



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of August 29, 2016 to September 5, 2016

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

WEEKLY MEETING: CONVENTION CENTER – 40th STREET

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

SEMAPHORE TEST: Finished for this season

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, NIMS, SCUBA, etc. Send copies of the certifications to OCBP HQ.

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 Wedding- Inlet- 18:30hrs

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / Caroline St. / 67th St.-**NOTE: Stands need to be transferred to 146th St.**

Tides: High: 06:31hrs

Low: 12:42hrs

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

Equipment Turn in Reminder

If you are not returning to work after Labor Day, (or live over 30 miles from OC and working weekends), all equipment must be returned after work Monday, September 5, 2016, (before 19:00hrs), or the value of all missing equipment will be deducted from your last paycheck. Your direct deposit will be cancelled and your final paycheck will be mailed to your permanent address on file by certified mail once we can confirm that the equipment deduction was taken out of your pay. Once deducted, if you return any missing equipment at a later date, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take an additional four weeks.



S.R.T. Name:	Monday 8/29/2016	Tuesday 8/30/2016	Wednesday 8/31/2016	Thursday 9/1/2016	Friday 9/2/2016	Saturday 9/3/2016	Sunday 9/4/2016	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Ordinance Enforcements								

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 66th St. / 146th St.

Tides: High: 07:18hrs

Low: 13:30hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 118th St.-10:00hrs & 33rd St.- 18:00hrs & 111th St.- 18:30hrs

Concerts on the Beach- *Funk Shue*- Caroline St. Stage- 20:00hrs

Movies on the Beach- *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*- Carousel Hotel- 20:30hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 64th St. / 144th St.

Tides: High: 08:02hrs

Low: 14:14hrs

Special Events: None

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

Officer-in-Charge: Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 62nd St. / 142nd St.

Tides: High: 08:44hrs

Low: 14:56hrs

Special Events: None

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

OCBP 2017 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation #4: Dorchester St. & Boardwalk- 09:00hrs

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Run Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 60th St. / 140th St.

Tides: High: 09:25hrs

Low: 15:37hrs

Special Events: Beach Volleyball Tournament- 3rd to 6th St. & 117th St.- 08:00hrs to 19:00hrs

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

Important Notice

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

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)
Convention Center- 08:00hrs

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 25
City Hall- 08:30hrs



Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation

September 3

Registration at 09:00hrs

Dorchester St.

We have had a tremendous turnout this summer and want to keep the momentum going into the fall. Tell your friends, family, roommates, dorm mates, etc.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016- End of Pay Period

OCBPSRA: Physical Skills Events are completed for this season; turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 58th St. / 138th St.

Tides: High: 10:05hrs
Low: 16:19hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- Inlet- 06:30hrs

Beach Volleyball Tournament- 3rd to 6th St. & 117th St.- 08:00hrs to 19:00hrs

Sundaes in the Park Concert & Fireworks- *The Janitors*- Northside Park- 19:00hrs

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

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.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016- LABOR DAY!

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Opportunity to Compete: None

Workout: Swim Day- Crew Chief determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet (Conditional) / 56th St. / 136th St.

Tides: High: 10:46hrs
Low: 17:02hrs

Special Events: None

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.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 / 54th St. / 134th St.

Tides: High: 11:28hrs
Low: 17:47hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- Inlet- 14:00hrs

UPCOMING 2016 BEACH PATROL EVENT



Sept. 3

OCBP Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation

Off-site PEPSE: We are planning to hold off-site testing at SSU and York College in the February-March time frame. Exact dates will be announced once each of the schools confirm availability.

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

ESA Summer Surf Series	Sept. 10 & 11	48 th St. or Inlet	07:30hrs
OC Bikefest	Sept. 15-18	Inlet	11:00hrs to 20:00hrs
9/11 Parade of Brothers	Sept. 11	27 th St. to Inlet	08:30hrs to 13:00hrs
Sunfest	Sept. 22-25	Inlet	10:00hrs to 22:00hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 13</u> 8/15/16 to 8/21/16	<u>Week 13</u> Year-To- Date 2016	<u>Week 13</u> 8/10/15 to 8/16/15	<u>Week 13</u> Year-To- Date 2015	<u>Week 13</u> 8/11/14 to 8/17/14	<u>Week 13</u> Year-To- Date 2014
Action						
Preventions	1846	45525	5310	56034	4682	36713
Rescues	6	864	200	2110	495	2225
Minor First Aid	191	1565	120	1157	105	996
Ambulance Calls	17	245	14	178	30	198
Police Calls	17	113	11	128	14	106
USCG/MDNRP	1	8	0	7	1	14
Lost/Found Persons	30	333	50	395	35	405
N. Surf Beach Population	2	323	55	446	106	336
S. Surf Beach Population	2	1244	250	2593	137	2837
Inlet Surf Beach Population	1	251	20	576	12	913
Beach Wheelchair Usage	38	380	42	398	45	396

DO NOT FORGET THE BEACH PATROL WHEN YOU MAKE CHANGES IN LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

If you make any changes in 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 in forwarding 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, incentive checks, 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).



