



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN Week of July 13, 2015 to July 19, 2015



MONDAY, JULY 13, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin; **Lieutenants Available:** Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs (1/2 day)

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0730hrs

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, assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0845hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs- Representatives from Mary Kraft will speak about career options.

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

SRA II: PSRT Week 3 Evaluations due at 0930hrs

OCBPSRA: Resumes tomorrow with the 1 Mile Run

Opportunity to Compete: Dewey Beach Patrol Ocean Series- See Sgt. Cawthern & p. 6 for information

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

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

Tides: High: 1828hrs

Low: 1201hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 15th St.- 1100hrs, 42nd St.- 1600hrs & 100th St.- 2030hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Annie (2014)*- 27th St.- 2030hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin; **Lieutenants Available:** Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA: One Mile Run- Dorchester St.- 0830hrs

JBP Academy II: Day 1- 0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

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

Opportunity to Compete: Iron Guard tomorrow!

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

Tides: High: 0643hrs

Low: 1252hrs

Special Events: OCBP Beach Safety Presentation- OC Lifesaving Museum- 1000hrs

Family Beach Olympics- 27th St.- 1830hrs to 2030hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

OCBP Iron Guard
Presented by Unit 17
Sponsored by Pizza Tugos
 Wednesday, July 15, 2015
 130th St.
 First heat starts promptly at
 1815hrs
1000-meter swim
2 mile run
2000-meter paddle
 Open to individuals and teams

The event begins with individual heats, followed by team heats.
 Free to all OCBP members
 Free pizza by Pizza Tugos for participants

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/13/2015	Tuesday 7/14/2015	Wednesday 7/15/2015	Thursday 7/16/2015	Friday 7/17/2015	Saturday 7/18/2015	Sunday 7/19/2015	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

JBP Academy II: Day 2- 0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Scamper Camp & Camp Horizon: N. Division St.- 1000hrs- 1515hrs (Instructors report to HQ at 0900hrs)

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

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Iron Guard- 130th St.- 1815hrs

USLA Mid-Atlantics Crafts- Long Branch, NJ

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

Tides: High: 0731hrs

Low: 1339hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- Inlet beach- 1930hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Dolphin Tale 2*- Carousel Hotel- 2030hrs

Concerts on the Beach- *Sir Rod*- N. Division St.—2000hrs

The River Church
Feeds the Patrol!
Cookout at HQ
Pasta Salad~Sides~Cookies
Wednesday, July 15- 1900hrs



THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

JBP Academy II: Day 3- 0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

JBP One-Day Clinic: 1300hrs - 1630hrs- **Tell the kids on your beach well before today so they can register for the clinic!**

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

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP on Saturday, July 18th

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

Tides: High: 0817hrs

Low: 1423hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 19th St.- 1730hrs

Sunset Park Party Night- *British Invasion Experience-(Beatles Tribute)*- S. Division St.- 1900hrs



FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2015—PAY DAY!

Officer-in Charge: 1st Lt. Lee; Lieutenants Available: Lt. Kovacs, Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

JBP Academy II: Day 4- 0800hrs to 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

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

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP on Saturday, July 18th

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

Tides: High: 0901hrs

Low: 1506hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 17th St.- 0800hrs, 31st St.- 1800hrs & 67th St.- 1900hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Planes: Fire & Rescue*- 27th St.- 2030hrs

Thursday afternoons

JBP One Day Clinic
July 16, 23, 30 & August 6, 13

1300hrs to 1630hrs

Spread the word to kids ages 10-17 who go to the beach near you. This weekly one-day activity is perfect for kids who are interested in having fun and learning about lifeguarding. **Participants receive an official OCBP t-shirt, whistle and sunscreen.**



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin; Lieutenants Available: 1st Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

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

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP- N. Division St.- 1000hrs

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

Tides: High: 0944hrs

Low: 1548hrs

Special Events: Delmarva ESA Surf Series- Malibu's- 8th St.- Dawn to Dusk

Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP- N. Division St.- 1000hrs

The Swim Ocean City events are free for OCBP staff. Registration is online. See p. 6 for more info.



SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin; Lieutenants Available: 1st Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

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

Opportunity to Compete: OCBP Strong Guard on July 21st

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

Tides: High: 1027hrs

Low: 1631hrs

Special Events: Delmarva ESA Surf Series- Malibu's- 8th St.- Dawn to Dusk

Beach Wedding- Inlet beach- 1830hrs

Sundaes in the Park- *The Christopher Dean Band*- Northside Park – 1900hrs to 2100hrs

OC Beach Lights- N. Division St.- 2130hrs, 2200hrs, & 2230hrs

The River Church Feeds the Patrol!

Light Breakfast & Fellowship

Every Sunday in the Training Room
0800hrs to 0900hrs



MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015

Officer-in Charge: Captain Arbin; Lieutenants Available: Lt. Kovacs, Lt. Stone

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 0730hrs

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 0800hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 0815hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

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

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0845hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 0850hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 0945hrs

OCBPSRA: Resumes July 28 with the One Mile Swim

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

Opportunity to Compete: Fenwick Ultimate (Ocean Series)

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 61st St. / 141st St.

Tides: High: 1109hrs

Low: 1716hrs

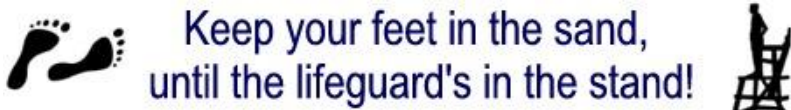
Special Events: Beach Wedding- 109th St.- 1830hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Frozen*- 27th St.- 2030hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

OCBP Dive Team Training Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI) Open Water Certification

Thursday, July 16 OCBP HQ 1830hrs
Dive trip- July 19 & 20
Sea Colony Scuba in Severna Park
Call 410-544-3607 to make arrangements
Questions: jfalcon465@yahoo.com

UPCOMING 2015 BEACH PATROL EVENTS



July 14-17	JBP Academy II
July 15	1 Mile Run-Dorchester St.- 0830hrs
July 17	OCBP Iron Guard- 130 th St.- 1800hrs
July 18	Swim Ocean City
July 19-20	OCBP Dive Team Trip to Sea Colony Scuba
July 21	Strong Guard Comp- 65 th St.- 18:30hrs
July 21	JBP Academy III
July 25	Crew Comps- 1830hrs
July 27	MARP Training with Jennifer Dittmar
July 28	1 Mile Swim- Dorchester St.- 0800hrs
July 28-31	JBP Academy IV
July 29	31 st USLA All-Women Comp- Sandy Hook, NJ
Aug. 1	OCBP Triathlon
Aug. 4-7	JBP Academy V
Aug. 5-6	Community First Aid Course-HQ
Aug. 8	OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Eval. of Skills
Aug. 11-14	JBP Academy VI
Aug. 15	Awards Banquet-Clarion
Sept. 5	OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Eval. of Skills

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Ocean Games/Swim OC/East Coast SUPCUP	July 18	N. Division St.	0900hrs
ESA Surf Series	July 18 or 19	8 th St.	Dawn to Dusk
Jesus at the Beach Music & Ministry Festival	July 27-28	N. Division St.	
Beach Blitz Soccer	Aug. 1	Wicomico to Caroline St.	
White Marlin Open	Aug. 3-7	Harbour Island- 14 th St.	1600hrs
OC Beach Ultimate Classic Frisbee Tournament	Aug. 15-16	Somerset Plaza	
OC Sandfest	Aug. 24-30	N. Division St. to 4 th St.	

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>6/29/15</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/5/15</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>6/30/14</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/6/14</u>	<u>Year-</u> <u>To-Date</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Week 7</u> <u>7/1/13</u> <u>to</u> <u>7/7/13</u>	<u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2013</u>
Action						
Preventions	7200	20117	3528	15255	2712	12409
Rescues	322	788	132	747	83	813
Minor First Aid	62	279	92	372	125	471
Ambulance Calls	22	48	11	39	0	18
Police Calls	12	54	5	41	19	60
USCG/MDNRP	1	1	3	13	1	4
Lost/Found Persons	46	100	76	187	71	145
N. Surf Beach Population	73	175	25	94	71	340
S. Surf Beach Population	366	1254	288	1147	28	862
Inlet Surf Beach Population	129	170	30	233	198	845
Beach Wheelchair Usage	31	102	25	143	55	150

