



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of July 27, 2015 to August 2, 2015

### MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015

**Officer-in-Charge:** Captain Arbin; **Lieutenants Available:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs

**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-Jennifer Dittmar from the MARP Program will speak

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**OCBPSRA:** MARP Training- HQ Training Room- 1830hrs-Required for OCBPSRA SRT III

**Opportunity to Compete:** Bethany Beach Ocean Series- Bethany Beach, DE

USLA Junior Lifeguard Regionals- Sea Girt, NJ

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 47<sup>th</sup> St. / 127<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1704hrs

Low: 1032hrs

**Special Events:** Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38<sup>th</sup> St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs

Endless Summer Surf Camp- 38<sup>th</sup> St.- 1730hrs to 1930hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St. Stage- 1900hrs to 2200hrs

USSSA Fast Pitch Eastern World Series Tournament Opening Ceremonies- Inlet- 1500hrs -1730hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Strange Magic*- 27<sup>th</sup> St.- 2030hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

### BETHANY BEACH PATROL/MANGOS OCEAN SERIES

Surf Rescue Challenge 2015

Monday, July 27, 20

Registration 5:45 – 6:15

Competition Starts at 6:30

\*Registration will take place on the bandstand on Garfield Parkway; the competition will be on the beach directly out in front.

More info. on p. 5



### Marine Animal Rescue Program Training

This training is required for OCBPSRA SRT III certification as well as to be a National Aquarium Volunteer. You will receive the featured patch upon completion of the training.

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 so desire.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 7/27/2015	Tuesday 7/28/2015	Wednesday 7/29/2015	Thursday 7/30/2015	Friday 7/31/2015	Saturday 8/1/2015	Sunday 8/2/2015	CREW
<b>Daily Assignment</b>								
								Totals
<b>Rescues</b>								
<b>Preventative actions</b>								
<b>First Aids</b>								

## **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2015**

**Officer-in-Charge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee; **Lieutenant Available:** Lt. Kovacs

**JBP Academy IV:** A.M. Session A- Day 1- 0800hrs – 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Afternoon Session B- Day 1- 1300hrs- 1630hrs

**OCBPSRA:** One Mile Swim- Dorchester St.- 0800hrs

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 45<sup>th</sup> St. / 125<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1754hrs

Low: 1126hrs

**Special Events:** Beach Safety Seminar- OC Lifesaving Museum- 1000hrs

Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38<sup>th</sup> St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs

Endless Summer Surf Camp- 38<sup>th</sup> St.- 1730hrs to 1930hrs

Family Beach Olympics- 27<sup>th</sup> St.- 1830hrs to 2030hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St. Stage- 1900hrs to 2200hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

### **JBP One Day Clinic**

**Thursday afternoons**

**July 30 August 6, 13**

**1300hrs to 1630hrs**

Spread the word to kids aged 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.

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015**

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

**JBP Academy IV:** A.M. Session A- Day 2- 0800hrs – 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Afternoon Session B- Day 2- 1300hrs- 1630hrs

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

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** 31<sup>st</sup> All Women's Lifeguard Competition- Sandy Hook, New Jersey

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 43<sup>rd</sup> St. / 123<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0611hrs

Low: 1219hrs

**Special Events:** Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38<sup>th</sup> St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs

Jesus at the Beach Festival- Caroline St. Stage- 1900hrs to 2200hrs

Movies on the Beach- *The Box Trolls*- Carousel Hotel- 2030hrs



## **THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015**

**Officer-in-Charge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee; **Lieutenants Available:** Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs

**JBP Academy IV:** A.M. Session A- Day 3- 0800hrs – 1130hrs (Instructors report at 0730hrs)

Afternoon Session B- Day 3- 1300hrs- 1630hrs

**JBP One-Day Clinic:** 1300hrs-1700hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 41<sup>st</sup> St. / 121<sup>st</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0702hrs

Low: 1311hrs

**Special Events:** Sunset Park Party Night- *Neon Swing X-perience*- S. Division St.- 1900hrs

### **Recruiting Opportunities**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, August 8. Remember to mention this employment opportunity to potential candidates who you know or meet on the beach.

Registration begins at 1000 hrs; testing begins at 11:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.



## **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015—Pay Day**

**Officer-in-Charge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee; **Lieutenants Available:** Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs

**JBP Academy IV:** A.M. Session A- Day 4- 0800hrs –1130hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Afternoon Session B- Day 4- 1300hrs- 1630hrs

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** The OCBP Triathlon is Tomorrow!

