



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, August 1, 2022 - Monday, August 8, 2022

Monday, August 1, 2022

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

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: 08:15hrs- REQUIRED TO PASS PROBATIONARY STAGE

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

OFFICERS' MEETING: 08:30hrs

USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs

GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

GUEST SPEAKER: Kate Shaffer from the National Aquarium

Special Guest: – The Widow who had donations that provided SRT jackets to Rookies. Please wear their jackets for a picture afterwards.

Recruiting and Social Media Work Group Meeting: Headquarters 18:15hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Series- Fenwick Ultimate, Fenwick, DE

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 21st Street / 89th Street

Tides: High: 10:43:00 AM

Low: 4:45:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach-Soul-27th St.-Movies start at dusk, Drone Show-Dorchester St.-21:30hrs, OC Dance Party-Caroline St. Stage-19:30hrs

Beach Weddings: 59th St.-10am and 7:30pm

Beach Bonfires: 57th, 62nd, 66th, 80th, 83rd, 107th, 110th, 139th, 143rd



**Ocean City Baptist
Church FREE Dinners
on Mondays 6:00-8:00pm**

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	8/1/2022	8/2/2022	8/3/2022	8/4/2022	8/5/2022	8/6/2022	8/7/2022	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – OIC Lt Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 19th Street / 87th Street

Tides: High: 11:25:00 AM

Low: 5:33:00 PM

**OCBP Floor Hockey
August 9**

Northside Park- 19:00hrs

Wear Your Athletic Shoes.

No Blades



Contact Sgt. Weingard
for more details.

Tuesday, August 2, 2022(continued)

Special Events: OC Lifesaving Museum- 10:00hrs, Family Beach Games-27th St. 1830hrs

Note—No Floor Hockey tonight. August 9 will be last night for the season.

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 38th,40th,54th,64th,71st,81st,100th,109th,111th,112th,125th,134th

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy V: Day 2- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 17th Street / 85th Street

Tides: High: 12:10:00 PM

Low: 6:26:00 PM

Special Events: Little Lambs roped off area-N. Division St.10:00-11:00hrs,
Movies on the Beach-Raya and the Last Dragon Carousel-118th St.-Movies start at dusk

Beach Weddings:

Beach Bonfires: 30th,51st,67th,74th,81st,87th,88th,94th,98th,98th,109th, 121st, 133rd,140th



Thursday, August 4, 2022 – OIC Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy V: Day 3- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

JBP One-Day Clinic: 13:00hrs to 16:30hrs- Tell the kids on your beach so they can register for the clinic!

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Series- Middlesex, DE

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 15th Street / 83rd Street

Tides: High: 1:00:00 PM

Low: 7:23:00 PM

Special Events: Ultimate Frisbee – Dorchester St. and the Beach -1800hrs
Family Beach Games-Carousel -118thSt. 1830hrs

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 6:00pm

Beach Bonfires: 67th, 82nd,94th, 107th,138th,141st, 144th

JBP One Day Clinic
Thursday afternoons
August 4, 11
13:00hrs to 16:30hrs
Spread the word to kids ages 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 5, 2022 (Pay Day)

OCBPSRA Certification: None

JBP Academy V: Day 4- 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs)

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 13th Street / 81st Street

Tides: High: 1:56:00 PM

Low: 7:34:00 AM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach-Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs-27th St.-Movies start at dusk,
Fitness Fridays (paid workout/training) 0800-0900hrs- Location TBA - See Sgt. Wagner for more information

Beach Weddings: 81st St. 6:30pm, 118th St. 7:00pm

Beach Bonfires: 30th, 58th,72nd,111th,117th,122nd,133rd

Saturday, August 6, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 11th Street / 79th Street

Tides: High: 2:58:00 PM

Low: 8:28:00 AM

Special Events: Beach 5 Sand Soccer- N. Division-3rd Street,
ESA Summer Surf Series #3-30.5th St -32nd Street

Beach Weddings: 23rd St. 9:00am, 59th St 7:30pm (2)

Beach Bonfires: 47th, 61st, 65th, 67th, 112th, 121st, 130th, 135th, 138th, 142nd,
143rd

Sunday, August 7, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 9th Street / 77th Street

