

Remembering

Memorial Day

OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

WEEK OF MAY 30, 2016 to JUNE 5, 2016



MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016- Memorial Day!

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

CC 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: First Day of Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day

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

Tides: High: 1510hrs
Low: 0857hrs

**SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT
CONVENTION CENTER MEETINGS**

1. Do not park on Convention Center Drive
2. Do not park in the loading dock of the Convention Center
3. Meetings begin promptly at 0830hrs
4. Always be in uniform
5. Clean up your trash before leaving
6. Drive responsibly to your assignment



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 5/30/2016	Tuesday 5/31/2016	Wednesday 6/1/2016	Thursday 6/2/2016	Friday 6/3/2016	Saturday 6/4/2016	Sunday 6/5/2016	Crew
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								



TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 45th St. / 125th St.

Tides: High: 1610hrs

Low: 0951hrs

Special Events: *Play It Safe Volleyball & Karaoke- 3rd St. & Boardwalk- 1630hrs*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 43rd St. / 123rd St.

Tides: High: 1707hrs

Low: 1047hrs

Special Events: *Movies on the Beach- Inside Out- Carousel- 2030hrs*

Play It Safe 3 on 3 Basketball- Northside Park- 1900hrs

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 41st St. / 121st St.

Tides: High: 1802hrs

Low: 1142hrs

Special Events: *Play It Safe Dodge Ball- Northside Park- 1900hrs to 2100hrs*

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016-Pay Day

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Run Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 39th St. / 119th St.

Tides: High: 0624hrs

Low: 1235hrs

Special Events: *Showell Elementary School Boardwalk Visit-Inlet to 27th St.- 1000hrs*

Play It Safe Tennis- 61st St Courts- 1300hrs to 1500hrs

2016 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. Travis Wagner
- Unit 12- Sgt. Brent Weingard
- Unit 13- Sgt. Jamie Falcon
- Unit 15- Sgt. Colby Phillips
- Unit 16- Sgt. Damien Sanzotti
- Unit 17- Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
- Unit 18- Sgt. Ben Davis
- Unit 19- Sgt. Mat Postell
- Unit 20- Sgt. Jason Konyar

OCBP Office Assistants

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Kristin Joson

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Tax and Data Form Changes

If you would like to make any changes to either of your tax forms, please go to the "Employee Forms" tab on the OCBP web page to download, fill-out, and print another form. Bring or send the form to Headquarters.

If you need to update your personal data information, including any changes in your local address, please see Secretary Tyler.



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation-Dorchester St.-1000hrs

Surf Rescue Academy I: Supervised Probation Rotation 1- PSRTs assigned to crews

Surf Rescue Academy I Supper Seminar- 1830hrs- HQ Training Room- **(MANDATORY)**

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Work-out: Swim Day

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 37th St. / 117th St.

Tides: High: 0718hrs

Low: 1327hrs

Special Events: Ravens Roosts 2nd Annual Purple Plunge- 18th St.- 0745hrs

Ravens Roosts Annual Parade- Balto. Ave. from 19th St. to 26th St.- 1000hrs



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016- End of Pay Period

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Surf Rescue Academy I: Last Day of Supervised Probation Rotation 1-PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 35th St. / 114th St.

Tides: High: 0811hrs

Low: 1418hrs

Special Events:

OC Beach Lights- Inlet- 2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

Fireworks N. Division St.- 2200hrs

Play It Safe Karaoke- Dorchester St. Boardwalk- 1800hrs to 2000hrs

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

Officer in Charge- Lieutenant Kovacs

Surf Rescue Academy I: First Day of Supervised Probation Rotation 2-PSRTs assigned to crews

OCBPSRA CERTIFICATION: None

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 33rd St. / 111th St.