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 39<sup>th</sup> St. / 119<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0753hrs

Low: 1402hrs

**Special Events:** Movies on the Beach- *Paddington*- 27<sup>th</sup> St.- 2030hrs



## **OCBP TRIATHLON**

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2015**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Captain Arbin; **Lieutenants Available:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** OCBP Triathlon- 142<sup>nd</sup> St.- 1830hrs

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

**Surfing Beaches:** 37<sup>th</sup> St. / Fountain Head (117<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 0844hrs

Low: 1453hrs

**Special Events:** ESA Surf Competition- 30<sup>th</sup> St.– Dawn to Dusk

Beach Blitz Soccer Tournament- Wicomico to Caroline St.- 0800hr to 1700hrs

KGBA Beach Volleyball Tournament- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> St.- 0800hrs to 1800hrs

Beach Wedding- 28<sup>th</sup> St.- 1830hrs

**The River Church  
Feeds the Patrol!**  
Cookout at HQ  
Full Chicken Barbecue  
Wednesday, Aug. 5- 1900hrs



## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Captain Arbin; **Lieutenants Available:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** 35<sup>th</sup> St. / High Point North (114<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 0936hrs

Low: 1545hrs

**Special Events:** ESA Surf Competition- 30<sup>th</sup> St.– Dawn to Dusk

KGBA Beach Volleyball Tournament- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> St.- 0800hrs to 1800hrs

Sundaes in the Park- *Satisfaction (Stones Tribute 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



## **Ocean City Beach Patrol Crew Comps**

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**

**We invite you to view our gallery of the event,  
high resolution downloads & prints are available.**

**A portion of all proceeds to benefit the Ocean City Beach Patrol.**

**To view, please visit us at [JohnMilleker.com](http://www.JohnMilleker.com)**

Click on 'Client Galleries', 'Find My Photos' and use Access Code: ocbp0715

Full gallery will be online on Monday July 27th

*John Milleker*

<http://www.JohnMilleker.com>

Full service photographers for any occasion.

### **Rehoboth Olympics Results-7/23/15 Overall- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

1 Mile Run- 6<sup>th</sup> Place  
½ Mile Paddle- 6<sup>th</sup> Place  
½ Mile Swim- 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Landline- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Run-Swim-Run- 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Paddleboard- 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Surf Dash- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Iron Man Medley- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
4x200 Soft Sand Sprint Relay- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Beach Flags- 9<sup>th</sup> Place  
Tug of War- 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015**

**Officer-in-Charge: Captain Arbin; Lieutenant Available: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Lee, Lt. Stone, Lt. Kovacs**

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

**OFFICERS' MEETING:** 0730hrs

**CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 0800hrs

**AREA MEETING WITH SERGEANTS:** 0815hrs

**SEMAPHORE TEST:** 0820hrs—REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

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

**GENERAL MEETING:** 0845hrs

**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 0945hrs

**BEACH PATROL PLANNING MEETING FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION- 1000hrs-HQ- Participants will be notified.**

**OCBPSRA:** Finished for the season!

**Opportunity to Compete:** Rehoboth Beach Junior Lifeguards- Rehoboth Beach, DE

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 33<sup>rd</sup> St. / Capri (111<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 1027hrs

Low: 1639hrs

**Special Events:** Movies on the Beach- *Muppets Most Wanted*- 27<sup>th</sup> St.- 2030hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

**UPCOMING 2015 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**



July 27	MARP Training w with Jennifer Dittmar
July 28	1 Mile Swim- Dorchester St.- 0800hrs
July 28-31	JBP Academy IV - 2 Sessions
July 29	31 <sup>st</sup> USLA All-Women Comp- Sandy Hook, NJ
Aug. 1	OCBP Triathlon
Aug. 4-7	JBP Academy V - 2 Sessions
Aug. 5-6	Community First Aid Course-HQ
Aug. 8	OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Evaluation of Skills
Aug. 11-14	JBP Academy VI
Aug. 14	Annual Blessing of the Ocean- 17 <sup>th</sup> St.
Sept. 5	OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Evaluation of Skills

**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

KGBA Volley America Sand Storm Challenge	July 25-26	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	0800hrs-2200hrs
Jesus at the Beach Music & Ministry Festival	July 27-28	N. Division St.	
Beach Blitz Soccer	Aug. 1	Wicomico to Caroline St.	
ESA Surf Series	Aug. 1 or 2	30 <sup>th</sup> St.	Dawn to Dusk
KGBA Volley America Sand Storm Challenge	Aug. 1-2	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	0800hrs-2200hrs
White Marlin Open	Aug. 3-7	Harbour Island- 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	1600hrs
OC Beach Ultimate Classic Frisbee Tournament	Aug. 15-16	Somerset Plaza	
ESA Surf Series	Aug. 22 or 23	36 <sup>th</sup> St.	Dawn to Dusk
OC Sandfest	Aug. 24-30	N. Division St. to 4 <sup>th</sup> St.	

