



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of Monday, August 8, 2022 - Monday, August 15, 2022**

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**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

**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-27<sup>th</sup> 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:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 7:30pm

**Beach Bonfires:** 42<sup>nd</sup>, 43<sup>rd</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>, 95<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup>, 133<sup>rd</sup>, 138<sup>th</sup>



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

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	8/8/2022	8/9/2022	8/10/2022	8/11/2022	8/12/2022	8/13/2022	8/14/2022	
Daily Assignment								<b>Totals</b>
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022 - OIC Lt Stone**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Opportunity to Compete:** Floor Hockey-Northside Park 125<sup>th</sup> St.-19:00hrs

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

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 5th Street / 73rd Street

**Final night for  
OCBP Floor Hockey!**  
August 9  
Northside Park- 19:00hrs



*Wear Your Athletic Shoes.  
No Blades*  
Contact Sgt. Weingard  
for more details.

## Tuesday, August 9, 2022(continued)

**Tides:** High: 6:04:00 PM  
Low: 11:30:00 AM

**Special Events:** OC Lifesaving Museum- 10:00hrs, Family Beach Games-27<sup>th</sup> St. 1830hrs  
White Marlin Open/Marlin Fest -Southernmost part of the beach and part of Inlet Lot

**Beach Weddings:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 9:30am

**Beach Bonfires:** 35<sup>th</sup>,48<sup>th</sup>,49<sup>th</sup>,58<sup>th</sup>,61<sup>st</sup>,70<sup>th</sup>,99<sup>th</sup>,107<sup>th</sup>,118<sup>th</sup>,122<sup>nd</sup>,137<sup>th</sup>

## Wednesday, August 10, 2022

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 3rd Street / 71st Street

**Tides:** High: 7:00:00 PM  
Low: 12:30:00 PM

**Special Events:** Movies on the Beach-Cruella-Carousel-118<sup>th</sup> St.-Movies start at dusk,  
White Marlin Open/Marlin Fest -Southernmost part of the beach and part of Inlet Lot

**Beach Weddings:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 6pm

**Beach Bonfires:** 31<sup>st</sup>,48<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>,59<sup>th</sup>,84<sup>th</sup>,1116<sup>th</sup>, 123<sup>rd</sup>,127<sup>th</sup>,133<sup>rd</sup>,138<sup>th</sup>,143<sup>rd</sup>



## Thursday, August 11, 2022 – OIC Lt Kovacs

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

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

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 1st Street / 69th Street

**Tides:** High: 7:54:00 PM  
Low: 1:27:00 PM

**Special Events:** Family Beach Games-Carousel-118<sup>th</sup> St. 1830hrs,  
White Marlin Open/Marlin Fest -Southernmost part of the beach and part of Inlet Lot

**Beach Weddings:** 118<sup>th</sup> -Carousel 1pm

**Beach Bonfires:** 63<sup>rd</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>,82<sup>nd</sup>,87<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup>,116<sup>th</sup>,131<sup>st</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>,146<sup>th</sup>

## Friday, August 12, 2022

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / Caroline Street / 67th Street

**Tides:** High: 8:13:00 AM  
Low: 2:21:00 PM

**Special Events:** Movies on the Beach-Finding Nemo-27<sup>th</sup> St.-Movies start at dusk; White Marlin Open/Marlin Fest -Southernmost part of the beach and part of Inlet Lot

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:**37<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>,69<sup>th</sup>,108<sup>th</sup>,133<sup>rd</sup>,140<sup>th</sup>, 142<sup>nd</sup>

## Saturday, August 13, 2022

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

**Pre-Employment Skills Evaluation (PEPSE) #1:** Dorchester St.-Registration 0900hrs



If you are not returning to work after you complete employment, all equipment must be returned ASAP or the value of the equipment will be deducted from your last paycheck. If you return your equipment after this date, the amount previously deducted will then be reimbursed but please know it may take up to four weeks for you to receive your reimbursement check.

If you leave FT employment but are planning to return, you must leave you equipment in case something happens and you are not able to return

## **Saturday, August 13, 2022(continued)**

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 66th Street / 146th Street

**Tides:** High: 9:05:00 AM  
Low: 3:14:00 PM

**Special Events:** Beach Bash – Caroline Street – Church Youth Group  
Crew Comps- 1815hrs - Caroline Street, Volley for TBI-42<sup>nd</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup> St. Beach

**Beach Weddings:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 5pm

**Beach Bonfires:** 32<sup>nd</sup>,49<sup>th</sup>,59<sup>th</sup>,62<sup>nd</sup>,85<sup>th</sup>,108<sup>th</sup>,122<sup>nd</sup>,130<sup>th</sup>, 144<sup>th</sup>

## **Sunday, August 14, 2022(Pay Period Ends)**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 64th Street / 144th Street