Tides: High: 0904hrs

Low: 1509hrs

Special Events: Maryland Torch Run- 27th St. to N. Division St.- 0800hrs



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



UPCOMING 2016 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

May 31	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 3	Pay Day
June 4	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test- Dorchester St.-1000hrs
June 4	SRA 1 Supper Seminar- Training Room-1830hrs
June 5	Weekly Meeting- Convention Center
June 11	OCBPSRA Pre-Employment Ocean Test- Dorchester St.-1000hrs
June 12	Captain Schoepf Relay Swim
June 15	Fish Taco Contest
June 19	SRA II Registration-HQ-0900hrs
June 20-25	Surf Rescue Academy II
June 17	Pay Day
June 20	Weekly Meeting Moves to Mondays- Convention Center
June 22	Women's Dinner
June 25	Crew Chief Recertification-0830hrs
June 28-July 2, July 5 & 9	Veteran Re-certification
June 30	Rookie Graduation- 0730hrs
July 2	SRA II Supper Seminar- Training Room--1830hrs
July 9	OCBP Group Picture Day
July 9	Captain Craig Swim
July 20	USLA Mid-Atlantics-Spring Lake, NJ
July 30	Crew Comps

Annual Captain George A. Schoepf Memorial Relay

Sunday, June 12, 2016
Run-Swim-Run
Begins at 7th St.-1000hrs
Run South to Inlet rock pile
Swim North to 146th St.
Run South to 7th St.



Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Play It Safe Events	May 31-June 14	Various Times and Places	www.playitsafeoceancity.com
Baltimore Ravens Roost Parade	June 2	1000hrs	15 th to 27 th St.
Longboard Team Challenge	June 10-12	0800hrs -1700hrs	37 th St.
Sand Duels Beach Soccer Challenge	June 11-12		
OC Air Show	June 18-19	1200hrs	16 th St & Boardwalk
MD Firemen's Parade	June 22	1300hrs	Inlet to 9 th St.
4x4 LAX at the Shore	June 25	1000hrs	N. Division St..
Ocean Games/Swim Ocean City	July 16	0800hrs	Caroline St.



USLA 2016 COMPETITION SCHEDULE



Mid Atlantics (non-craft) Rehoboth, DE – July 13, 2016 @ 10:00 AM
 Mid Atlantics (crafts) Silver Lake, NJ – July 20, 2016 @ 11:00 AM
 Mid Atlantic Junior Guard – Sea Girt, NJ – July 27, 2016 @ 11:00 AM
 USLA Nationals - Hermosa Beach, CA - August 11-13, 2016
 All Women's – Sandy Point State Park, NJ – TBD)

OCBP Documentary

You may have noticed a man with a camera following the OCBP as we launch the 2016 season. His name is Brett Hammond, and he is creating an independently produced film about the Beach Patrol that will include our history, organization, training, and operations.

His objectives are to produce an accurate, interesting, and visually appealing documentary. For the next few weeks he will be focused on following several PSRTs through the process of completing their probationary training. After SRA II, he will spend a few weeks shooting interviews, day-to-day operations, rescues, and more scenic clips for the documentary.

After shooting, editing, and other post-production activities, the film will air on PAC14 in Salisbury and then other broadcast stations. It will also be available on DVD and Blu-ray in full 1080p HD. He is investigating the possibility of having a premier at a local theater so it can be seen on the big screen and hopes to have a web site up soon with more information.

Mr. Hammond would like to express his gratitude to the town of OC and everyone at the OCBP for being so friendly and helpful.



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.

Question of the Week: 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 28, 2016 and guards seven days a week through Sunfest weekend, which is usually the third weekend following Labor Day in September. You may have seen 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 22, 2016 with an enrollment of 40 new employees, with a second academy beginning, Sunday, June 19, 2016 with a pre-enrollment of 10 from testing that took place beginning last August and additional rookies that will be appointed from the June 4th Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation. If interested in joining our team for the 2016 season talk to any of our Surf Rescue Technicians and they can tell you how to apply, or visit our website www.ococean.com/ocbp

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.

Meet the OCBP: Travis Wagner

Sergeant Travis Wagner has been a member of the OCBP for twelve years, with the last nine as Crew Chief. He was recently promoted to Sergeant. He is responsible for supervising the Middle South area of our beach between 18th Street and 52nd Street. He is an active member of the USLA, the competition and dive teams, the triathlon club, and he also instructs for the OCBPSRA advanced certification courses.

During the off-season, Travis is a high school Spanish teacher and coaches the varsity swim team in the Philadelphia area. For recreation, he trains for triathlons, surfs, dives, and travels. He also likes to go surfing, snowboarding and mountain biking. Travis is also pursuing a personal trainer certification and his dive master certification.

