



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of August 22, 2016 to August 28, 2016

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 08:20hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs

CREW MEETING: 08:30hrs (Turn in individual stats, get schedule, assignments, and information from Crew Chief)

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; you are encouraged to complete Communications training and certifications from outside agencies, such as Safe Boaters, NIEMS, SCUBA, etc. Send copies of the certifications to OCBP HQ.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 11:14hrs

Low: 17:33hrs

Special Events: OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 18:00hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 12:08hrs

Low: 18:32hrs

Special Events: OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 18:00hrs

Beach Safety Presentation- OC Lifesaving Museum- 10:00hrs

Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

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 before you are scheduled for duty.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 8/22/2016	Tuesday 8/23/2016	Wednesday 8/24/2016	Thursday 8/25/2016	Friday 8/26/2016	Saturday 8/27/2016	Sunday 8/28/2016	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								
								Totals

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Ward Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 13:05hrs

Low: 06:48hrs

Special Events: OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 18:00hrs

Concerts on the Beach- *The Beach Bumz*- 20:00hrs- Caroline St. Stage

Movies on the Beach- *Minions*- Carousel Hotel- 20:30hrs

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 14:09hrs

Low: 07:46hrs

Special Events: OC Jeep Week Parade- 30th St. to Inlet- 08:00hrs to 09:30hrs **Special duty personnel report to 30th St. with quad at 07:30hrs**

OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 18:00hrs

Sunset Park Party Night- *Sir Rod*- S. Division St. Bayside- 19:00hrs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016 —Pay Day

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Mike Stone

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

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

Tides: High: 15:16hrs

Low: 08:46hrs

Special Events: OC Jeep Week Parade- 30th St. to Inlet- 08:00hrs to 09:30hrs **Special duty personnel report to 30th St. with quad at 07:30hrs**

OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 18:00hrs

Beach Wedding- 116th St.- 1830hrs

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 5th St. / 73rd St.

Tides: High: 16:22hrs

Low: 09:48hrs

Special Events: OC Jeep Week Parade- 30th St. to Inlet- 08:00hrs to 09:30hrs **Special duty personnel report to 30th St. with quad at 07:30hrs**

OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 23:00hrs

Quad Drivers Needed For the Jeep Parade

The 2016 Jeep Parade is Thursday, 8/25, Friday, 8/26, Saturday, 8/27 & Sunday, 8/28 from 07:30hrs to 09:30hrs.

Drivers are needed for 10 quads.

See Lt. Kovacs ASAP to sign up for this duty.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 3rd St. / 71st St.

Tides: High: 17:22hrs

Low: 10:50hrs

Special Events: OC Jeep Week Parade- 30th St. to Inlet- 08:00hrs to 09:30hrs **Special duty personnel report to 30th St. with quad at 07:30hrs**

OC Sandfest- Performance Art Festival thru Sept. 1st- N. Division St. to 4th St.- 09:00hrs until 23:00hrs

Sundaes in the Park Concert & Fireworks- *Jesse Garron's Tribute to Elvis*- Northside Park- 19:00hrs

OC Beach Lights- N. Division St.- 21:30hrs, 22:00hrs, & 22:30hrs

Reminder

If you are not returning to work after Labor Day, all equipment must be returned after work Monday, September 5th, or it will be deducted from your last paycheck. Once deducted, if you then return it, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

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Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 1st St. / 69th St.

Tides: High: 18:14hrs

Low: 11:49hrs

Special Events: Beach Fireworks- N. Division St.- 22:00hrs

Extended Patrol

For those who indicated an interest and willingness to work beyond Sept. 25th, Lt. Kovacs will be arranging the schedule for this time period. Schedules will be made available well before September 26, so that those working can plan accordingly.

UPCOMING 2016 BEACH PATROL EVENTS



Aug. 24 & 25
Sept. 3
Sept. 10-11

Community First Aid & CPR Course
OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation
ESA Surf Competition- 46th St. or Inlet

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Community First Aid & CPR Course

Aug. 24 & 25

OCBP HQ

18:00hrs

Recruiting Opportunities

Our 4th and final on-site Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, Sept.3rd. Remember to mention this testing opportunity to potential candidates that you know or meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.