<b>Stats.</b>	<b>Week 9 7/13/15 to 7/19/15</b>	<b>Week 9 Year-To- Date 2015</b>	<b>Week 9 7/14/14 to 7/21/14</b>	<b>Week 9 Year-To- Date 2014</b>	<b>Week 9 7/15/13 to 7/21/13</b>	<b>Week 9 Year-To- Date 2013</b>
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	7848	30254	5076	21962	1650	15773
Rescues	629	1432	401	1164	30	907
Minor First Aid	124	484	94	522	110	673
Ambulance Calls	20	86	21	68	24	48
Police Calls	14	83	7	53	14	77
USCG/MDNRP	1	4	0	13	0	4
Lost/Found Persons	43	177	27	259	45	218
N. Surf Beach Population	73	274	19	196	8	386
S. Surf Beach Population	112	1522	220	1513	365	1439
Inlet Surf Beach Population	129	388	186	587	46	1017
Beach Wheelchair Usage	48	188	42	225	44	224

**Passed Semaphore - 7/27/15**

Devin Lee  
Jessica Smith

**BETHANY BEACH PATROL / MANGOS**

**Surf Rescue Challenge 2015**

**Monday, July 27, 2015**

**Registration 5:45 – 6:15 / Start 6:30**

\*Registration will take place on the bandstand on Garfield Parkway, and the competition will be on the beach right out in front.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 per competitor: Includes entry, t-shirt (limited supply – first come, first serve), and after party at Mangos

**EVENT 1**—Main Beach Melee Relay: Team of 5 guards (any gender) competing in a series of sprint running, swimming, and paddling legs.

**BIG RED PADDLE BOARDS**

**EVENT 2**—Run-Swim-Run Relay (5 competitors, 1 female)

**EVENT 3**—Rescue Dash with can (5 competitors)

**EVENT 4**—Swim/Run Suicide (4 competitors, 1 female)

**EVENT 5**—Water Flags: team of 2 competitors

**EVENT 6**—6 x 200 soft sand sprint relay (1 female)

**Parking: Wellington Parkway** from 5:30 – 8:30, which is 3 blocks south of Garfield Parkway (main street). Put something from your patrol on the dashboard. Guards may park at the meters and in permit parking along that street. Parking will also be available on **Atlantic Ave** should space run out on Wellington Parkway. Please do not park on Garfield Parkway unless you intend to pay the meter.

**After Party:** Mangos will be hosting a party afterwards with a light appetizer buffet, pizza, and drink specials

**Pool Lifeguard Challenge Course**

Interested in earning your pool lifeguard certification? Sgt. Cowder is conducting a pool lifeguard challenge course on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 0700hrs at the Clarion indoor pool. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel as you'll be starting in the pool.

The course is limited to the first 10 people who contact Sgt. Cowder at 410-251-4371 or [rcowder@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:rcowder@oceancitymd.gov)  
Cost is \$50.00 cash or check made to Town of Ocean City

There will be a written test, so use the online lifeguard manual (links below) to review the following topics: Find model; EAP; the RID factor; using a rescue tube; removal of a passive victim; and the whole chapter on spinal injuries.

Links:

<http://web.jhu.edu/recreation/aquatics/ARC%20Lifeguard%20Manual.pdf>

[http://www.instructorcorner.org/media/resources/llg\\_part\\_manual\\_landing.html](http://www.instructorcorner.org/media/resources/llg_part_manual_landing.html)

*You will be finished with the course in time to make it to your stand for the day!*

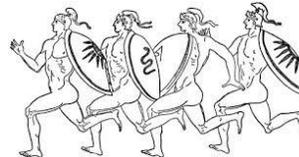
**USLA / SCLA  
2015 COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

**JULY**

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)



**ALL-WOMEN LIFEGUARD TOURNAMENT**

**July 29, 2015  
Sandy Hook, NJ**



**OCBP TRIATHLON**

**DATE:** Saturday, August 1, 2015 **TIME:** 1830hrs

**PLACE:** 142nd St

**DISTANCE:** .5 mile swim, 12.4 mile bike, 3.1 mile run (cruiser bike distance = 6 miles, mountain bike distance = 9 miles)

**The Town of Ocean City Beach Patrol  
Community CPR and First Aid Course**

**Cost/Dates:** \$30 for First Aid (August 5<sup>th</sup>)  
\$20 for CPR (August 6<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** 6-9 p.m. (both evenings)

**Register for one or both evenings**



This two night course will provide you with an American Heart Association CPR certification and an American Red Cross First Aid certification. Both certifications are good for two years. Please call Beach Patrol HQ to register at 410-289-7556. Payment can be either made by cash or check and all checks should be written to the Town of Ocean City, MD. Spots are limited to the first 20 participants.

