



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of September 19, 2016 to September 25, 2016**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016- End of Pay Period**

**GENERAL MEETING:** City Hall Council Chambers - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor- 08:30hrs

Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter Council Chambers through rear of the building.

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 30<sup>th</sup> St. / Marigot Beach (100<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 09:12hrs  
Low: 15:29hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest  
Beach Bonfire: Private Permit- 116<sup>th</sup> St.- 18:30hrs

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

**Officer in Charge:** *Lieutenant Ward Kovacs*

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 28<sup>th</sup> St. / Mid-Plaza (97<sup>th</sup> St.)

**Tides:** High: 10:02hrs  
Low: 16:22hrs

**Special Events:** None

#### Mobile Rescue Units

- Mobile means MOVING! Do not become stationary unless your assignment requires it.
- Two or more quads should never congregate. This reduces the overall coverage of the beach.
- Your primary responsibility requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform **Beach Patrol** of ALL your actions. They need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it. Quads need to be readily available in an emergency.
- Perform rescues if and when necessary.
- Back up SRTs making rescues in your area of responsibility or as directed by **Beach Patrol**.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by **Communications**.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel enforcing all policies and procedures.
- Assist with moving rovers when appropriate and circumstances permit.
- Patrol in your area of responsibility assisting the SRTs especially between stands and including ordinance enforcement.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/19/2016	Tuesday 9/20/2016	Wednesday 9/21/2016	Thursday 9/22/2016	Friday 9/23/2016	Saturday 9/24/2016	Sunday 9/25/2016	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 26<sup>th</sup> St. / 94<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 10:54hrs

Low: 17:18hrs

**Special Events:** None

### **Guidelines for Modified Surfing**

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30 each year.

- Surfers must still wear a leash.
- Swimmers **always** have the right of way.
- Surfers must remain no less than 50 yds. from the nearest swimmer or non-surfer.
- Surfers should be moved to the area between the stands.
- If there are too many swimmers, then the surfers must relocate or stop surfing altogether.
- The use of skimboards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc. is still prohibited
- If a surfer injures another person, he/she is responsible, and we must ID the surfer, involving the police if necessary.
- Stand-up paddleboard allowed starting Monday following Labor Day if surfing is modified

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016-1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 24<sup>th</sup> / 92<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 11:48hrs

Low: 18:18hrs

**Special Events:** None

### **Town of Ocean City Ordinance SURF FISHING AND CASTING Sec. 106-131. Public beach restrictions.**

Surf fishing is permitted in Ocean City. However, be sure you are not within 50 yards of swimmers or of anyone on the beach between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
**(Code 1972, § 28-9)**

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 22<sup>nd</sup> St. / 90<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 12:46hrs

Low: 06:26hrs

**Special Events:** Sunfest Kite Festival- 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.- 09:00hrs

Sunfest- Inlet- 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

### **Winter Mailings**

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2017 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided, as well as to the email address you provided this year. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office, either in person or by e-mail.

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**

**Officer-in-Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 20<sup>th</sup> St. / 88<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 13:50hrs

Low: 07:26hrs

**Special Events:** Sunfest Kite Festival- 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.- 09:00hrs

Sunfest- Inlet- 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

### **2016 W-2 Forms**

The Town of Ocean City will send your W-2 form to the permanent address on record for you. This is the address that is printed on your paycheck. W-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2017. If you need to make any changes and/or adjustments, you must fill out a change of address form and submit it to the City Hall Human Resources department by January 1, 2017.

1. Contact Dolores in the City Hall Human Resources  
410-289-8822

~and~

2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email:  
[dtyler@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:dtyler@oceancitymd.gov)  
with any changes.

**This is very important that you notify both people!**



## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 18<sup>th</sup> St. / 86<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 14:59hrs  
Low: 08:30hrs

**Special Events:** Out of the Darkness Walk- Caroline St to 10<sup>th</sup> St.- 09:00hrs

OC Beach Ultimate Classic- Somerset St.- 09:00hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival- 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.- 09:00hrs to 21:00hrs

Sunfest- Inlet- 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

Beach Weddings- 101<sup>st</sup> St.- 15:00hrs & Dorchester St.- 18:00hrs



## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

**GENERAL MEETING::** City Hall Council Chambers - 3<sup>rd</sup> St. - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor- 0830hrs

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**OCBPSRA:** Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

**Workout:** Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 16<sup>th</sup> St. / 84<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 16:07hrs  
Low: 09:34hrs

**Special Events:** OC Beach Ultimate Classic- Somerset St.- 09:00hrs

Sunfest Kite Festival- 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.- 09:00hrs to 21:00hrs