<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>8/8/16 to</u> <u>8/14/16</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>8/3/15 to</u> <u>8/9/15</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>8/4/12 to</u> <u>8/10/14</u>	<u>Week 12</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2014</u>
Action						
Preventions	5500	43679	9010	47742	3344	32031
Rescues	16	858	171	1803	174	1730
Minor First Aid	293	1374	105	973	158	891
Ambulance Calls	51	228	25	148	59	168
Police Calls	6	96	9	106	22	92
USCG/MDNRP	1	7	2	6	0	13
Lost/Found Persons	46	303	38	314	52	370
N. Surf Beach Population	10	321	16	337	6	230
S. Surf Beach Population	116	1242	415	2288	152	2700
Inlet Surf Beach Population	2	250	80	556	176	901
Beach Wheelchair Usage	35	342	36	316	46	351

End of Season Employment Opportunities

We have a limited number of opportunities to employ some personnel after the summer season ends on September 25th.

1. We need interested and available SRTs to assist in removing stands from the beach after September 25th. This will include power washing and painting stands in preparation for the 2017 season.
2. In addition, we have some equipment room duties for interested SBFs after the surf beach rotation ends on Labor Day.

Those interested personnel should contact Lt. Kovacs in writing by September 5, 2016.



Request for Recommendations

Between seasons, I am often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need me to provide something like this for you, I ask that you make the request in writing. In that request you should give me any information that will help me in giving you the best possible recommendation. I will need to know whom it goes to and if there is a particular format or form that is required. It will also be helpful to remind me of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. I also will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured in Ocean City while I am in La Plata. You may send your request by e-mail or if you are required to mail to a physical address, you may use:

Captain Butch Arbin
134 West Quail Lane
La Plata, Maryland 20646

Employee Evaluations: **Not the Entire Picture**

Although having satisfactory evaluations is very important, they are only one aspect of each employee'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 after 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.

Important Notice about the Weekly Meetings

Please note the dates and times of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Monday, August 29
Convention Center- 08:00hrs

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)
Convention Center- 08:30hrs

Beginning on September 11, the weekly meetings will move to City Hall on Sundays

Sunday, September 11
City Hall- 08:30hrs

Sunday, September 18
City Hall- 08:30hrs

Sunday, September 20
City Hall- 08:30hrs

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 ADAM A 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. Please let children know that if they are lost, to immediately go to the nearest lifeguard and not to try and locate you on their own and as parents follow the same advice. To learn more about semaphore, visit the beach patrol website, 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.

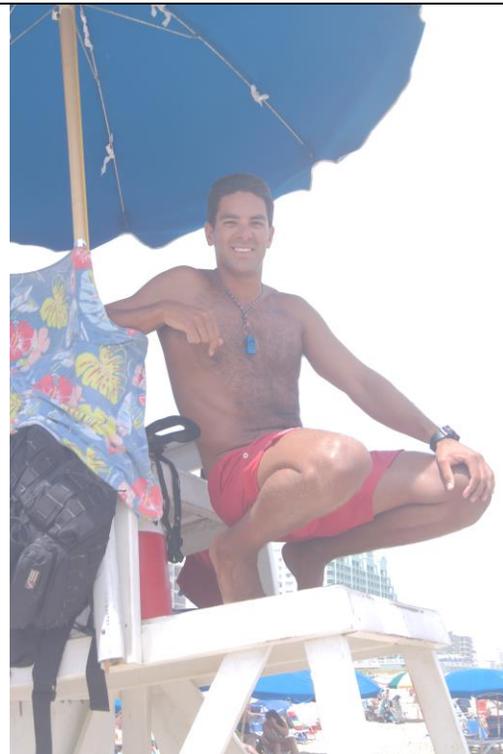
Interesting note: The popular peace sign is really the combination of two semaphore letters N and D and stands for Nuclear Disarmament.

SRT of the Week: Crew Chief Jake Ritter

Crew Chief Jake Ritter has been a member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol for the past nine years. As Chief of Crew 6, Ritter is the leader of the guards who sit the stands from 26th Street to 34th Street in what is called the Middle South area. Ritter graduated from UNC Wilmington with B.S. in Biology, a program that will allow him to study and complete his thesis at Novencia school of Business in Paris, France.

CC Ritter is a member of the USLA and was the Strong Guard Competition winner again this year. In his free time he enjoys building and riding bicycles and motorcycles and he is currently restoring a classic Audi Coupe.

CC Jake Ritter and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. If you think you would like a position with the Patrol like Jake's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp we have started hiring for next season.





Regarding Topless Sunbathing in OC, MD, the following procedure must be followed until further notice:

If there is a case of topless bathing on any Ocean City beach and any Beach Patrol employee becomes aware, either by a complaint or by identifying during a routine scan they should not approach the individual.