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

**This Week's Question: What are you doing with those flags?**

The surf rescue technician's (lifeguard's) flags serve two purposes. First, they are used in one of the three communications methods that the beach patrol uses to communicate among themselves. This form of communications is called semaphore. Semaphore is a type of communication by which a person signals with two hand flags, moving his arms through various positions to represent letters, numerals and special signs. Semaphore is also used by the Scouts, Navy and Coast Guard to communicate over long distances (as long as you can see the other person). Although this method has been around for a long time, a major benefit to the beach patrol is that in an emergency or when a lifeguard is in the water, they do not need any electronics or technology to immediately update and communicate with each other. The majority of messages being sent between lifeguards are communications about lost and found individuals and potential dangers. Example:

LB N ADAMA ATE RED  
Lost Boy Name Adam Age eight bathing suit color red

Above is an example of one type of a message that SRTs send between adjoining stands. This information is also transmitted by radio to the Town's communications center (911 center) for broadcast to other agencies and departments throughout Ocean City.

Note: We respond to approximately 2,000 cases of lost and found individuals in a typical season with a 100 percent return rate. To learn more about semaphore, visit the beach patrol website, [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp); click on the semaphore alphabet link under employee links.

The other two communication methods used by the beach patrol are a whistle system and two-way radios.

The second use of the flags is to direct beach patrons out of harms way. Although we do not expect any of our beach patrons to understand this signaling system, we also use the flags to indicate and point to our visitors. The SRT may point at you and direct you to move in a particular direction or to stop an activity such as ball playing in the water. This gentle signaling may be all it takes to warn and move you out of potential danger, such as rip currents, dangerous shorebreak or even marine life such as we see with whale sightings **and other aquatic** life. So remember, when an SRT whistles and points, locate them and make sure they are not trying to tell you something.

Interesting note: The popular peace sign is really the combination of two semaphore letters N and D and stands for Nuclear Disarmament.

(you can use the attached semaphore code as a graphic if you like)

**Meet the Lifeguard: Assistant Crew Chief Caroline Oakey**

Assistant Crew Chief Caroline Oakey has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years and is in Crew 5. Her crew covers the beach from 18<sup>th</sup> St. to 25<sup>th</sup> St. Caroline is a Junior Beach Patrol Instructor who works with children enrolled in this award winning camp program. She loves to cheer people on at competitions. She is also on our women's team that will go to Sandy Hook to compete against other women's lifeguard teams in the International All Women's Lifeguarding contest. She likes to attend the free lifeguard dinners provided by the local River Church and in her free time, Caroline likes to hike, run, hang out with friends and watch movies. She just completed her EMT B certification and rides the ambulance at CVFC. She wants to become a dermatologist and is currently studying premed and plays lacrosse for CCBC Essex.

ACC Caroline Oakey and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions.



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



# ATTABOYS-Oh, Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>...



## Message from the Town Website

From: April Serock  
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 8:36 PM

My family and I just wanted to thank you again for helping us this week. On Friday, my son, Alec, wandered a bit too far while searching for seashells (from 18th Street to 1st Street!) . As soon as we realized we couldn't find him, we contacted Nick at the 18th Street stand and he set the message in motion. After the longest half-hour of my life, Alec turned up at the 1st Street stand and a little while later, beach patrol brought him back to us. I cannot thank your diligent guards enough for returning our son to us. Please know that all your hard work is very appreciated. Alec knew to go to the lifeguards and they would help him. Thanks for being there!

Sincerely,  
The Serock Family (April, Gary, and Alec)

Below is a message that Donna Abbott, the OC Director of Tourism received from a grateful mother whose son was saved by the OCBP on Friday and Donna Passed it on to Captain.

 **Jessica Gascho McCardell** Jul 17th, 9:11pm  
I wanted to write a note to say thank you, thank you, thank you to the lifeguards who were working near 92nd St on Thursday, July 16. My 8-year old son was carried away quickly by strong currents and both the young man and woman who were stationed nearby recognized his need and responded quickly. I was on the shore with my 5-year old daughter, realizing the seriousness of the situation and feeling helpless! I am truly grateful for the selflessness of lifeguards, particularly of these two young people. From a mother's heart, thank you so much!! My sweet boy is safe because of you!

