



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of August 10, 2015 to August 16, 2015

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

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

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: Cancelled

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: Further opportunities will be next year.

Opportunity to Compete: North Area vs South Area Competition- 130th St.- 1830hrs- See below

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 19th St. / 87th St.

Tides: High: 1724hrs
Low: 1049hrs

Special Events: Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38th St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs
Endless Summer Surfing Camp- 38th St.- 1730hrs to 1930hrs
Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

****NOTICE ****

Monday,
August 30, 2015
Last Opportunity To
Take the Semaphore
Test for 2015

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015

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

JBP Academy VI: Day 1- 08:00hrs- 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; turn in any outside certifications you have obtained.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 17th St. / 85th St.

Tides: High: 1814hrs
Low: 1145hrs

Special Events: Beach Safety Presentation- OC Lifesaving Museum- 1000hrs
Beach Weddings- 63rd St- 0900hrs & 12th St.- 1800hrs
Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38th St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs
Endless Summer Surfing Camp- 38th St.- 1730hrs to 1930hrs
Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 2200hrs

North Area vs South Area Competition

All are invited to participate in a friendly competitive environment! Get to meet and build camaraderie with others outside of your area!

Monday, August 10th
130th St.- 1830hrs
Events

Landline- 5 people
Paddle Relay around Apex- 5 people
Run Sw im Run- 5 people
Surf Dash- 5 people
Soft Sand Sprint- 4 people

There will be **NO OCBP pick-up softball** game on Monday, August 10th.

Softball will resume on Monday, August 17th.

Northside Park- 125th St.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 8/10/2015	Tuesday 8/11/2015	Wednesday 8/12/2015	Thursday 8/13/2015	Friday 8/14/2015	Saturday 8/15/2015	Sunday 8/16/2015	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Kovacs

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

Camp Horizon: N. Division St.- 1000hrs to 1515hrs - (**Note:** All Day Beach Day! This is the last camp for the season).

OCBPSRA: Ride alongs are being scheduled.

Opportunity to Compete: Middlesex Beach Patrol Ocean Series

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 15th St. / 83rd St.

Tides: High: 0627hrs

Low: 1236hrs

Special Events: Surfers' Healing Surf Event- 37th St.- 0900hrs to 1700hrs

Endless Summer Boogie Board Camp- 38th St.- 1400hrs to 1600hrs

Beach Wedding- Inlet- 1800hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Cinderella (2015)*- Carousel Hotel- 2030hrs

Concerts on the Beach- *The Beach Bumz*- Caroline St. Stage- 2000hrs

2015 Competition Schedule

August
12- Middlesex (Ocean Series)



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015

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

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

JBP One-Day Clinic: 1300hrs-1700hrs

OCBPSRA: Remember NIMS training for SRT III and Instructor.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 13th St. / 81st St.

Tides: High: 0712hrs

Low: 1321hrs

Special Events:

Sunset Park Party Night- *Poole & the Gang*- S. Division St.- 1900hrs

JBP One Day Clinic
Last One This Season!
August 13th
1300hrs to 1700hrs

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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2015-Pay Day!

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Kovacs; **Lieutenant Available:** Lt. Stone

JBP Academy VI: Day 4- 0800hrs - 1130hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

OCBPSRA: Further opportunities will be next year.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 11th St. / 79th St.

Tides: High: 0754hrs

Low: 1403hrs

Special Events: Blessing of the Waters - Procession from Holy Savior Church on 17th St. to the Beach- 1800hrs to 1900hrs



OCBP License Plates

Listed below are the guidelines for receiving these special logo plates

Your vehicle must be registered in Maryland.

Pick up the MVA form VR-124 from Captain Arbin.

Fill out form completely.

Attach a check made payable to the Ocean City Beach Patrol Surf Rescue Association (OCBPSRA) for \$50.00. This is a one-time fee and will not be charged again.

If you are requesting a specific number, make sure it is still available.