Tides: High: 4:02:00 PM

Low: 9:26:00 AM

Special Events: ESA Summer Surf Series #3-30.5th St -32nd Street

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 6:00pm

Beach Bonfires: 118th, 144th

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OCBPSRA Certification: None

Opportunity to Compete: Junior Lifeguard Comp- Rehoboth, DE

Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 7th Street / 75th Street

Tides: High: 5:05:00 PM

Low: 10:28:00 AM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach-Jungle Cruise-27th St.-Movies start at dusk; Drone Show-Dorchester St.-
21:30hrs, OC Dance Party-Caroline St. Stage-19:30hrs, White Marlin Open/Marlin Fest -Southernmost part of the
beach and part of Inlet Lot

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 7:30pm

Beach Bonfires: 42nd, 43rd, 46th, 72nd, 87th, 94th, 100th,
109th, 116th, 133rd, 138th

Travel Incentive For Returning to Work

After fulfilling your employment agreement and leaving full time with us this season, you may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement check if you return to the OCBP after August 14, 2022.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must commit to work at least two days
- Must drive your personal vehicle
- Must travel from at least 110 miles away
- Must present proof of travel
- Must be scheduled to work



After Season Loyalty Bonus

Beginning on Monday, August 15th, you will earn \$1.00 for every hour worked through Sunday, September 25th. This will be added after your final paycheck as a one-time loyalty bonus!

Upcoming OCBPSRA

Wednesday August 17, 2022

MARP (Marine Animal Rescue Program) Training
18:00hrs

Training Classroom- BP Headquarters

This is the full training which not only allows the person to be a volunteer responder but is also a requirement for OCBPSRA Instructor. The OCBPSRA Instructor certification allows you to attend the OCBPSRA events as a paid staff and is a requirement to apply as a Sergeant.



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UPCOMING 2022 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Aug 4	Ultimate Frisbee – Dorchester St. and the Beach 1800hrs
Aug 5	Fitness Fridays-TBA-0800hrs
Aug 9	Floor Hockey – Northside Park 1900hrs.
Aug 11	Ultimate Frisbee – Dorchester St. and the Beach 1800hr
Aug 12	Fitness Fridays-TBA-0800hrs
Aug 13	PEPSE # 1 for 2023
Aug 13	Crew Comps 1815 Caroline Street
Aug 17	PEPSE # 2 for 2023
Aug 19	Fitness Fridays-TBA-0800hrs
Aug 20	PEPSE # 3 for 2023
October 1	PEPSE # 4 for 2023

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Beach 5 Sand Soccer	Aug 6	Daily	N. Division-3 rd Street
ESA Summer Surf Series #3	Aug 6-7	Daily	Beach from 30-1/2-32nd St.
Marlin Fest – White Marlin Open	Aug 8-12	Daily	Inlet beach and Inlet Parking Lot
OC Cruzers	Aug 14	1430-1800hrs	Somerset St. Plaza
Surfers Healing	Aug 17	Daily	37 th Street
APBA Powerboat Races	Aug 21	1200-1600hrs	Ocean from N. Division to 20th St.
Jeep Week	Aug 25-28	Daily	Beach and Inlet Lot

USLA/OCBP 2022 COMPETITION SCHEDULE



August 2022

August 1 Ocean Series- Fenwick Ultimate, Fenwick, DE
 August 4 – Ocean Series- Middlesex, DE
 August 8 – Junior Lifeguard Comp- Rehoboth, DE
 August 10-USLA JR/U19 Nationals-Hermosa Beach, CA
 August 11-13 – USLA Nationals- Hermosa Beach, CA

2022-2023 OCBP Testing Opportunities Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation(testing) for the 2023 Season

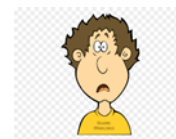
August 13, 2022(Saturday)-Ocean City, MD
August 17, 2022(Wednesday)-Ocean City, MD
August 20, 2022(Saturday)-Ocean City, MD
October 1, 2022(Saturday)-Ocean City, MD
 Registration at 09:00hrs; test begins at 10:00hrs



***Recently added per the recommendation of the current Recruiting Workgroup.**

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 9</u> 7/18/22 to 7/24/22	<u>Week 9</u> 7/19/21 to 7/25/21	<u>Week 10</u> 7/20/20 to 7/26/20
Action			
Preventions	8379	5847	9390
Rescues	43	56	43
Minor First Aid	118	190	177
Ambulance Calls	13	5	11
Police Calls	1	3	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	1
Lost/Found Persons	40	46	28
N. Surf Beach Population	56	20	247
S. Surf Beach Population	288	36	271
Inlet Surf Beach Population	82	NA	5
Beach Wheelchair Usage	29	14	30
Smoking Enforcement	285	700	747

Don't let this happen to you!