Now Hiring for the Off-Season

Linda Watson, Director of Human Resources at The Clarion, is looking to fill various positions for the upcoming fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Among the available positions are servers, bartenders, as well as banquet and housekeeping staff.

Ms. Watson can be reached at 410-390-4028 or at lwatson@clarionoc.com

Message from the Town website

Name Beverly H.

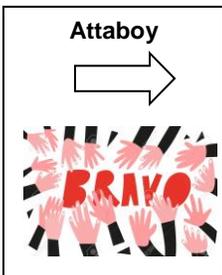
To whom it may concern:

My family and I were visiting OCMD 7/29/16 to 8/5/16. Our condo was located right along the beach and we daily visited the beach between 2nd and 3rd streets. I would like to give compliments to your beach patrol staff for their kind, friendly, and caring nature. We encountered lifeguards Liz and Cate, who were very helpful, knowledgeable, and friendly, always looking out for the best interest of the beach goers. We also encountered a beach patrol person, dressed in blue swim shorts and drove around on a 4-wheeler. He allowed my young son and my young nephew to climb up on the 4-wheeler and even took the time to take a family picture for us. This gentleman deserves to be recognized as well, although I sincerely apologize, I don't know his name. He had a bright orange water cooler and green L.L. Bean bookbag on the 4-wheeler (I hope this helps in identifying him). A sincere thank you to your excellent beach patrol team. Our family is looking forward to coming back and creating many more great memories!

Thanks again!

Respectfully,

Beverly H. and family



Discover an ocean of Fun!

The Town of Ocean City has several off-season 5K events planned, which may be of interest to recreational and competitive runners!

The Live Like Rob 5K on 10/15/16

The Seaside 10 on 10/29/16

The NFL 5K on 11/5/16

The St. Pat's 5K on 3/10/17

The Mothers Day Memorial on 5/14/17

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on 10/22/16

The OC Museum Society 5K Race/Walk on 11/12/16

The OC Winterfest of Lights 5K on 12/4/16

The Komen Race for a Cure on 4/8/17

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. 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, the Atlantic Ocean, 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 44 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). 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-Assistant Crew Chief Matt Marx

Assistant Crew Chief Matt Marx has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years. He is the Assistant Crew Chief (a leadership training position) to Crew Chief Kelly McGrath in the north area of Ocean City with Crew 16, which covers the beach from 128th Street to 136th Street. Matt is an active USLA member and part of the OCBP Dive Team. Matt is also involved with our youth education programs such as our weekly safety day at the Ocean City lifesaving museum located at the south end of the Boardwalk (pictured). In his free time, Matt likes to play hockey, hike, fish and wakeboard. He is studying accounting at Virginia Tech where he is part of the Outdoor Adventure Club and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

ACC Matt Marx 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 Matt's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp.



NIMS Requirements for OCBPSRA

The following chart has been updated to indicate the current NIMS requirements for OCBPSRA. All courses are online and can be completed at any time. Once completed, forward a copy of your certificate to Debi or send a copy of the e-mail you receive with the link

SRT II is required for ACC
SRT III is required for CC

The ICS-701 course is being removed in September 2016; we are not aware of the replacement at this time.

OCBPSRA Certification	Course 1	Course 2	When it be Must be Completed
PSRT (Rookie)	<u>ICS-100</u> Introduction to Incident Command System	<u>IS-700</u> National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction	Prior to arriving for SRA
SRT II	<u>ICS-200</u> ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	<u>IS-800</u> National Response Framework An Introduction	Within 100 days after probation
SRT III	<u>ICS-701</u> NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS) Course		Within 100 days after SRT II

OCBP Awards

SRA Instructor of the Year: AJ Smith- Crew 14
SRA Veteran Instructor of the Year: Liz Vander Clute- Crew 2

Rookie Athlete of the Year: Rob Flynn- Crew 6
Female Athlete of the Year: Kelsey Gallagher- Crew 12
Male Athlete of the Year: Joe Keefe- Crew 18

ACC of the Year: Tyler Wojciechowski- Crew 6
CC of the Year: Steve DeKemper- Crew 12

South Area Rookie of the Year: Joanna Kulp- Crew 1
South Area SRT of the Year: David Hood- Crew 2
Middle South Area Rookie of the Year: Craig McCloskey- Crew 5
Middle South Area SRT of the Year: Dalton Warren- Crew 8
Middle North Area Rookie of the Year: James Brower- Crew 9
Middle North Area SRT of the Year: Nick Burvee- Crew 13
North Area Rookie of the Year: Cierra Kopecky- Crew 14
North Area SRT of the Year: Chris Fusco Crew 15

2016 Banquet Superlatives

Most In-Character Crew: Crew 8; #2 Crew 4
Most Dapper Dude: Dan Pogonowski; #2 Jake Ritter
Most Flagrant Flapper: Emmanuelle Clouser; #2 Debi Tyler



**Free Shorebirds Tickets Available!
6 Tickets Per Game
First Come, First Serve
Contact OCBP HQ for Tickets**

**Friday, September 2nd
Saturday, September 3rd**