Return form to Beach Patrol Headquarters. Do not send or take to MVA—the form needs an authorizing signature to process.

Once the VR-124 form and check have been received, it takes 4-6 weeks to receive the tags. They will be mailed to the address on your registration.

In the future, you will receive the regular tag renewal application directly from the MVA every 2 years.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015

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

OCBPSRA: Further opportunities will be next year.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 9th St. / 77th St.

Tides: High: 0835hrs
Low: 1443hrs

Special Events: OC Classic Beach Frisbee Event- Worcester St. to N. Division
Beach Weddings- 33rd St- 1600hrs & 48th St.- 1700hrs

OCBP Annual Awards Banquet- Ocean Pines Beach Club- 49thSt.- 1830hrs

Recruiting Opportunities

Our 2nd Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, September 5th. This will be the last test of the season. Remember to mention this testing opportunity to potential candidates that you know or meet on the beach. Registration begins at 1000hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015

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

OCBPSRA: Check your certification record.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 7th St. / 75th St.

Tides: High: 0915hrs
Low: 1523hrs

Special Events: OC Classic Beach Frisbee Event- Worcester St. to N. Division
Sundaes in the Park- Bob Lougheed's Tribute to Elvis- Northside Park- 1900hrs
Fireworks on the Bay- Northside Park- 125th St- 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, AUGUST 17, 2015

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Stone; **Lieutenant Available:** Lt. Kovacs

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 41st STREET-Northwest corner behind the indoor Food Court

OFFICERS' MEETING: Cancelled

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Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 5th St. / 73rd St.

Tides: High: 0956hrs
Low: 1603hrs

Special Events: Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.-2200hrs

UPCOMING 2015 BEACH PATROL EVENTS



Aug. 11-14	JBP Academy VI
Aug. 12	Surfer's Healing
Aug. 14	Annual Blessing of the Ocean- 17 th St.
Aug. 15	OCBP Annual Awards Ceremony
Sept. 5	OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Evaluation of Skills

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Event

Surfer's Healing	Aug. 12	38 th St.	0900hrs
OC Beach Ultimate Classic Frisbee Tournament	Aug. 15-16	Somerset Plaza	
ESA Surf Series	Aug. 22 or 23	36 th St.	Dawn to Dusk
OC Sandfest	Aug. 24-30	N. Division St. to 4 th St.	

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/27/15 to</u> <u>8/2/15</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/28/14 to</u> <u>8/3/14</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2014</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/29/13 to</u> <u>8/4/13</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2013</u>
Action						
Preventions	4140	38732	3013	28687	2268	21987
Rescues	148	1632	141	1556	104	1461
Minor First Aid	185	868	117	733	137	937
Ambulance Calls	23	123	23	109	14	77
Police Calls	9	97	5	70	13	107
USCG/MDNRP	0	4	0	13	1	6
Lost/Found Persons	62	276	21	318	58	314
N. Surf Beach Population	105	321	16	224	76	496
S. Surf Beach Population	341	1873	618	2548	217	2013
Inlet Surf Beach Population	45	476	97	725	86	512
Beach Wheelchair Usage	29	280	41	305	54	314

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

Question of the Week: What are the rules as far as what you can and cannot do on the beach?

The beach patrol is responsible for maintaining a safe, secure and enjoyable atmosphere on the beach and in the ocean. The surf rescue technician on the stand carries out this responsibility by informing the public and enforcing applicable rules, laws and local ordinances. Basically the Ocean City Beach Patrol regulates all beach activities.

New for this season is the Town of Ocean City's "Smoking Ordinance". Although it was just passed into Law in May 2015, the Beach Patrol has included the request to use designated "Smoking Areas" for two years. The new city ordinance is as follows:

Smoking and vaping is unlawful on Atlantic Avenue except within fifteen feet of a designated smoking area. Atlantic Avenue" means the areas of land designated and distinguished on the numerous plats of the Ocean Blocks of Ocean City, Maryland, which designate Atlantic Avenue, which is comprised of the beach, including the ramps placed thereon, the wooden railings, the boardwalk, including the concrete tramlane, the ramps extending westward and eastward from the boardwalk, decks extending eastward and westward from the boardwalk, the seawall, and tables and benches placed thereon, but excluding the inlet parking lot.