Anyone who leaves earlier than the date which he/she originally provided will be considered as quitting without notice and will unfortunately be required to return ALL OCBP issued uniform and equipment items, including bathing suits, hats, whistles, ID cards, and all items included in the consumable bags. 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 Ocean City. We expect every employee to fulfill their employment agreement.

Please follow through on what you told the Beach Patrol you would do.



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OCBP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As part of it's mission to support the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the guards who serve, the OCBP Alumni Association announces it's **Fourth Annual Scholarship Challenge**. The prize: a one time **\$500 College Scholarship** award to a current OCBP SRT.

Who is eligible?

The Challenge is open to any current OCBP SRT in good standing, who is enrolled in or entering a 2 or 4 year college in the Fall of 2022. Applicants must be registered for classes.

What is the Challenge?

A 500 word essay on the topic:

"How has your time on the OCBP made you stronger?"

(450 minimum / 550 maximum.)

How do you submit your essay?

Essays are to be emailed as a .pdf file to **Ward Kovacs (wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov)**.

Do not include your name on you submission file. Instead, title your file using your **birthday as the code**. For instance, if you were born on July 4, 2003 you would title the file "07042003". This is meant to avoid favoritism. Make sure in your email that Ward knows who you are.

What are the judges looking for in an essay?

A thoughtful examination of what "Strength" means and how how it is part of life on the OCBP. Essays will be judged on ideas, presentation, grammar and spelling. Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

What are the important dates to know for the challenge?

All submissions are due before midnight **August 8, 2022**.

The winning essay will be announced **August 15, 2022**.

The Scholarship prize will be issued immediately afterwards.

USLA/OCBP 2022 COMPETITIONS



Results and Pictures

OCBP placed 5th overall in Dewey Ocean Series. Congrats to those that competed!!
Awaiting final results for USLA Mid-Atlantics

Mid Atlantics



Crafts- Long Branch, NJ



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

I heard a lifeguard telling a friend that the OCBP has already started to test for lifeguards for next summer (2023). Why are you testing now for next year? When are these tests being held? What does “testing” mean and what certifications do I need?

Because of the unique demands of the job, the Beach Patrol does not require or recognize certification or past experience with other agencies. All individuals seeking employment with the Ocean City Beach Patrol must present some form of Identification and pass an “English Proficiency” aptitude conversation. Following an orientation talk each candidate must **demonstrate the capacity to complete** a 300m soft sand sprint in 65 seconds or less on the beach and complete a 400m ocean swim in 10 minutes or less. Once they pass the run and the swim **candidates receive instruction, are provided the opportunity to practice, and then they are evaluated on the following skills:**

- Complete a buoy preparation training session and practice surf entry with a rescue buoy.
- Complete a series of simulated rescues with a rescue buoy.
- Complete a series of simulated rescues without the aid of a rescue buoy.
- Complete a victim transport training session and victim removal assessment.
- Complete a tower transport training session and a tower transport assessment.
- Complete a 125m running sprint with rescue buoy in at least 25sec (off-site).
- Complete a rescue medley of 150m run, 100m swim through the surf and 150m return run (on-site).
- Complete a deep-water physical skill evaluation of holds and releases.

