beach?**

*Never!*

**Do we ever use our cell phones to text on the beach?**

*Never!*

**OCBPSRA Events**



- June 1—Quad Certification-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 1— Quad Recertification-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 7—200M Sprint-Dorchester St.-0800hrs
- June 7—Paddleboard-Dorchester St.-0830hrs
- June 13—Beach Safety Seminar Training-Dorchester St.-1815hrs
- June 14—Run-Swim-Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815hrs
- June 18—1 Mile Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815 hrs.
- June 18—Landline-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1830 hrs.
- June 20—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830hrs
- June 21—1 Mile Swim-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815hrs
- June 22—Jet Drive Certification-HQ-1815hrs
- June 22—Jet Drive Recertification-HQ-1815hrs
- June 24—2 Mile Run-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1815hrs
- June 24—2 Person Rescue-130<sup>th</sup> St.-1840hrs
- June 26—JBP Instructor Training-HQ-1830hrs
- June 28—Quad Recert-HQ -1815hrs

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

*The Ocean City Beach Patrol is a division of the Department of Recreation and Parks in Ocean City, MD. The OCBP consists of over 200 men and women dedicated to ocean rescue and maintaining a safe and orderly environment along 10 miles of Ocean City's beautiful beaches. The Surf Rescue Technicians (SRTs) guard the beach seven days a week from 10 a.m. –5:30 p.m. While on duty they often get questions from beach goers. The following is our "Question of the Week." We hope sharing these questions and answers will help make your stay in Ocean City as safe and enjoyable as possible. Always remember, "Keep Your Feet in the Sand until the Lifeguards in the Stand." If you would like to submit a question, simply ask a lifeguard at his or her stand or email your question to [ocbp@ococean.com](mailto:ocbp@ococean.com).*

#### **Question Week 1- May 16: When do the lifeguards (surf rescue technicians -SRTs) start guarding the beaches?**

The Ocean City Beach Patrol starts guarding the 10 miles of beach the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 25, 2013 and guards through Sunfest weekend, which is usually the third weekend in September.

You may see beach patrol activities around town before Memorial Day Weekend, but this is our Surf Rescue Academy where we are training our rookie personnel. Our first training academy begins Sunday, May 19, 2013 with an enrollment of 35 new employees, with a second academy beginning, Sunday, June 16, 2013.

The beach patrol is on duty every day from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. At 5:25 p.m., you will see the lifeguards signaling everyone out of the ocean. This is our way of letting the beach-goers know we are going off duty and they should cease all water-related activities until 10 a.m. the next day when lifeguards are back on duty. We continue our efforts to educate the public, warning them of the dangers of swimming on unguarded beaches, and that we do whatever it takes to make sure people leave the ocean before we make that last turn to the west, leaving our beaches for the night.

Remember our saying: "Keep Your Feet in the Sand until the Lifeguard's in the Stand." This is a reminder to never go in the ocean when the beach patrol is not on duty.

#### **Question Week 2-May 23: I heard that the lifeguards don't go on duty until Saturday, May 25. Why do I see them running up and down the beach with their buoys at various locations in Ocean City before then?**

The Ocean City Beach Patrol started recruiting for this summer season last August with a physical skills test. Once a candidate passes the rigorous, all day eight-phase pre- employment physical test to become a surf rescue technician (SRT), the beach patrol provides training for the job during one of two surf rescue academies. The lifeguards you see on the beach during this time are in one of the training academies. They are called PSRTs (probationary surf rescue technicians). They are taught all necessary skills, techniques, procedures and protocols of the beach patrol. This is an eight-day, 65-hour, paid (\$12.99/hr and \$14.07 after probation) training program conducted by beach patrol instructors with support from other public safety agencies, followed by three weeks of supervised, on-the-job probation. All aspects of becoming an SRT are taught during this surf rescue academy. When you see an SRT guarding your beach, you can feel confident that they have been through one of the most rigorous testing and training programs in the nation.