**Tides:** High: 9:56:00 AM  
Low: 4:07:00 PM

**Special Events:** OC Cruzers-1430-1800hrs-Somerset St. Plaza

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 60<sup>th</sup>, 130<sup>th</sup>, 136<sup>th</sup>

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 62nd Street / 142nd Street

**Tides:** High: 10:46:00 AM  
Low: 5:00:00 PM

**Special Events:** Drone Show-Dorchester St.-21:30hrs, OC Dance Party-Caroline St. Stage-19:30hrs

**Beach Weddings:** 98<sup>th</sup> St. 6pm

**Beach Bonfires:** 58<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, 94<sup>th</sup>

### **After Season Loyalty Bonus**

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

### **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.



### **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 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

Marlin Fest – White Marlin Open	Aug 8-12	Daily	Inlet beach and Inlet Parking Lot
Volley for TBI	Aug 13	Daily	42 <sup>nd</sup> to 43 <sup>rd</sup> St. Beach
OC Cruzers	Aug 14	1430-1800hrs	Somerset St. Plaza
Surfers Healing	Aug 17	Daily	37 <sup>th</sup> Street
Jeep Week	Aug 25-28	Daily	Beach and Inlet Lot
Carousel Luau	Sept 5	1600-2200hrs	118 <sup>th</sup> Street Beach
Walk for Recovery	Sept 10	0900-1100hrs	Inlet-27 <sup>th</sup> Street Boardwalk
Bay to Beach Drive	Sept 10	1700-1800hrs	Boardwalk 27th to N. Division Sts.
Wine on the Beach	Sept 9-10	Daily	Inlet Lot
ESA Surf Series #4	Sept 10-11	Daily	34.5-36 <sup>th</sup> Street Beach
Beach Volleyball Series	Sept 10-11	Daily	Talbot St-N. Division St.
OC Bikefest	Sept 14-17	Daily	Inlet Lot
Beach Tennis MD Open	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach between 4th-8th Sts.
Sunfest Kite Festival	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach from 4th-6th Sts.
Ocean's Calling	Sept 30-Oct 2	Daily	Inlet Lot and beach from the Inlet to Dorchester St.

## USLA/OCBP 2022 COMPETITION SCHEDULE



### August 2022

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 10</u> 7/25/22 to 7/31/22	<u>Week 10</u> 7/26/21 to 8/1/21	<u>Week 11</u> 7/27/20 to 8/2/20
<b>Action</b>			
Preventions	5248	12244	<b>9512</b>
Rescues	10	61	<b>215</b>
Minor First Aid	74	461	<b>162</b>
Ambulance Calls	6	13	<b>17</b>
Police Calls	1	2	<b>4</b>
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	<b>0</b>
Lost/Found Persons	25	25	<b>27</b>
N. Surf Beach Population	34	90	<b>181</b>
S. Surf Beach Population	267	45	<b>531</b>
Inlet Surf Beach Population	81	10	<b>72</b>
Beach Wheelchair Usage	31	17	<b>18</b>
Smoking Enforcement	242	1330	<b>671</b>

### SRT II (round 3)

#### **MUST BE OFF PROBATION**

\*\* All events will be held at Dorchester St. and the Beach beginning at 08:00 \*\*

August 16 ... Fins & Landline  
 August 17 ... Rescue Board  
 August 18 ... One Mile Swim  
 August 19 ... One Mile Run

Other Requirements: 100 days worked after probation, NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, & IS-800

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### References and Recommendations

Between seasons, we are often asked to complete references and recommendations. If the need for this arises, we ask that you make the request in writing. In that request, you should give any information that will help in creating the best possible recommendation. We will also 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 us of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in; JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. We will need a fair amount of lead-time since personnel files are secured at HQ while we are away from Ocean City. 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

### 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 of \$140 added to your paycheck 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



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

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!**

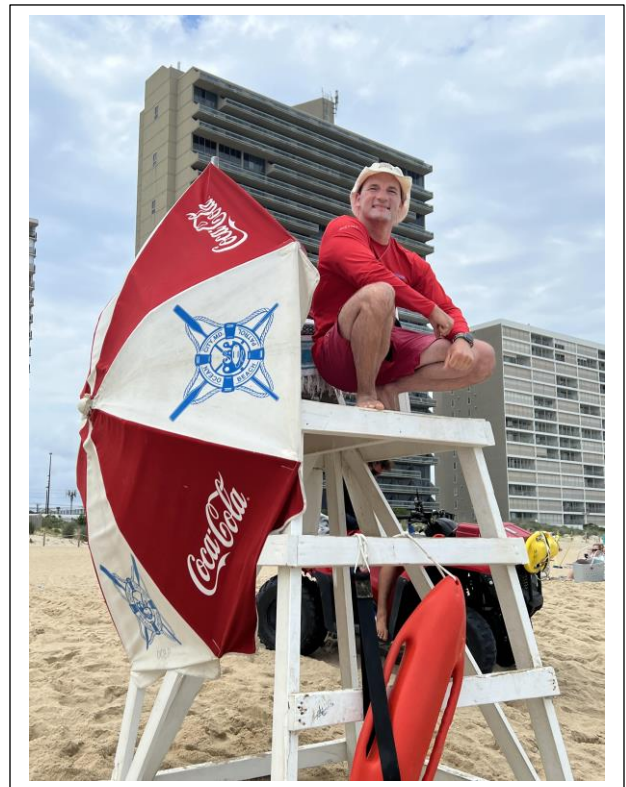
Thanks to all that came out for Paintball! It was a great evening of fun and friendly fire!