Once this situation has been identified the area supervisor should be notified who will in turn notify the OIC. The area supervisor nor the OIC should approach the individual. The Beach Patrol will not call for Police.

The OIC will call Director Theobald and receive instruction on how to proceed. Please make sure all Beach Patrol personnel are aware of this new policy.

Please let me know of any questions you have. Captain Butch Arbin

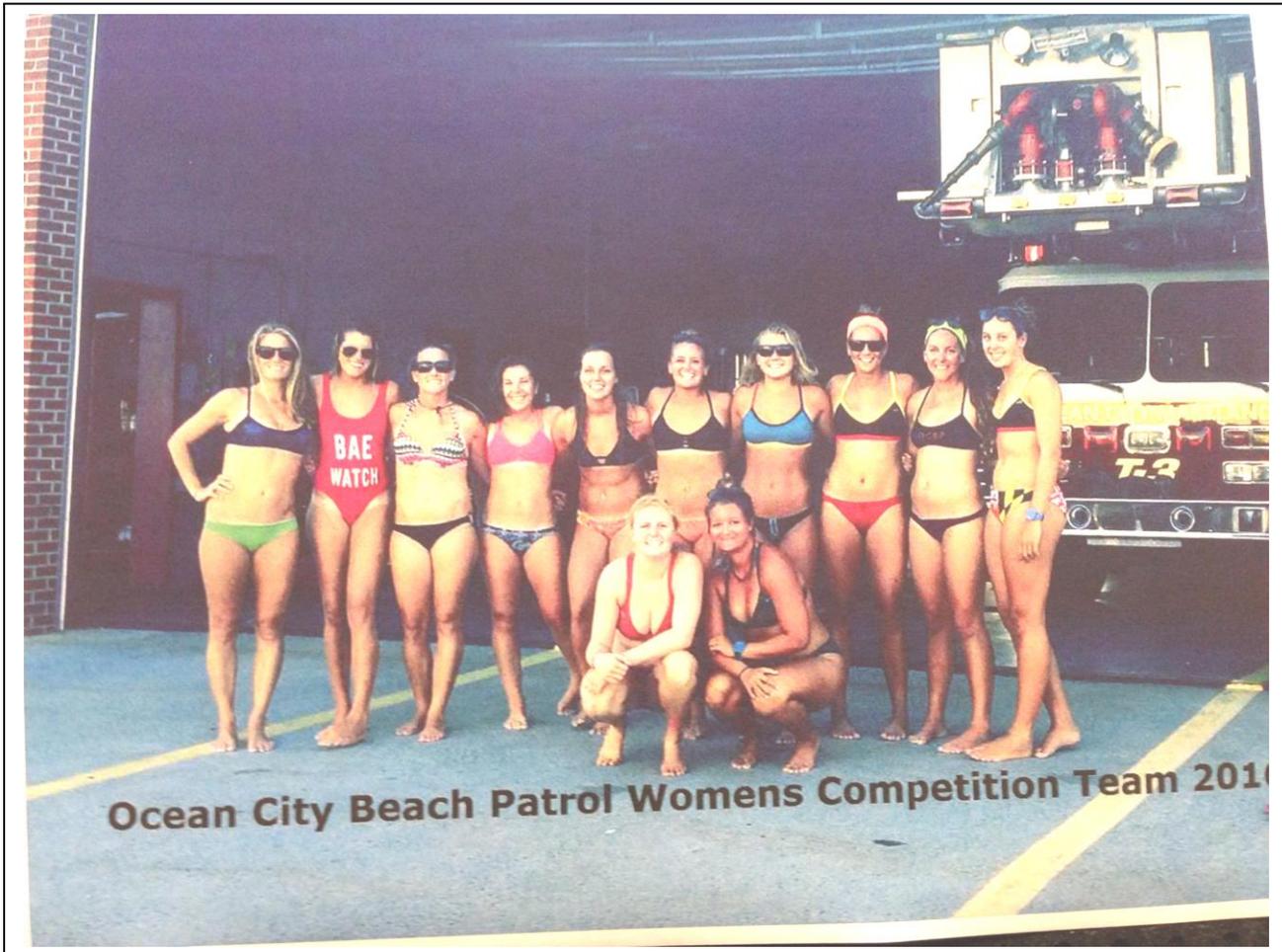


OCBPSRA Certification and Patches

The following are events that earn certificates and patches:

- Surf Rescue Technician (SRT I)
- SRT II (Basic)
- SRT III (Advanced)
- Instructor
- Assistant Crew Chief
- Crew Chief
- Mobile Rescue Operator
- Junior Beach Patrol
- Beach Safety Educator
- Rescue Watercraft Operator
- Rescue Board
- Communications
- Marine Stranding Rescue Responder
- MSP Rescue Swimmer
- Land Line

