



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of August 10, 2020 to August 17, 2020

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

WEEKLY MEETING FOR OFFICERS, CREW CHIEFS, & ACCs- Masks & Social Distancing Required

CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET-Southwest corner on steps- 08:00hrs

Rookie Meeting & Semaphore Test -Convention Center -08:30hrs -Mandatory!

*** All rookies must attend this meeting, even if they are off probation! ***

OCBPSRA: SRT II/Session III begins tomorrow, Aug. 11

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 30th St. / Marigot Beach (101st St.)

Tides: High: 12:59hrs

Low: 06:46hrs

Special Events: Endless Summer Surf Camp -38th St. -17:30hrs

Beach Bonfires: 35th St., 86th St., 119th St., 122nd St., 123rd St., 133rd St. -18:00hrs

Beach Wedding -92nd St. -19:30hrs

Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

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

OCBPSRA: SRT II/Session III begins today -Dorchester St. -08:00hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 28th St. / Mid-Plaza (97th St.)

Tides: High: 13:50hrs

Low: 07:30hrs

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

Endless Summer Surf Camp -38th St. -17:30hrs

Beach Bonfires -38th St., 60th St., 84th St., 95th St., 128th St. -18:00hrs

OCBP Floor Hockey -61st St. Bayside Tennis Courts -18:30hrs

Recruiting Opportunities

Our 4th and final summer PEPSE for the 2021 season will take place on Saturday, Aug. 15. Remember to mention this testing opportunity to potential candidates that you know or meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs; testing begins at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.



Please write the testing date on your stands!

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 8/10/2020	Tuesday 8/11/2020	Wednesday 8/12/2020	Thursday 8/13/2020	Friday 8/14/2020	Saturday 8/15/2020	Sunday 8/16/2020	CREW Crew
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020 - O.I.C. - Lt Ward Kovacs

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

OCBPSRA: SRT II/Session III Day 2 -Dorchester St. -08:00hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 26th St. / 94th St.

Tides: High: 14:46hrs

Low: 08:17hrs

Special Events: Surfers Healing 2020 -37th St.- 09:00hrs to 18:00hrs, using Coordination 1 (Channel 12)

Beach Bonfires -35th St., 46th St., 87th St., 99th St., 144th St., 145th St. -18:00hrs

Movies on the Beach -*Jumanji: The Next Level*- Carousel Hotel -(118th St.) - 20:30hrs

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 - O.I.C. - Lt Mike Stone

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

Camp Horizon: 127th St. beach -Two Groups: 10:30hrs-12:30hrs & 13:00hrs-15:00hrs (Instructors report at 10:00hrs) **-Last one for 2020!**

JBP One-Day Clinic: 13:00hrs-17:00hrs

OCBPSRA: SRT II/Session III Day 3 -Dorchester St. -08:00hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 24th St. / 92nd St.

Tides: High: 15:43hrs

Low: 09:07hrs

Special Events: Family Beach Olympics- Carousel Hotel-/118th St. -18:30hrs to 20:30hrs

Beach Bonfires: 45th St., 62nd 65th St., 95th St., 116th St., 123rd St., 131st St. -18:00hrs

Sunset Park Party Night -*Zydeco-A-Go-Go* -S. Division St. Bayside -19:00hrs

Thursday Night Fireworks -Talbot St. -22:30hrs

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020 - O.I.C. - Lt Mike Stone

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

OCBPSRA: SRT II/Session III Day 4 -Dorchester St. -08:00hrs

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 22nd St. / 90th St.

Tides: High: 16:38hrs

Low: 10:01hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires- 94th St., 111th St., 123rd St. -18:00hrs

Movies on the Beach -*Ratatouille* -27th St. - 20:30hrs

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020

OCBP 2021 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation #4: Dorchester St. & Boardwalk- 09:00hrs

OCBPSRA: SRT II candidates need to complete ICS 200 & ICS 800

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 20th St. / 88th St.

Tides: High: 17:30hrs

Low: 10:56hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding -59th St. -19:00hrs

Beach Bonfires -60th, 67th St., 72nd St., 81st St., 82nd St., 112th St., 125th St., 131st St. 132nd St., 134th St. 142nd St., 123rd St. -18:00hrs



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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020—End of Pay Period

OCBPSRA: Must complete by 12/31/20 for promotion to CC or appointment as ACC

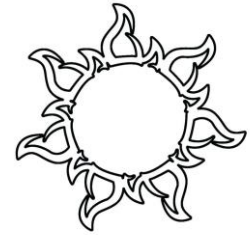
Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 18th St. / 86th St.

Tides: High: 18:20hrs
Low: 11:50hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires -102nd St., 114th St. -18:00hrs
Sundaes in the Park Concert & Fireworks -*Front Page News* -Northside Park -19:00hrs
Beach Wedding -59th St. -19:30hrs



MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

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OCBPSRA: Turn in any outside certifications!