### Meet the Lifeguard: Alex Hufnagel

SRT Alex Hufnagel is in crew 13 and sits the stand on 122<sup>nd</sup> street. This is his 6th summer with the beach patrol. Alex is a United States Lifesaving (USLA) member. He is also a member of our competition team and participates in the sprint, landline and beach flags. In his free time he likes to work out, run on the beach and lift weights. He also likes to relax with his wife, Madelyn. In the off season he is a firefighter for Baltimore County. He graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with a degree in Applied Mathematics. He swam 2 years NCAA, wrestled 2 years NCWA and was in the Army as an Infantry officer at Ft. Wainwright, AK for 4 years. SRT Alex Hufnagel 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 Alex, ask any of our guards or visit our website at [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://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!



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

### **What are you doing with those flags?**

The Surf Rescue technician's (SRTs = lifeguard's) flags serve two purposes. First, they are used in one of the three communications methods that the beach patrol uses to communicate with each other. This form of communication is called semaphore. Semaphore is a type of communication by which a person signals with two hand flags, moving his arms through various positions to represent letters, numerals and special signs. Semaphore is also used by the Scouts, Navy and Coast Guard to communicate over long distances (as long as you can see the other person). Although this method has been around for a long time, a major benefit to the beach patrol is that in an emergency or when a lifeguard is in the water, they do not need any electronics or technology to immediately update and communicate with each other. The majority of messages being sent between lifeguards are communications about lost and found individuals and potential dangers. Example:

LB N ADAM A ATE BLUE

Lost Boy Name Adam Age eight bathing suit color blue

Above is an example of one type of a message that SRTs send between adjoining stands. As you can see, to shorten the message we use many abbreviations, most letters also represent a full word (such as B = Boy, F=found, C= see, etc). This information is also transmitted by radio to the Town's communications center (911 center) for broadcast to other agencies and departments throughout Ocean City.

Note: We respond to approximately 1,000 cases of lost and found individuals in a typical season (this is a reduction over previous years due to our education of our beach users) with a 100 percent return rate. Ages have ranged from 1 year old (how can you lose a child that can't walk?) to 98 years old. Most lost individuals are between 4 – 10 years old. Once we are aware of a missing individual it usually takes under 10 minutes (60 – 70%) to reunite the family (98% are returned within 20 minutes). Please let children know that if they are lost, to immediately go to the nearest lifeguard and not to try and locate you on their own and as parents follow the same advice. To learn more about semaphore, visit the beach patrol website, [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp) ; click on the semaphore alphabet link. Thanks to a rookie from 2020 we now have an interactive website dedicated to learning and having fun with semaphore. Parents, try having you children practice spelling using semaphore and see how well they learn (As an educator for over 30 years I can tell you that having your child practice with in this form will enhance learning and retention).

The other two communication methods used by the beach patrol are a whistle system and two-way radios. The whistle system uses 1, 2 or 3 blasts. One blast is used to get attention, so if you hear a whistle look to make sure they are not attempting to get your attention, even if you are sure that it isn't you (because it may be). If you hear 2 quick whistles that is an indication that the SRT is preparing to make a water rescue, watch and see what they do next. Three quick blasts is a signal to all other SRT's that they need immediate help, and is usually a life threatening emergency. One method you will never see being used is a cell phone. The Beach Patrol has a very strict policy that prohibits our personnel from even having a cell phone with them and turned on, so that they do not have any unnecessary distractions from their primary responsibilities.

The second use of the flags is to direct beach patrons out of harms way. Although we do not expect any of our beach patrons to understand this signaling system, we also use the flags to indicate and point to our visitors. The SRT may point at you and direct you to move in a particular direction or to stop an activity such as ball playing in the water. This gentle signaling may be all it takes to warn and move you out of potential danger, such as rip currents, dangerous shore break or even marine life such as we see with whale sightings and other aquatic life. So, remember, when an SRT whistles and points, locate them and make sure they are not trying to tell you something. This action also allows your SRT to remain in the stand, rather than having to get down and speak directly to you, which takes away from their primary responsibility which is scanning the water for potential problems.

Interesting note: The popular peace sign is really the combination of two semaphore letters N and D and stands for Nuclear Disarmament.



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