The SRT's will inform the public of this new ordinance and if they notice someone violating the law they will tell the individual, however, SRT's will not leave their stand for the only purpose of enforcing this ordinance and if someone wishes to have the new law enforced they should call 410-723-6600.

For your protection and safety, the activities below are either **Prohibited** or **Regulated R** on the beaches of Ocean City.

- Ø Consuming alcoholic beverages (24 hours a day all year long including the boardwalk and all other public areas of the Town).
- Ø Allowing dogs on the beach (May 1 – Sept 30) (24 hours a day including the boardwalk).
- Ø Sleeping on beach (10 p.m. – 6 a.m.).
- Ø Using a skim board after 10 a.m. and before 5:30 p.m.
- Ø Bringing glass containers onto the beach.
- R Starting open fires on the beach.
- R Playing loud music.
- R Smoking

These activities are under the discretion of the beach patrol:

- BP Ball playing and Frisbee throwing (never in front of guard stands).
- BP Umbrella placement beyond established line (never in front of guard stands).
- BP Kite flying.
- BP Digging holes in the sand (never deeper than knee deep).
- BP Fishing while OCBP is on duty.
- BP Surfing in designated areas only.

SRT of the Week-Crew Chief Harrison Fisher

Crew Chief Harrison Fisher has been with the Beach Patrol for eight years. He is in charge of Crew 10, which covers the beach from 64th St. to 72nd St.

Harrison is a United States Lifesaving Association member and enjoys participating in competitions as well as serving as a videographer creating training and recruiting videos for the patrol. He looks forward to crew dinners and giving unique workouts. In his free time, Harrison likes to play water polo, cook delicious meals and drum. He currently teaches 6th grade math for Baker Middle School in Damascus, Maryland and coaches water polo at Walt Whitman High School. Harrison, like many other Beach Patrol members, returned to school to become an educator after realizing his passion for both lifeguarding and working with our youth.

CC Harrison Fisher 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!**



Please note the important end of the season information in the boxes below.

Important Notice Regarding Leaving Early

Anyone who leaves earlier than the date which he/she originally provided will be considered as quitting without notice and will be required to return ALL OCBP issued uniform and equipment items, including bathing suits, hats, whistles, and ID cards. Any items not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck, and your direct deposit will be cancelled until we have verified that you have satisfied all debts with the OCBP and the Town of O.C.
Please follow through on what you told the Beach Patrol you would do.

Equipment Turn in Procedure for Full Time Changing to Part-Time

If you live more than 30 miles away, you are required to turn in all equipment once you end your full-time position (available 7 days a week). If you are working part-time after this time, you will pick up equipment at H.Q. this when you come back into Ocean City. Please allow yourself enough time to do this before you are scheduled for duty.

Employee Evaluations – Not the Entire Picture

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each person's summative performance rating. Employee commendations, incidents, responsibility for equipment, amount of time worked, amount of time taken off, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel. Only once a full and complete assessment is made will a final recommendation be made to the Captain regarding an employee's status for the next season.

Crew Chief Equipment

All issued equipment must be returned on your last day. Equipment issued to you that does not need to be returned are the following: collared shirt, jacket, bathing suits, whistle, and hats. Once all equipment is accounted for, you will be immediately reissued equipment that is necessary for participation in the winter testing program. If you do not plan on becoming involved in the off-site tests, then you will not need to be issued any additional equipment. As with all employees, a crew chief who leaves without completing his/her commitment will be required to return ALL equipment that was given by the Beach Patrol. The purpose of this policy is to have an accurate inventory and to minimize the loss of equipment should a Crew Chief decide not to return in subsequent years. Any and all equipment not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck.