Opportunity to Compete: Next season!

Workout: Run Day -Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 16th St. / 84th St.

Tides: High: 06:37hrs
Low: 12:43hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires -79th St., 125th St. -18:00hrs

Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.

UPCOMING 2020 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

Aug. 11-14	OCBPSRA SRT 2 / Round 3- Dorchester St.- 08:00hrs
Aug. 11-14	JBP Session VI- A.M., P.M. & One-Day on Aug. 13
Aug. 15	Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for 2021 -Dorchester St. -09:00hrs
Aug. 21	Pay Day
Aug. 21	OCBP Annual Awards Ceremony -TBA

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Surfers Healing	Aug. 12	37 th St.	09:00hrs
Movies on the Beach	Aug. 12	118 th St.	20:00hrs
Family Beach Olympics	Aug. 13	118 th St.	18:30hrs
Sunset Park Party Nights	Aug. 13	S. Division St.	19:00hrs
Camp Horizon- Two Groups	Aug. 13	127 th St.	10:30hrs & 13:00hrs
Thursday's Downtown Beach Fireworks	Aug. 13	Talbot St. beach	22:30hrs
Movies on the Beach	Aug.14	27 th St.	20:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug. 15	40 th St	07:00hrs
OC Air Show	August 15-16	14 th -17 th St.	10:00hrs
Sundaes in the Park	August 16	Northside Park	19:00hrs
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug. 22	36 th St	07:00hrs

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, 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 O.C.

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

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/27/20 to</u> <u>8/2/20</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/29/19 to</u> <u>8/4/19</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>7/30/18</u> <u>to 8/5/18</u>	<u>Week 11</u> <u>Year-To-</u> <u>Date</u> <u>2018</u>
Action						
Preventions	9512	104328	12282	97740	10852	174179
Rescues	215	2870	229	1600	103	3355
Minor First Aid	162	1261	162	6686	142	1427
Ambulance Calls	17	102	19	119	13	103
Police Calls	4	47	5	53	3	50
USCG/MDNRP	0	4	0	0	1	3
Lost/Found Persons	27	223	19	103	28	267
N. Surf Beach Population	181	1546	10	941	269	948
S. Surf Beach Population	531	2063	414	2906	174	1933
Inlet Surf Beach Population	72	242	112	524	89	736
Beach Wheelchair Usage	18	169	32	308	29	253
Smoking Enforcement	671	8473	564	7619	624	9443
Missed Work Days Due to Injury	6	19	13	47	18	61
Missed Days-Non Job Related	35	94	3	27	2	13

A Note from Captain Regarding Requests 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

DO NOT FORGET THE BEACH PATROL WHEN YOU MAKE RESIDENCE CHANGES

If you make any changes to 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 while being forwarded may cause you to miss an important deadline.

E-mail – 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 newsletters, 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).



OCBP Surf Rescue Association – Price List

- Whistles \$6.00 Lanyards \$6.00
- Car window sticker Ocean City Beach Patrol—\$2.00
- OCBP Stickers—Small--\$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00
- Large—\$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00
- Grey or white short-sleeve T-Shirt—\$10.00
- Shaka/Hang Loose T-shirts—\$10.00
- Grey Long-sleeve T-shirts—\$15.00
- Grey Sweatshirts—\$25.00
- Grey Sweatpants—\$20.00
- Grey Zippered Hoodie- \$30.00**
- Long-sleeve Tie-Dyed T-shirts- \$20.00
- Charcoal long-sleeve jerseys- \$30.00
- Swim Caps -\$5.00
- OCBP Socks- \$11.00/2 for \$20.00
- OCBP Headbands- \$15.00/2 for \$25.00
- Buoy Key Chains \$5.00



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.

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

This Week's Question: Last week when I took my family to the beach we saw water almost like a swimming pool behind the guard stands. My kids sure loved playing in it. Does this happen often and what causes it?