Sunfest- Inlet- 10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.- 12:00hrs

Beach Wedding-33<sup>rd</sup> St- 15:00hrs

### **Important Notice**

**Please note the date, time, and location of the remaining weekly meeting and adjust your calendar accordingly.**

Sunday, September 25-Last Meeting of the Season  
City Hall- 08:30hrs

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

**EXTENDED PATROL MEETING-** There will be a meeting in the OCBP HQ Training Room to convey the procedures and expectations to the Fall Patrol at 09:00hrs

### **UPCOMING 2016-2017 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**



Sept. 25	Last Day of 2016 Season
Sept. 26- Oct. 10	Extended Patrol
Oct. 15	OCBP Alumni Reunion- Gateway Grand Hotel
Feb. 2017	Off-Site PEPSE- Salisbury University
March 4-5	OCBP Strategic Planning Meeting
March 11	Off-Site PEPSE- York College of PA
May 24-26	OCBP 2017 Veteran Registration
May 27	Memorial Day 2017 Saturday

### **Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events**

Sunfest

Sept. 22-25

Inlet

10:00hrs to 22:00hrs



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



<b>Stats.</b>	<b>Week 16 9/5/16 to 9/11/16</b>	<b>Week 16 Year-To- Date 2015</b>	<b>Week 16 8/31/15 to 9/6/15</b>	<b>Week 16 Year-To- Date 2015</b>	<b>Week 16 9/1/14 to 9/7/14</b>	<b>Week 16 Year-To- Date 2014</b>
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	87	57569	255	62894	2	45068
Rescues	54	1396	1	2614	2	2639
Minor First Aid	1	1720	1	1208	2	1070
Ambulance Calls	5	287	10	208	5	303
Police Calls	0	124	1	140	2	126
USCG/MDNRP	1	9	0	7	0	18
Lost/Found Persons	6	357	31	446	0	459
N. Surf Beach Population	NSB	399	0	453	NA	348
S. Surf Beach Population	NSB	1287	217	2974	NA	3020
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NSB	255	0	647	NA	980
Beach Wheelchair Usage	NWC	435	28	466	2	487

**CODE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND: Stand Up Paddleboards**

**PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**Chapter 106 - WATERWAYS**

**ARTICLE III. - BEACH REGULATIONS**

**DIVISION 2. - BEACH ACTIVITIES**

**Sec. 106-94. - Prohibited acts.**

For any person to ride or utilize a stand up paddleboard (SUP) on any water adjoining or adjacent to any beach in Ocean City during the period between May 1 to September 30, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., in each year, except as follows:

- a. Stand up paddleboards (SUP) may have full access to the ocean, to include the surf zone on days when surfing is modified starting on the **Monday that follows Labor Day.**
- b. On days when surfing is not modified during the period from Monday following Labor Day to September 30, SUP access will be prohibited.
- c. All SUP operators shall stay 50 yards away from all swimmers, waders and surfers while launching and beaching and while operating in the surf zone or beyond the surf zone.
- d. Any SUP operator may be asked to return to shore if a Beach Patrol member deems their activity to be a possible hazard to the operator or other person. This includes, but is not limited to, hazardous weather such as lightning, or unsafe surf conditions.
- e. SUP operators must follow all applicable state and federal laws governing stand-up paddle boards and shall have a wearable Type I, II, III or V personal floatation device (PFD) on board and a whistle.
- f. SUP shall be restricted to one operator/rider per board.
- g. All SUP operators shall have a leash that attaches the operator to their board whenever they are using the board in the ocean.
- h. Once beyond the breakers as determined by a Beach Patrol member on duty, the SUP shall operate in a north or south direction parallel to the beach and no further from shore than 200 yards.
- i. When a SUP is returning to the beach (traveling west) while the Beach Patrol is on duty, the operator shall return within 50 yards of a Beach Patrol member on duty, so that the SRT can direct the operator to a safe area and assist in keeping people clear until the SUP is safely under control and on the beach.

**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 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.

**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 to whom it goes 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

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

**This Week's Question:** Last weekend when I was here, I walked the beach and saw guards on stands although they seemed really far apart. When do the lifeguards go off duty?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until this Sunday, September 25th (the Sunday of Sunfest weekend is our annual last day). Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. Due to the dedication and commitment of the Beach Patrol staff, many of our SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement our coverage for this last weekend. We will also 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach this Sunday Sept 25th. To aide your SRT this last weekend, during this time of reduced coverage, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precaution and walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand.