**[From:** Todd Dill  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 1:12 PM  
**To:** Skip Lee  
**Subject:** No words for the gratitude

Sir,  
I am not sure if I am sending this to the right person, but I hope this email finds its way to the two lifeguards that were manning posts on 98th street behind the Plaza on Friday the 17th of July 2015. I cannot put into words the respect and gratitude I have for these two men. My 6 year old son was standing beside his mother when a wave came in and he was pulled out into the Ocean. It happened instantly. My 9 year old son attempted to grab his brother and was also swept out. I ran to their aide only to be caught in the current myself. Before I knew it I was 30 to 40 yards in the Ocean treading water with two kids and trying to stay keep us afloat. I will never in my life forget the look on my boys' faces, and I will never forget the terror I felt at that moment. The two lifeguards that came to our aide were fast and acted as true professionals. One was swimming back to shore with my 9 year old and my brother (also ran out to help) and actually turned around as he was pulling them in and said, "Hey buddy, how's your vacation going?" This calmed my son down and actually made my brother laugh. My 6 year old was handed to my nephew by the other life guard and he walked him in to shore. The life guard that helped me must have known I was exhausted from treading water with the two boys and he pulled me to shore. I hugged him and he was like just another day at the office buddy. I hope these two life guard realize that I was on my way out so to speak. They saved my boys and they saved me. There are no words,,,none to express my gratitude. I have tears in my eyes writing this. If I am sending this to the wrong person, PLEASE email me back so I can send this to the two HEROS working the stands behind the Plaza on 98th on July 17th around 3:00 pm so I can give them the praise and recognition they deserve. By the way, as I was leaving Ocean City, with my family thank God, I heard something on the radio that I will live by, "Keep your feet in the sand till the Guard's in the stand." Words of wisdom!!

Sincerely,

Todd Joseph Dill  
Ebensburg, PA



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



## MORE ATTABOYS

### Message from the Town Website

From: Christina Groff  
 Sent: Monday, July 20, 2015 1:59 PM

I was visiting with my children on 7/17 & 7/18 this past weekend. I have to say we had a lifeguard named David who was absolutely amazing!! Friday there was a lot of rip currents and he was constantly blowing his whistle, and alerting us to what was going on. I felt like I could relax to know how well my kids were being watched. I wish I got his last name, but thank you very much for making our trip more enjoyable. Keep up the good work.

### Message from the Town Website

From: Jane Fitzpatrick  
 Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 7:09 PM

Friday July 17 approx. 4:00 My 2 teenage nieces were helped out of a rip-tide by a guard from 125 St They were in the water at 122 St. This young man was really on his game & such a good example of your excellent Beach Patrol. Our family is so grateful.

Sincerely, Jane Fitzpatrick

### Message from the Town Website

From: Jessica Bell  
 Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 12:35 AM

I had to write and express my gratitude to your guards and beach patrol. Today my family and I were at 137th street beach, when my six year old daughter Emily was separated from us. She was at the edge of the water when a gust of wind blew our umbrella. My husband and I took our eyes off her for a minute to fix the umbrella, and when we looked up she was gone. The guard at 136th street immediately signaled her info to other guards and helped calm me with his kind words and calm demeanor. I regret that I didn't get his name, but he was a young man with blond hair. My daughter was confused during the chaos of blowing umbrellas, and ran in the opposite direction. Because we had told her that lifeguards help people, she ran to 138th St. And the lifeguard there helped reunite her with us. I am still shaken up over this and feel horrible that we lost sight of our daughter, but we are so grateful to your guards. They acted immediately and helped us through a difficult situation. A million thanks from the Bell family!



### 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 Sw eatshirts—\$25.00
- Grey Sw eatpants—\$20.00
- Tie-Dyed T-shirts- \$15.00
- Sw im Caps -\$5.00
- OCBP Big White Tow els -\$11.00/2 for \$20.00
- OCBP Socks- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00



### The Questions a Lifeguard Gets Asked!

Ann Hillyer, who is James Hillyer's mom (Crew 7), runs a local website called Ocean City.com, and she would like to create a new section that features some of the more interesting, unusual, and/or humorous questions that you are asked while on the stand.

Below is a sample of what her new section might look like:

**Meet Josh Wilder, the Assistant Crew Chief for Crew 12. Josh has been with the Beach Patrol for 5 years. He often gets asked this question from beach patrons: "How many lifeguards oare on the beach patrol?"**

**Answer: At the busiest part of our season, we will have up to 92 stands covering all 10 miles of Ocean City.**

If you have a question that might be newsworthy, please fil out this form and give it to Kristin.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Crew \_\_\_\_\_

Question asked \_\_\_\_\_

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Response \_\_\_\_\_

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