The lifeguards of the OCBP are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



This is Travis as a Crew Chief last season. Notice the red trucks which signify rank. As a Sergeant he will now wear royal blue trunks.

Important Reminder

As representatives of the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Beach Patrol members are committed to upholding the highest standards of employee conduct. Therefore, you are reminded that as a representative of our organization, you must conduct yourself as a model citizen at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, following all ordinances and laws at all times and not taking advantage of your position as a civil servant.

Direct Deposit/Pay Day Procedure

Direct deposit is required of all Beach Patrol employees. Your direct deposit receipt will be given to you at the weekly meeting. If you have not completed all requirements for direct deposit, you must see Secretary Tyler.

If your direct deposit has not been activated and you are issued a paycheck, the following procedures will be followed:

- ~ If you are scheduled to work on payday, your check will be relayed to you on the beach by 12:00hrs. You must sign for your check.
- ~If you are scheduled off, your check will be held at Headquarters. You may pick it up after 1300hrs.
- ~If you do not pick up your check in person, it will be relayed to you on the beach the next day you are working.

If there is a problem with your paycheck, fully describe the problem in writing, print your name on your pay stub and deliver both to Secretary Tyler.

Please review the OCBP policy regarding cell phones:

18. **Two-Way Communication Devices:** No device that allows two-way communication (transmitter) will be allowed to be used (**or powered on**) on the beach during the hours that you are working, unless issued to you by the Beach Patrol. This includes but is not limited to: walkie-talkies, cellular phones, wireless headsets, etc. **THIS ABSOLUTELY INCLUDES ANY FORM OF TEXT MESSAGING!** Receiving devices such as AM/FM radios, pagers, etc. are not prohibited, but must not interfere with the performance of your duties. **NO HEAD PHONES or EAR PHONES!**

As stated in the PSRT Summer Survival Guide...
 “Because of the serious responsibilities of the Surf Rescue Technician position and the service you will be performing, **you will not be allowed to have any two-way communication devices in your possession, unless issued by the Beach Patrol.** This includes but is not limited to cellular devices or combination cell phone media players. Devices of this type may not be powered on (not even to use as a clock), including during the time allowed for workout breaks. No hands-free devices, Bluetooth, headphones, or earphones are allowed. We recommend avoiding the temptation to use these devices by leaving your phone secured in your car. **PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS POLICY PROHIBITS ANY FORM OF TEXT MESSAGING, SENDING OR RECEIVING.** Since you will be living and driving in Maryland this summer it is important to be aware that Maryland law prohibits sending or reading text messages while operating a motor vehicle or in a driving lane (even if stopped at a traffic signal), and requires the use of a hands-free device when using the phone.



OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

- 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/ Large—\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
- Grey Short-sleeve T-Shirt—\$10.00
- Grey Long-sleeve T-shirts—\$15.00
- Grey Sweatshirts—\$25.00
- Grey Sweatpants—\$20.00
- Tie-Dyed T-shirts- \$15.00
- Swim Caps -\$5.00
- OCBP Big White Towels -\$11.00/2 for \$20.00
- OCBP Socks- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00



2016 OCBP Crew Chiefs

Crew 1 Will Gray
 Crew 2 Matt Wojciechowski
 Crew 3 Joshua Wilder
 Crew 4 Emmanuelle Clouser
 Crew 5 Paul Vassalotti
 Crew 6 Jacob Ritter
 Crew 7 Kevin Johnson
 Crew 8 Jonathan Clouser
 Crew 9 Bryan Clark
 Crew 10 Harrison Fisher
 Crew 11 Travis Sevier
 Crew 12 Steve DeKemper
 Crew 13 Andrew Padley
 Crew 14 A.J. Smith
 Crew 15 David Krabbe
 Crew 16 Kelly McGrath
 Crew 17 Jacob Foy
 Crew 19 Diana Theobald