USLA / SCLA 2015 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

JULY

- 13 DEWEY BEACH (OCEAN SERIES)
- 15 USLA REGIONALS (LONG BRANCH, N.J.)
- 20 FENWICK ULTIMATE (OCEAN SERIES)
- 23 REHOBOTH LIFEGUARD OLYMPICS
- 27 BETHANY BEACH (OCEAN SERIES)
- 27 USLA REGIONALS JUNIOR LIFEGUARD (Sea Girt, N.J.)
- 29 ALL WOMEN'S (SANDY HOOK, N.J.)

AUGUST

- 3 REHOBOTH JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
- 6-8 USLA NATIONALS (DAYTONA BEACH, FL)
- 12 MIDDLESEX (OCEAN SERIES)

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, White, or Blue 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



OCBPSRA 2 Mile Run	7/7/15	Result
Name	Crew	Time
Tyler Mitchell	1	13:24
Will Gray	1	12:51
Josh Rem	1	13:16
Kevin Johnson	1	17:40
Dakota Wilhelm	1	13:56
Rahym Belrachid	6	13:29
George Souranis	14	14:25
Aude Lemaire-Hamel	10	16:29
Trent Bergman	6	14:46
Raphael Dubois	12	13:03
James Hillyer	7	15:20
Jessica Smith	17	16:37
Zack Bennett	3	14:18
Garrett Lundegarde	7	12:53

OCBPSRA 2 Person Rescue	7/7/15
Name	Crew
Tyler Mitchell	1
Will Gray	1
Josh Rem	1
Kevin Johnson	1
Dakota Wilhelm	1
Adam Payne	3
Alex Siegel	3
Jessica Smith	17
Raphael Dubois	12
Trent Bergman	6
Zack Bennett	3

Passed Semaphore- 6/29/15

Rich Balatgek Christian Becker Chris Brennan Zack Collette
 Chris Fusco Kelsey Gallagher Jordan Johnson
 Grayson Sipes Isaac Thomas Alex Chasse

Passed Semaphore- 7/6/15

Sarah Morin
 Chris Monteferrante

ATTABOY

Message from the Town Website

I would like to express my sincere thank you to the Ocean City Beach Patrol; specifically Billy Dupaul. On the afternoon of July 2nd, while on the beach at 74th street, my 11 year old daughter and her friends were playing in the water. As I was taking pictures of the rather large waves that day, I noticed that my daughter had suddenly been swept out to where she couldn't touch. When I told her to get back in I could see the panic on her face as she told me " I can't!!" I knew instantly she had become caught in a rip current unable to get out. Before I could even react, the life guard Billy Dupaul was in the water on his way to her. I thanked him with a face full of tears. Billy took the time to talk to my daughter and I one on one and explain the rip tide, how to see it and what to do if we found ourselves in one. He was patient and extremely humble as I carried on about how thankful I was. Mr. Billy Dupaul will never know how grateful I will always be for his heroism that day. I wanted to express my thanks to him and the entire staff of Ocean City Beach Patrol for your selfless acts each day.

Sincerely,
 Brandy Wilson

OCBPSRA Run-Swim-Run	7/8/15	Result
Name	Crew	
Will Gray	1	4:41
Omar Harmon	5	5:15
Macey Yates	14	5:46
Isaac Thomas	14	5:35
Alex Siegel	3	5:38
Raphael Dubois	12	5:15
Jessica Smith	17	5:48
Karen Hessler	10	5:36

31st ANNUAL ALL-WOMEN'S LIFEGUARD TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 29, 2015
Gateway National Recreation Area
Sandy Hook, NJ

Hosted by the National Park Service

Check-in time is 07:30hrs; the captain's meeting is at 08:30hrs; the Surfboat Challenge Race begins at 0900hrs; all others follow.

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| 1. Surfboat Challenge | 6. Beach Flags |
| 2. Distance Run | 7. Ironwoman |
| 3. Ocean-Kayak Challenge | 8. Surf Rescue4. |
| Run-Swim-Run | 9. Swim-Run Relay |
| 5. Run-Paddle-Run | 10. Run Relay |

Note: In order to keep the tournament moving along in timely fashion, two sets of events will start at the same time:

Surfboat Challenge and Distance Run, and Run-Paddle-Run and Beach Flags.