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Passed Semaphore - 8/3/15
Steve McPherson
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DO NOT FORGET THE BEACH PATROL WHEN YOU MAKE CHANGES

If you make any changes in the contact information that you have on file with us, it is your responsibility to let us know. If this coming season is as we predict, we will not be allowing personnel to return who have missed deadlines. Having mail returned or lost in forwarding may cause you to miss an important deadline.

Email – With free accounts and school accounts that are often changed, you need to let us know immediately. We use e-mail to keep everyone informed of events and activities as well as confirming information and to get out quick updates.

Winter address – This is used to send U.S. mail such as new sletters, invitations to return, and other paperwork.

Permanent address – This address is not used by the Beach Patrol but is used by the Town of Ocean City to send tax information (W-2).

To the lifeguards and all their support staff,

How does one thank another for saving one's life? On July 16th, I decided that I (64 yrs. old) could keep up with my "little" brother (54 yrs. old) and ride the waves. Our first trip was truly fun. Our second trip out to the waves was not so easy. Realizing the undertow, we walked up a couple of guard chairs to "float" down to a couple beyond our spot.

Each morning I awake thanking God for lifeguards who are alert and conditioned to rescue people in all aspects. This is perhaps the real reason I am so thankful.

Being caught in a rip tide but not realizing what was happening, I did exactly what one is NOT to do. I was so exhausted I knew one more wave would topple me and it would be the end.

When the guard approached and asked if I needed help, I think I collapsed. All I remember were his strong arms holding me up- and reassuring me I was not too heavy for him.

Please hear me when I say that his voice was so comforting. There were no tones of rebuke, judgment, or concern. I was scared and listened to his voice: "I will take good care of you. I will keep you safe." He was my life saver. I am not sure I would have remained so calm if his voice had been with attitude. I truly believe it might have triggered a negative reaction within me due to past memories.

My family and I stayed at the Dunes Hotel (2700 Baltimore St.). Chris was our guard. He was 10 Of 10: alert, informative, and a life saver to others. I was rescued a few chairs beyond Chris toward the boardwalk.

Again- I was so impressed with all the guards. Because of the guards (and no other reason), my family and I will return to O.C. This was my first visit to O.C. I am pleased it was not my final adventure in life!

If you get nothing else from this note, please know you did save my life and others in a very professional manner. Thank you for your kindness and the comfort you extended.

Continue to watch, care, and rescue. From a humble lake guard of the 70s who will pray for you all,

A Message from the Town Website

From: Mombark@

We came to Ocean City on August 1 and stayed until August 7, 2015. I would like to take a moment to commend one of your lifeguards who was working on Beach 12th Street. I don't know his name, however, maybe you can figure out who he was by the dates we were there. He had medium colored brown hair. The water was really rough and he didn't take his eyes off the water for even one minute. At one point he called everyone out of the water and off the beach to gather around the lifeguard stand and he explained that the water was very rough and about the rip tides. He explained what to do if caught in a rip and he was very informative. I saw him jump off the lifeguard stand at least twice to assist swimmers. He really seemed to be very serious about his job and was on top of his game. Kudos to him and all your lifeguards for doing a great job!

A Message from the Town Website

From: Janene George

bzmomof02@

I am writing to commend your lifeguards on what a great job they are doing at OCMD! My family of 16 stayed at the Quay at 107 and went onto the beach everyday straight out from our condo. Our lifeguards names were Dan and Jimmy, and they were absolutely wonderful gentleman! Each day, they would gather up all of the vacationers and give them the safety concerns of the day, which was extremely appreciative and helpful to our kids since there were strong riptides and extremely strong waves while we were there. They were very knowledgeable, very caring and always very alert and helpful to anyone in need. What a great group of lifeguards you have, and you, as well as they, should be very proud of the work they are doing. Thank you so much for a wonderful week of vacation. Just wanted to express my gratitude for all of their knowledge and safety awareness. It is much appreciated! What a great team!

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