2016 OCBP Assistant Crew Chiefs

Crew 1 - Jarred Sears
 Crew 2 - Cate Calogero
 Crew 3 - Alex Siegel
 Crew 4 - Antoine Bernier
 Crew 5 - Tucker Lurie
 Crew 6 - Tyler Wojciechowski
 Crew 7 - Daniel Lurie
 Crew 8 - Zachary Wyatt
 Crew 9 - Tyler Fink
 Crew 10 - Chris Kopchak
 Crew 11 - Haley Wolfersberger
 Crew 12 - Will Wilkinson
 Crew 13 - Adam Payne
 Crew 14 - Tim Jackson
 Crew 15 - Michael Brockmeyer
 Crew 16 - Matthew Marx
 Crew 17 - Charles LaCasse
 Crew 19 - Sasha Mary Ratcliff

Summer 2016 Medical Center Information

Location	Phone	Insurance	X-Ray	Hours
West OC Injury & Illness Center	410-213-0119	Yes	Yes	Mon-Fri 8am – 6pm Sat-Sun 8am – 6pm
Your Doc's In	410-210-2598	Yes	Yes	Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm Sat-Sun 8am – 6 pm
10 th Street (Townsend) Medical Center	410-289-0065	Major Insurance	Yes	8am – 6pm every day
75 th Street Medical Center	410-524-0075	No	Yes	8am – Midnight every day

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?

Only during OJT

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 or listen to music on the beach?

Never!

Do we ever use our cell phones to check the time?

Never!

Men's Outdoor Soccer League

Who: Men 18 years or older

Dates: June 6 - July 27

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays

Times 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., & 9:00 p.m.

Where: Northside Park Recreation Soccer Field

Price: Anticipated \$600.00 per team

If interested in the Men's Outdoor Soccer League, contact Steve Walters: steve-o212@hotmail.com



To: 2016 Fort Lauderdale Air Show Event workers
From: Breck Ballou, Fort Lauderdale ocean Rescue Chief
Subject: Thank You to Sgt. Jamie Falcon, CC Paul Vassalotti, & SRTs Kevin Reed, Grayson Sipes, Dave Krabbe, and Sean Seibert.

The Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue Division (FLOR) would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who assisted in making the 2016 Air Show a safe and successful event. The successful outcome of this big event would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the 33 extra professional lifeguards that sacrificed their weekend to work on the Fort Lauderdale Beach.

It was an honor to watch all of you in action, whether you were on a board or kayak, walking the shoreline matching up children with their parents or making quick rescues of small children getting in over their heads....Great Job!!

We are anticipating the return of the show next year and hope that you would be interested in helping us out again. I will get with our Human Resources Department and hope to have you all eligible to return. I may need an updated CPR card. I will be in touch after the holidays in early 2017.

I apologize for the delay in payment for your services. The Saturday and Sunday split a pay period and it was not possible to get the Saturday hours in on time. Please let me know if you do not receive the direct deposit on Friday, May 27th.

Have a great Summer and be safe!



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May 20, 2016

Melbourne Arbin, III
Captain, Ocean City Beach Patrol
109 Dorchester Street
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Dear Captain Arbin:

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the service of Lt. Ward Kovacs at the 2016 Annual Vessel and Emergency Training for the NOAA and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

We would have been unable to accomplish this training without a lifeguard. Lt. Kovacs was keenly engaged through both days of our pool sessions. He was constantly alert to our pool activities. He visited each station to develop an understanding as to how he might respond to rescues if necessary. It was a pleasure working with Lt. Kovacs.

Please extend our thanks to Lt. Kovacs for his excellent service.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Skelley
Director, Cooperative Oxford Laboratory





Ocean City Beach Patrol

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Ocean City, Maryland

Order Your Ocean City Beach Patrol Jacket Today!!

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in ordering a Beach Patrol jacket. These forms **MUST** be turned into me **NO LATER THAN Monday, June 6th**. If you are unsure of what size you want, check with a veteran guard and see if you can try one on. They tend to run a little smaller in the arms.

Name: _____ Crew # _____

If you would like your name on the jacket, please specify what name: _____

Color: Red (SRT) _____ Yellow (SBF) _____

Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ 2X (\$2.00 more) _____

Cost of the jacket is \$100.00. Checks can be made out to OCBPSRA.

Please check here if you would like to have this item payroll deducted from your paycheck: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Sergeant Phillips, Unit 15

Thank you!