Mary Kraft Staffing and HR Solutions is proud to support the men and women of the Ocean City Beach Patrol!

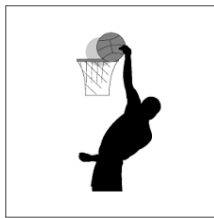
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Pick-Up Games

Softball- Games will be played every Monday right after work. If you have your own glove, please bring it. If you have extra equipment please bring it. Contact Sergeant Muller for more info.



Basketball and Volleyball- ACC Tim Jackson is coordinating pick-up basketball games for Sundays and pick-up volleyball games (days to be determined). Call ACC Jackson at 301-538-5703 for more info.



DBP Ocean Series 2014

Monday, July 13, 2015



Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station
Dagsworthy Street and the Beach
Sign in begins @ 5:00 pm
Competition Starts @ 6:00 pm sharp!
Cost: \$0

Parking: Parking anywhere in Dewey Beach is free from 5:00 PM-11:00 PM. Please be aware of parking in front of driveways and parking in the proper direction of traffic.
All ages welcome.

Events

Redesigned "Buoyaton" relay
Surf Dash Relay
Men's & Women's Beach Flags
Tug-of-War

New for this season!!! Military Style Pull-up Competition

USLA t-shirts are not yet in, but each patrol will be notified at a later date when and where to pick up your Tech Tees..

Please call Dewey Beach Patrol HQ (302)-227-6365
or Lt. Chris Muscara (302) 602-1058 with any questions.

Kayakers Needed July 18

Swim Ocean City for Brain Trauma

Kayakers are needed to accompany the 9 mile swimmers. If you are an experienced ocean kayaker who would like to volunteer, contact jenocceagames@gmail.com for more info. -or join the annual Ocean City, MD Open Water swim. Choose 1 mile swim - 3 mile swim - 9 mile swim. All 3 swims will run parallel to the shoreline, swimming in the direction of the current on race day. Learn more and register for this worthwhile event at <http://www.oceangamesusa.org>



The 3rd Annual Swim Ocean City for Brain Trauma Research at Johns Hopkins Hospital

Test your open swim skills and support brain trauma research in the Second Annual Swim Ocean City open water swim on **July 18, 2015**.

Time: 1000hrs for 9 mile race; 1200hrs for 3 mile race; 1230hrs for 1 mile race

The organizers of the event are offering free registration to the OCBP for the

1 mile swim – 3 mile swim – 9 mile swim – 9 mile paddleboard race

There will be time restrictions for all three races and mandatory time qualifications for the 9 mile race.

You can use your OCBPSRA mile swim time (Including the Captain Craig Swim) to qualify. Swimmers must be scheduled off to participate.

Online registration is available on the Ocean Games web page; for more information about the race, go to <http://www.oceangamesusa.org/swim-registration/>

Note: Special hours are available for rescue boat operators and paddlers. See Lt. Stone to sign up for this detail.

115th St • Inside the Gold Coast Mall (Near Candy Kitchen) • 410-524-LUCK (5825)

40th ANNUAL OCBP CREW COMPETITION
SATURDAY, JULY 25th @ 6:30PM
ON THE BEACH AT N. DIVISION ST.

HUGE Local Motion SALE
at the ONLY AUTHORIZED retailer on the Eastern Seaboard!
Add some Aloha to your style!

Proudly Sponsoring Crew 14
AJ (Crew Chief), Cory, George, Greyson, Ian, Isaac, Jimmy, Macey, Mike, Pogo and Rob
Crew 14 covers 102nd to 117th St.
Help Us Cheer Crew 14 on to Victory!

WINNER 2015 BEST OF OCEAN CITY WINNER!
Stop in and see why! Shop Original. Shop Lucky!

NATIONAL AQUARIUM

Marine Animal Rescue Program Training

Jennifer Dittmar from the National Aquarium will be visiting the OCBP at the Monday weekly meeting on July 27th. She will also be conducting a Marine Animal Rescue Program training later that day.