These physical skill requirements make up the 10-phase pre-employment physical skills evaluation (PEPSE). Testing for the OCBP is offered in Ocean City and at select off-site locations during our off-season if needed. Once a candidate passes the physical skills test and a personal interview, he/she is appointed to a paid (\$18.44) Surf Rescue Training Academy. We hold two Surf Rescue Training Academies each season to accommodate individual needs the first begins on Sunday, May 21, 2023 with a second academy beginning Sunday, June 18th. After passing a mandatory drug test, Surf Rescue Academy is an eight (8) consecutive day \$18.44/hour training program comprised of both physical skill training and development as well as classroom-based trainings, certifications and “On the Job Training”. Following the successful completion of Surf Rescue Academy, rookie Surf Rescue Technicians are assigned 3 weeks of on the stand supervised probation in a crew to continue instruction in all aspects of surf rescue and first responder skills, with a written review each week. Once the probationary period is completed the rookie will be recognized as a Surf Rescue Technician and receive an incentive award.

We have 3 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations (testing) scheduled this August starting on Saturday, August 13th. The final on-site testing will take place on Saturday, October 1st in Ocean City, with a mid-week test on Wednesday, August 17th. If you are interested, please register on-line and check-in beginning at 9 A.M. at Dorchester Street on the Boardwalk. So that we may assist with housing and obtaining a J-1 visa if needed, try-out as soon as possible.

The reason we begin testing now is to take advantage of the great ocean conditions (warmer water) while recruiting those individuals who have spent a summer living and working in Ocean City. Some people do not consider trying out because they are under a misconception that they do not have the necessary credentials to seek employment as an ocean lifeguard. These tests are a great opportunity for our visiting J-1 students to secure a job with the patrol for next summer. As seasonal workers and visitors have met Surf Rescue Technicians who are currently working for us over the summer, they come to realize that we provide paid training and certifications in Surf Rescue Academy. Working as a Surf Rescue Technician is a possibility for them to have a job of significance that makes a real difference. Each candidate is required to pass all phases of the Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation which includes a personal interview and receive a recommendation from the evaluation team to receive an appointment to a Surf Rescue Training Academy. These potential recruits have already spent one summer in Ocean City and are familiar with the area and have already solved the problem of securing seasonal housing. Therefore, when they accept an appointment to a Surf Rescue Academy, they are most likely to follow through and actually accept the position the following season (we lose a few recruits each year to personal logistical concerns).

A major reason that we also start testing a year ahead is that we want to have the opportunity to attract and hire the best. With a national lifeguard shortage, we work year-round to assure that we have 100% of our positions filled each year, while many other local governments and beach patrols have to close pools, close beaches or reduce coverage.

We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Surf Rescue Technician (lifeguard) to speak to the lifeguard on your beach, go to our website or contact Beach Patrol Head Quarters (410- 289-7556) and register for a specific testing opportunity. For specifics on requirements, test locations, dates, and times, please refer to our website JoinBeachPatrol.com and click on the “Employment” button or email ocbp@oceancitymd.gov

Remember... anyone can get a “job”... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, you will make a difference.



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Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Zachary Melhorn

SRT Zachary Melhorn in crew 2 and sits the stand on 1st street. This is his 3rd summer with the beach patrol. Zac likes powerlifting. In the off season he is in the Army ROTC program at Penn State.

SRT Zachary Melhorn 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 Zac, ask any of our guards or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. Testing for our 2023 paid Surf Rescue Training Academies (\$18.44) will begin this August. Anyone can get a job... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, YOU can make a difference!



Important Last Day Info

The End of Season/ Extended Employment Agreement form is available online on the OCBP website under "Employee Forms." It is due to Lt. Stone 2 weeks before your last day.



Post Season Special Assignments: The Town has packed October with a number of large Special events and needs our support.

Oceans Calling Festival – Sept 30 – Oct 2
We need SRTs and Quad operators

SunFest – Oct 22
We need Quad operators to escort a Jeep parade from 30th street.

Seeking USLA Chapter Directors and Executives

If you are interested in serving on the USLA board of directors or executive board text Sgt. Jamie Falcon by the close of business on Wednesday, 8/3. Currently, there are three board of director positions and three executive positions vacant. (302) 584 1839

**Volunteer Opportunity- International Ironman
Cambridge, Maryland
Saturday, September 17
See Sgt. Jamie Falcon**

Employment Opportunities

Our 1st Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13, followed by our 2nd PEPSE on Wednesday, Aug 17th and a 3rd summer PEPSE on Saturday, Aug. 20th. We've added a strategically scheduled 4th PEPSE on Saturday, October 1st.

Remember to mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates who you already know or who you meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs. Orientation and assessments begin at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.

Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!