Our veteran guards are also required to pass a drug test, re-qualify in physical skills and complete re-certification and update training each season. If you or someone you know would like to work for OCBP as a surf rescue technician, there will be a pre-employment physical skills test on June 8 to fill the few potential openings that may exist for this season (testing for the 2014 season will begin this August). Once a candidate passes the skills test they receive an appointment to a paid surf rescue academy. Our first training academy began Sunday, May 19, 2013 with an enrollment of 35 new employees, with a second academy beginning, Sunday, June 16, 2013. All training and certification will be provided during these paid academies. For more information, visit the OCBP website at [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp).

#### **Meet the OCBP: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Skip Lee**

Walter R. "Skip" Lee III, First Lieutenant has served the Beach Patrol for 31 summers; most in the capacity of First Lieutenant with Captain Arbin. Some of the roles he serves include the coordination of testing and assessment program, overseeing the use of and condition of the six buildings the beach patrol incorporates into daily operations, and assisting when and where needed with the many annual initiatives the Captain and Beach Patrol pursue each summer. He brings a strong work ethic and passion to the Beach Patrol, which in turns motivates the ranks and assists in continually moving the Beach Patrol forward. When not in Ocean City, Skip works full-time with the Anne Arundel County Public School System as the Coordinator of Health, Physical Education and Dance. He leads nearly 300 teachers in health and wellness initiatives. He serves in many additional roles such as the State Health and Wellness Advisory Co-Chair, the State Track and Field Committee member, the State Tournament Director, the County Wellness Policy committee and the County School Health Advisory Council. Skip has been married for more than 20 years to his wife, Kristen, he met on the beach at 89<sup>th</sup> street and is the father of three teenage boys, Brendon, Connor, and Devon.





## OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

The United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) is America's nonprofit, professional association of beach lifeguards and open water rescuers. The USLA works to reduce the incidence of death and injury in the aquatic environment through public education, national lifeguard standards, training programs, promotion of high levels of lifeguard readiness and other means.

### BENEFITS TO MEMBERS OF THE USLA INCLUDE:

- A one-year subscription to *American Lifeguard Magazine*... A \$12.00 value.
- Eligibility to compete in USLA Regional, National and World Lifeguard Competitions.
- Eligibility for USLA Regional, National, and International Lifeguard Exchange Programs.
- Membership in the only United States open water lifeguard association.
- Access to USLA regional and national programs and conferences.
- Access to USLA MD OCBP Chapter, USLA Regional and National Board of Directors meetings.
- Access to free USLA public educational materials, i.e. posters, bookmarks, stickers, etc.
- All members of the chapter can vote in annual chapter elections and professional members can run for office.
- Membership kit, including T-Shirt, Patch, and other items.
- Discounts at major USLA sponsors. See <http://www.usla.org> for a complete list.

The cost of membership is \$30.00.

Make checks payable to **OCBPMD USLA Chapter**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Male / Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Membership: **(circle one)** PROFESSIONAL\* ALUMNI ASSOCIATE JUNIOR

**(circle one)** RENEWAL or INITIAL

Agency: **Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland**

Chapter: **Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland**

Region: **Middle Atlantic**



A PROFESSIONAL member is an employee of the Ocean City Beach Patrol and has worked a minimum of eight hours with the Ocean City Beach Patrol in the calendar year.

### Payment Options

<p><b><u>Current OC Beach Patrol employees:</u></b></p> <p>_____ <b>(Initial)</b> Yes, I would like to have \$30 deducted from my pay so that I may join the <b>Ocean City Beach Patrol Maryland Chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association.</b></p>	<p><b><u>By Mail with a check to:</u></b></p> <p>OCBPMDUSLA President c/o Ocean City Beach Patrol 109 Dorchester St. Ocean City, MD 21842</p>	<p><b>Office Use</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Entered</p>
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