This training is required for OCBPSRA SRT III certification, as well as to be a National Aquarium volunteer and to receive the patch featured below.

The full course and written test are required for OCBPSRA certification; you do not need to become a volunteer, but with this certification, you may if you wish.



The Summer of the Salp –Shawn Soper, The Coast Dispatch



Thousands of tiny blobs of clear gelatinous creatures have recently appeared in the ocean and on the beaches in Assateague and Ocean City, creating quite a stir for the countless visitors to the resort area on the busy holiday weekend. The ocean was thick with them and they washed up on the beaches in great numbers, but while the scope of the outbreak was somewhat rare, it is actually a natural phenomenon that should be enjoyed and not feared.

The creatures are called salps, and they belong to a small category of gelatinous invertebrates generally lumped into a large group called jellyfish.

National Aquarium General Curator Jack Cover said a combination of winds and tides likely drove the salps closer to shore and when they found an abundant food source, the population exploded, creating waves of the small jellies in the ocean and on the beach.

“They belong to a category of what we call jellyfish, which is basically anything gelatinous,” he said. “Salps are just one little group of a much larger family and they are actually what we call a macro-plankton. They are filter feeders and have no stingers. They are little, clear barrels with water pumping through them and they feed on plankton.” Cover said the abundance of micro-plankton, which is the salp’s primary food source, close to shore is largely responsible for the outbreak.

“They’re opportunistic,” he said. “If there is a lot of food, they have the potential to reproduce quickly in big numbers. That’s what we’re seeing at Assateague and at Ocean City to a large degree. They’re mainly offshore, but when the Gulf Stream comes closer to shore, which is essentially like Route 95 in the ocean, strong inshore winds can push them in closer to the beach and they just go with the flow. The current and winds kind of dictate where they go and that’s why we’re seeing them on the beaches.”

Cover said the salp outbreak, while interesting, poses no threat to swimmers except for the inconvenience of walking on them or wading through them in the ocean “When there are waves of them like we’ve seen this week, the water takes on kind of a milky texture,” he said. “Again, they are harmless, but the coating of them on the beach can be really slippery.”

Cover said if they had the choice, the salps would rather not be in close to shore in the first place. “For most of these little guys, it’s a bad day for any gelatinous animals when they get this close to the beach because the surf just breaks them up,” he said. “Who knows how long it will last. They’re like little jellies bobbing in the ocean and there’s not much mass to them.”

The National Aquarium in Baltimore this spring opened its new Living Seashore exhibit, which includes many of creatures that inhabit the waters in and around the resort area. Cover said recent unusual activity has created an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn first-hand about them in their own back yard.

While the salp outbreak at Assateague and Ocean City this week is likely largely due to a combination of natural factors, everything that happens on land in and around the ocean and bays contributes to the larger circle of life in the ocean and bays.

“There is a lot of human activity that directly or indirectly contributes to over-fertilizing the ocean,” he said. “With nutrient run-off in the bays and tributaries, we are creating blooms of algae and massive die-offs in the tributaries. The things that feed off that are also over-populating. It’s causing the blue ocean to turn green.”

Quick Facts: Salps are barrel-shaped, free-swimming tunicates - organisms enclosed in a tunic, with openings at each end.

Salps are close marine ancestors of fish and vertebrates; they have a heart, gills, and even a rudimentary placenta.

Salps can live alone or in communities. Some species are only a few millimeters long, while others can grow as large as 10 inches.

Salps are the fastest-growing multi-cellular animals and are capable of explosive, asexual reproduction, cloning themselves and creating chains of dozens of individuals.

Chained salps grow into long strings that live in social harmony. Communicating via electrical signals, they synchronize their swimming and move swiftly through sea currents.

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

This Week's Question: How many lifeguard stands are there from the inlet to the Delaware state line? My kids ask me this all the time, and I used to ask my parents this too years ago, so getting an answer would be great! Also, how many lifeguards are there in total, and how many does it take to staff the beach on a typical summer day?