We commonly refer to these as tide pools. Many people are often amazed and entertained by the formation of tide pools. They are not only formed by the outgoing tide but are also formed when large waves are driven further onto the beach by wind or during storms. Tropical activity in the Atlantic during this time of the year can cause larger than usual waves and surf conditions. When this happens, these waves bring more water onto the beach and if it becomes trapped in a low area a "tide pool" may form. These low areas on the beach are formed as waves push sand into large mounds running parallel to the shore with the area behind the mound (to the west) being lower than this newly formed retaining mound. As water is pushed over this mound, it cannot make its way back into the ocean as runoff and becomes trapped in the low lying area. Although the amount of water, the size of the low lying area and the depth of low lying area, may vary from a few inches to a few feet deep and the size may be as small as a backyard pool or as large as several city blocks, most tide pools are only a few inches deep and less than a block long. Because of the relatively small quantity of water, the sun heats it and it is much warmer than the ocean and it usually has no wave action making it very inviting. When a child comes to the beach and finds a tide pool, they become very excited. It is like having a backyard pool on the beach. However, tide pools pose their own dangers. Because a tide pool seems like the perfect place for small children to play, parents often do not give the same attention to their children as they would if they were playing in the ocean or in a pool. Further complicating this is the fact that most often the tide pool ends up forming behind the guard stands. This means that the SRT (lifeguard) is only scanning this area as part of their secondary scan giving much less attention to this water hazard than the large body of water directly in front of them. Parents often have a false sense of security due to the shallow depth of most of these tide pools but those of us in water safety realize it only takes 1 inch of water to drown a toddler. A second hazard associated with this phenomenon is the risk of injuries from running and jumping into such a shallow area. Although not a safety concern another potential issue has to do with this trapped water becoming stagnant, dirty, and smelly. Therefore, the Public Works Maintenance Department sculpts the beach to facilitate the drainage of these tide pools after they have remained for a couple of days. Sometimes you might find a tide pool that behaves more like a waterslide than a pool. In this instance wave action is bringing more water into the low area while breaks in the retaining mound allow water to flow back into the ocean resulting in strong currents being formed in the tide pool. When this happens, the tide pool becomes far more dangerous as people playing in the tide pool might find themselves washed into the ocean. This action is the perfect model of what is happening out in the ocean as waves come across the underwater sand bar and then make their way back out to the deeper water which is the mechanics and cause of the deadly Rip Currents you have heard so much about.

Although we have given some cautions about tide pools, they can be fun when enjoyed safely. This season the tide pools have already formed in several locations. Hopefully you will be lucky enough to see one and pass along our cautions to the people you are with.

Captain's note: Ocean City is a barrier island (located between the ocean and a back bay) and behaves in a unique way compared to other types of beaches around the world. Rip currents, tide-pools, steep drop offs at the crest of the beach as well as other natural occurrences are all very normal and have existed for all of my 48 years with the Ocean City Beach Patrol and for hundreds of years before. What is different is recent changes in worldwide weather events, such as warmer ocean waters closer to shore, changes in prevailing ocean currents in recent years, increased tropical activity in the Atlantic and an overall change in climate patterns (based on historical data from NOAA). Warmer water is a major contributor to Tropical Storm activity, which are like giant engines that use warm, moist air as fuel. All of these special circumstances can also be seen at barrier island beaches throughout the world based on prevailing weather patterns.

SRT of the Week: Crew Chief Samantha Bingaman

The lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. CC Sam Bingaman has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. She is the Crew Chief for Crew 15 and sits the stand at the Carousel (118). Her crew of eight Surf Rescue Technicians is responsible for all water and beach safety from the Sea Watch to 124th Street. Sam is active with our Competition Team. She is also a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member and involved with our Junior Beach Patrol Program. For recreation Sam likes training for triathlons (Ironman in September) research for school and reading. In the off season Sam attends graduate school at the University of Delaware.

She is studying for a Masters of Marine Policy. Crew Chief Samantha Bingamon 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 Sam's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ocean.com/ocbp. We have our next Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations for positions during the 2021 season, scheduled through August 15, before resuming testing at area colleges in March 2021.





From: ghostcasper871@
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 12:12 AM
To: Edward Kovacs; Butch Arbin
Subject: Message from the Town website

Congratulations! Today your lifeguard exercised professional life-saving skills in rescuing me! A rip tide caught me and without much reaction time, I was being swept out into the ocean. One Lifeguard on 36th Street Immediately observed my misfortune! He directed me in the direction to swim out of the dangerous waters. Amazingly, as I swam another rescuing lifeguard from 35 street became clearly seen. In the water just a few feet away, was a calming, welcoming lifeguard throwing me a red flotation with rope. I grasped for his assistance. His backstroke was incredible! His strength pulled us out and I was touching sand again with my toes.

Heroes don't need names. They are forever remembered by me,

Wishing continued success. The warmest welcome and the biggest thank you!

Kevin F.

All events are
True, correct, and complete: August 1st 2020 Approx. time 4:15 pm



As part of its mission to support the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the guards who serve, the OCBP Alumni Association announces its **Second 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 2020. Applicants must be registered for classes.

What is the Challenge?

A 500 word essay on the topic:
"How has saving the lives of others ended up changing yours?"
(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)**. Title your file using your **birthday as the code**. For instance, if you were born on July 4, 2001 you would title the file "07042001". 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 life on the OCBP and saving the lives of others has meant to you. 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 7, 2020**.
The winning essay will be announced **August 14, 2020**.
The Scholarship prize will be issued immediately afterwards.

OCBP Alumni Association

**Travel Incentive
For Returning to Work**

You may be eligible to receive a \$132.00 travel reimbursement check if you return to the OCBP after Sunday, August 16 and before Sunday, October 4, after leaving our full-time employ

Eligibility requirements include:

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

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