After Sunfest weekend we remove all stands from the beach and no longer position SRTs along Ocean City's beaches. At this time of year it is important for people to realize that the Beach Patrol is off duty and they should not participate in water related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend in May 2017. We realize that in spite of our warnings a warm sunny day will still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed our warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of our season are still present now and could possible even be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity that we typically experience this time of the year. People may find themselves in danger just like it was August however, with no SRTs keeping a watchful eye, there is no one ready to respond if the need arises.

We will still maintain a presence while we complete our close down tasks for a few more weeks with our Mobil Rescue Units. Having these units available and mobile, effectively reduces the response time from the original 911 call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important however that people not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their love ones. After September 25th we will not be able to continue educating the public and actively preventing potential incidents. We will not be able to fulfill our mission and work in a proactive manner; therefore we are in a reactionary mode and cannot provide the coverage that the public is accustomed to during our regular guarding season. We have seen too many times when swimming without lifeguards and poor judgment turns into a tragedy with the loss of a life. So although our saying, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" is a friendly reminder to only swim when lifeguards are on duty, it comes with a very serious warning. The first priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues to be public safety. We strongly encourage all beach patrons to restrict any beach or water related activities to times when Beach Patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay with the limits of their ability and never rely on a flotation device. Since the Beach Patrol is off duty until May and we have explained the dangers of swimming unprotected, we do not expect to see people in the ocean until Memorial Day weekend 2017. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards. Don't let it be you or someone you love. However you remember it, swimming only when lifeguards are on duty could save a life... yours or someone you love! So please don't let someone you love enter the ocean when the SRT's are not on duty. It is not only dangerous to them but may put others in danger if they attempt to help you in an emergency.

**SRT of the Week: Crew Chief Josh Wilder**

The lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. Josh Wilder's first involvement with the Beach Patrol began when he was a participant in the Junior Beach Patrol program. After completing all four levels he applied, tried out and was selected as a Junior Instructor at age 15 in 2008. He successfully tested and was appointed as a Surf Rescue Technician once he turned 17 (the minimum age) and has served with the Beach Patrol for 7 years. He was promoted to Crew Chief for Crew 3 and sits the stand on 7th Street. His crew of eight Surf Rescue Technicians is responsible for all water and beach safety from 2nd to 13th Street. He is an active member of the Ocean City Beach Patrol chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association and continues to work with our youth programs. For recreation Josh likes to work out and hang out with his friends. In the off season Josh is working as a substitute teacher awaiting a full time position as a Technology Education teacher.



**From:** Lisa M.  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2016 8:49 AM  
**To:** Butch Arbin; Edward Kovacs  
**Subject:** SRT Tom near 47th St.

Saturday my family was at the surf contest. Issy and a friend wanted to go in the water. They were south of the rocks and we were watching them, but not constantly. The friend came back and I asked where Issy was, while looking in the vicinity and not seeing her. He said swimming. She knows she's not supposed to swim alone! She's a decent swimmer, being raised at the beach and is confident in the ocean, while understanding the ocean isn't always forgiving and never to go in by herself (famous last words, right?). I starting walking over to find her and get her out of the water, and saw her on the north side of the rocks. As I continued walking toward her to get her to come out, a SRT was running into the water near Issy. I thought to myself, wonder where he's going? Is there someone out behind Issy that's in need? Then, to my shock, he got Issy and brought her out. She was stuck in a rip. She got scared and forgot everything we taught her about swimming parallel to the beach. The SRTs name is Tom and talking with him, he said he saw her, immediately knew she was in trouble and didn't realize she was only a child until he got closer to her. We talked again about the rip, and just how bad the one at the rocks is. There wasn't a lifeguard stand close by, with the contest at 46<sup>th</sup>; there was one south and then one maybe at 50<sup>th</sup>? I don't know if Tom was a roaming lifeguard, or if he was stationed at 50<sup>th</sup>, but thank GOD for him, and all that the OCBP does daily! And if he was stationed at 50<sup>th</sup> and saw Issy in trouble at 47<sup>th</sup>, that's awesome and shows a true commitment for everyone's safety in the ocean! Thanks for all you do,  
Lisa

**Message from the Town website**  
**Sent Sept. 12, 2016**

We wanted to commend Josh and Kenny of crew 16 for their kindness and patience towards our granddaughter this summer. Josh has been her favorite and a great role model for 3 years and Kenny has followed in his footsteps. People don't commend these hard working, responsible young people enough so we wanted to make sure that we did. She is going to the camp next year and plans to become a member of the beach patrol when she is old enough. Thanks for making such positive memories for our granddaughter.

David and Debbie R.  
Watergate ! owners



**Two Houses in West Ocean City available for Rent!**

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Month to Month Lease  
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Three Bed/ Two Bath- Approx. \$1000.00 plus utilities  
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