The number of stands on the beach changes throughout the season and is dependent on several factors. During the earliest part of our season, Memorial Day weekend through mid-June, while the water is traditionally colder and the crowds are smaller, we place less stands on the beach than we do during peak season July and August. However during our early season we increase the number of guard towers on the weekends and holidays. We also schedule all of our training, certification and re-certification in May and June so that we have all 200+ personnel available once we are in peak season. In support of our early season deployment goals we hold our final Surf Rescue Academy beginning the 3rd week of June each year. With the addition of this last academy of rookies we are at 100% staffing by the end of June. We plan to have all stands in place by July 1st each summer and on a typical day there will be 92 stands deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Delaware line.

Another annual occurrence is our reduction in staff during the last weeks of August as our personnel return to other obligations. This reduction in personnel is complicated by the earlier start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. Many of our professional educators are required to return two weeks prior to Labor Day. In recent years we have seen a trend for both colleges and public school systems to begin classes prior to Labor Day. 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. During this time of the year you will notice a larger distance between stands. This trend continues following Labor Day through the last day of our season, which is the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (Sunday, September 27, 2015 this year). While we are in a reduced coverage scheme and the redistribution of personnel occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes on a daily basis).

With the addition of returning Surf Rescue Technicians on weekends we will increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on those days.

Although our coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers than during peak season 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.

Now that we have explained how the number of guard towers changes throughout our season, I will attempt to answer the 2nd part of your question regarding how many guards it takes to staff all the stands. Using our maximum deployment of 92 stands it takes a minimum of 109 SRTs to just cover these stands and lunch shifts. However, based on the typical workweek of an SRT which is 5 ½ days it takes additional SRTs to cover days off, special duties, training, camp groups and the Junior Beach Patrol program. To accommodate this the Ocean City Beach Patrol is organized by crews. The 17 crews are deployed from the Ocean City inlet to the Maryland/Delaware line and cover all 10 miles of beach and ocean. Each crew is made up of eight or nine SRTs, one of which is the crew chief and one is appointed to the one season training position of assistant crew chief. Typically each stand is assigned a "regular" guard who sits that stand five days each week. During their half day they are known as the lunch rover and replace an SRT in their crew for 30 minutes during that crew's lunch rotation. During their two days off their stand one of the crew's rovers will cover their stand. In addition to the SRTs the Beach Patrol also employs surf beach facilitators who monitor the daily surfing beaches as well as office staff. The leadership of the patrol is made up of one Captain, one 1st Lieutenant, two 2nd Lieutenants, and twelve sergeants. The one leadership position you are most likely to notice is our area supervisors (sergeants) who patrol one of 4 areas along the beach on Honda 4x4s.

Meet the Lifeguard: Assistant Crew Chief Cate Calogero

Assistant Crew Chief Cate Calogero has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years and is in Crew 2. Her crew covers the beach from North Division Street to 5th Street. Cate was a Junior Beach Patrol (JBP) camper for 6 years and a JBP Assistant Instructor for one year. She is still involved with JBP as an instructor. As a United States Lifesaving Association member, Cate is also very involved in competitions. In her free time, Cate likes to run, play piano and guitar and read. She just completed her freshman year at Georgetown University in the School of Foreign Service. ACC Cate Calogero and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



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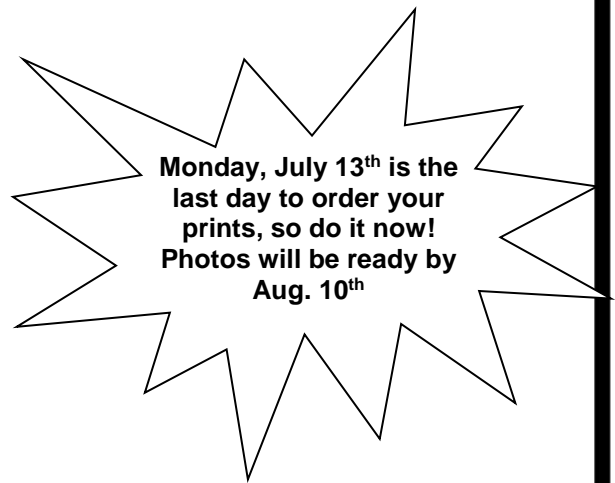
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- 11x14 = \$40.00 each (Crew Shot)
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- 11x14 = \$40.00 (Group Shot)
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- 8x10 = \$25.00 (Women)
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