If you have completed an event and did not receive a certificate or patch for it, please let Secretary Tyler know. You can email her at dt Tyler@oceancitymd.gov





RECRUITER NEWS



An OCBP reporting publication about recruiting efforts to attract the most highly qualified candidates

Summer 2016

Summary of Effort

The 2016 recruiting season was a particularly interesting one. August attracted 41 candidates and we hired eight—8 great ones, but only 8. In the end, the campaign attracted a total of 133 candidates to our Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation (PEPSE) and yielded a total of 66 appointments to Surf Rescue Academy. This would be impossible if it were not for the tireless work of our staff who share their OCBP experiences and encourage friends and family members to take the test. All told, we have *57 All-Star Employees* making the Recruiter Hall of Fame this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2016 effort and to all those who have the desire to perpetuate the cause, Please join our 2017 campaign! Teamwork makes “the Dream” work!

Finalists

Liz Vander Clute Chris Fusco Christian Becker

Nick Egley Kevin Johnson Jason Konyar

Semi-Finalists

Andrew Padley George Souranis Garrett Lundegard

Kelsey Gallagher Trent Bergman Tyler Walker (ret.)

Melanie Hovington Alex Siegel Sarah Morin

Zach Goodman (Ret.) Emily Stang Mike Shaffer

Recruiter of the Year recognition goes to Chris Fusco. Great Job pulling in the most candidates to our testing program for the summer of 2016!

Participants in the 2016 Recruiting Campaign

Dave Krabbe	JB Miller	Giffin Vermillion
Grayson Sipes	Ward Kovacs	Brett Huff
Travis Wagner	Travis Seiler	Ryan Yingling
Chris Brennan	Kerlee Zwickler (ret.)	Ryan Cowder
Zach Collette	Abby Grobe	Austin Paisley
Chris Barton (ret.)	Adim Grant	Katie Sroka
Dakota Whitner	Christian Becker	Damian Sanzotti
Jeff Brabitz	Chris King (Ret.)	Kelly McGrath
Jake Foy	Abbie Stang	Alex Chesse
Garrett Lundegard	Joe Keefe	Raphael Dubois
Dustin Whittles	Catre Kopecky	Scott McGiffin (ret.)
Ryan Lalpis	Emily Stang	Zack Bennett
Josh Sholtz	Don Curry	Kevin Thompson
	Skip Lee	

Additional Recruiting Avenues noted on Survey:

Junior Beach Patrol—5	Brochure—2
Internet—19	Job Fair—6
Back of Stand—2	Other—12



Crew Comps Results

Rescue Board Relay

1. Crew 12- CC S. DeKemper/ACC S. Seibert
2. Crew 6- CC J. Ritter/ACC T. Wojciechowski
3. Crew 2- CC M. Wojciewchowski
CC L. Vander Clute/ACC C. Calogero
- 3 Crew 9- CC B. Clark/ACC T. Fink

Landline

1. Crew 12- CC S. DeKemper/ACC S. Seibert
2. Crew 7- CC K. Johnson/ACC D. Lurie
3. Crew 14- CC AJ Smith/ACC T. Jackson

Run-Swim-Run

1. Crew 12- CC S. DeKemper/ACC S. Seibert
2. Crew 14- CC AJ Smith/ACC T. Jackson
3. Crew 7- CC K. Johnson/ACC D. Lurie

Soft Sand Relay

1. Crew 4- CC E. Clouser/ACC A. Bernier
2. Crew 10- CC H. Fisher/ACC D. Whittles
3. Crew 13- CC A. Padley/ACC A. Payne

Tug-o-War

1. Crew 14- CC AJ Smith/ACC T. Jackson
2. Crew 13- CC A. Padley/ACC A. Payne
3. Crew 10- CC H. Fisher/ACC D. Whittles

Crew Comps 2016 Overall

<u>Place</u>		<u>Points</u>
1.	Crew 12	43
2.	Crew 14	33
3.	Crew 7	29
4.	Crew 10	27
5.	Crew 6	24
6.	Crew 13	21
7.	Crew 4	19
8.	Crew 2	12
8.	Crew 9	12
9.	Crew 17	10
10	Crew 8	6
10	Crew 11	6
10	Crew 16	6
11	Crew 1	5
11	Crew 5	5
11	Crew 15	5
11	Crew 18	5
12	Crew 3	4



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

