



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 20, 2015 to September 26, 2015

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015- End of Pay Period

**Officer in Charge:** Captain Butch Arbin; Also Available: Lt. Stone

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

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**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 6<sup>th</sup> St. / 74<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1301hrs

Low: 0639hrs

**Special Events:** OC Bikefest

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

**Officer in Charge:** Lieutenant Ward Kovacs

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 4<sup>th</sup> St. / 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1358hrs

Low: 0734hrs

**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 9/21/2015	Tuesday 9/22/2015	Wednesday 9/23/2015	Thursday 9/24/2015	Friday 9/25/2015	Saturday 9/26/2015	Sunday 9/27/2015	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								Totals
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015-1<sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn**

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

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 2<sup>nd</sup> St. / 70<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1500hrs  
Low: 0833hrs

**Special Events:** None

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

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

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / N. Division St. / 68<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1602hrs  
Low: 0934hrs

**Special Events:** None

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

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

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 65<sup>th</sup> St. / 145<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1659hrs  
Low: 1036hrs

**Special Events:** Sunfest- Inlet- 1000hrs to 1800hrs

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015**

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

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet / 63<sup>rd</sup> St. / 143<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1753hrs  
Low: 1136hrs

**Special Events:** Sunfest- Inlet- 1000hrs to 1800hrs

Beach Wedding- 26<sup>th</sup> St.- 1600hrs

Beach Wedding- 117<sup>th</sup> St.- 1600hrs

### **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

### **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)**

### **Winter Mailings**

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2016 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.

### **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, 2016. 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, 2016.

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

~and~

2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email:

[dt Tyler@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:dt Tyler@oceancitymd.gov)

with any changes.

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



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



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015**

**Officer in Charge:** Captain Butch Arbin; **Also Available:** Lt. Stone

**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 61<sup>st</sup> St. / 141<sup>st</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 1845hrs  
Low: 1233hrs

**Special Events:** Pigs on the Beach Parade- 27<sup>th</sup> St. to N. Division- 1000hrs  
Sunfest- Inlet- 1000hrs to 1800hrs  
Beach Wedding- 49<sup>th</sup> St.- 1200hrs  
Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.- 1600hrs to 1700hrs



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

**Officer in Charge:** Captain Butch Arbin; **Also Available:** Lt. Stone

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

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**OCBPSRA:** Will resume in June 2016

**Opportunity to Compete:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet (Conditional) / 59<sup>th</sup> St. / 139<sup>th</sup> St.

**Tides:** High: 0710hrs  
Low: 1328hrs

**Special Events:** Sunfest- Inlet- 1000hrs to 1800hrs  
Sunfest Kite Festival- 4<sup>th</sup> St. to 6<sup>th</sup> St.- 0900hrs to 2100hrs  
Park Place Jewelers Treasure Hunt on the Beach- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.- 1300hrs to 1400hrs  
Beach Wedding- Inlet- 1600hrs

**Important Notice**  
Please note the date, time, and location of the remaining weekly meeting and adjust your calendar accordingly.  
  
Sunday, September 27-Last Meeting of the Season  
City Hall- 0830hrs

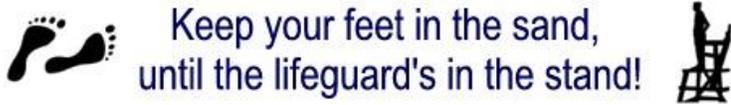
**UPCOMING 2015 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**



Sept. 27	Last Day of 2015 Season
Sept. 28- Oct. 12	Extended Patrol
Nov. 23	Semi-Annual OCBP Report- Fall Edition
Nov. 28	OCBP Alumni Dinner- Captain's Table
Feb. 28	Salisbury University Off-site PEPSE
March 5-6	OCBP 2016 Strategic Planning Meeting
March 12	York College Off-site PEPSE
May 28	OCBP Begins the 2016 Season
May 30	Memorial Day 2016

**Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Event**

Penguin Swim	January 1, 2016	Princess Royale	
Sunfest	Sept. 26-27	Daily	Inlet
Springfest	May 5-8	1000 to 2000hrs	Inlet



<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 17</u> 9/7/15 to 9/13/15	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2015	<u>Week 16</u> 9/8/14 to 9/14/14	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2014	<u>Week 17</u> 9/9/13 to 9/15/13	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2013
<b>Action</b>						
Preventions	0	62894	184	45252	NA	32066
Rescues	0	2614	15	2654	8	2025
Minor First Aid	0	1208	4	1074	NA	1229
Ambulance Calls	1	210	7	310	3	140
Police Calls	1	140	3	129	0	137
USCG/MDNRP	0	7	0	18	2	13
Lost/Found Persons	5	447	1	460	1	475
N. Surf Beach Population	NA	453	NA	348	NA	NA
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	2974	NA	3020	NA	NA
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	647	NA	980	NA	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	12	466	0	487	NA	473

### **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

### **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.



## 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 27th (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 Mobile 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 27th. 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 2016. 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 possibly 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 maintain an off the beach presence for a few more weeks with our Water Rescue Patrols while we close down from the 2015 season, prepare our equipment for winter storage, and begin preparations for the 2016 season. These Water Rescue Patrols are mobile units that consist of 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 and are quad (ATV) certified. Having these mobile units and Surf Rescue Technicians already prepared for a possible response, effectively reduces the 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 loved ones. After September 27th 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 within 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 2016. 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!

### **SRT of the Week: Sgt. Timothy Uebel**

The lifeguard's of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. Tim Uebel has been with the Beach Patrol for 32 years and became a Sergeant in 1991. He is the area supervisor in the south end of Ocean City between the Inlet and 20<sup>th</sup> St. Tim loves helping people, whether it is transporting a terminally ill individual so they can enjoy a final trip to see the ocean or finding a lost piece of jewelry that has significance to them. On more than one occasion Tim has been seen on his hands and knees trying to locate every piece of broken glass after someone has received a cut. As a result of Tim's kindness and willingness to help everyone, he has more commendations from the public than any other Beach Patrol employee at any time in our history. Tim is also the coordinator of re-certification for all returning staff and is our head trainer for Spinal Injury Management. Although Tim is not a full-time Town of Ocean City employee, he works from our setup in early May through our close down in mid-October. Tim's role with the beach patrol has many facets; however, this time of the year his role changes throughout the day and weeks ahead as he is picking up more responsibility as the majority of our leadership staff leaves for their winter obligations.

Tim's passion and caring for the Town of Ocean City, its employees, and all who visit our beaches is unmatched, and is only second to his love for his two children, Cecelia and James, and his commitment as a single Dad. Because of everything that Tim Uebel represents is should come as no surprise that Tim was our nomination as a True Home Town Hero and flew with the Thunderbirds during the annual Ocean City Air Show, when the Air Force began this new program. "Guard long and guard strong" is Tim's motto.

