



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN



Week of Monday, September 12, 2022 - Monday, September 19, 2022

Monday, September 12, 2022- OIC Lt. Stone

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

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING: 08:15hrs

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: All events have been completed for 2022 (send copies of any completed certifications to Captain Arbin, NIMS, SCUBA, other)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 6th Street / 74th Street *First day SUP is permitted with Modified Surfing.

Tides: High: 9:31:00 AM

Low: 3:47:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: None

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	9/12/2022	9/13/2022	9/14/2022	9/15/2022	9/16/2022	9/17/2022	9/18/2022	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, September 13, 2022- OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 4th Street / 72nd Street

Tides: High: 10:16:00 AM

Low: 4:36:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 6:30pm

Beach Bonfires: None

2022 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 paystub. W-2s will be sent out by January 31, 2023. 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, 2023 and notify Beach Patrol at the same time.



Wednesday, September 14, 2022- OIC Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 2nd Street / 70th Street

Tides: High: 11:01:00 AM
Low: 5:26:00 PM

Special Events: Bike fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 94th, 115th

Thursday, September 15, 2022- OIC Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / North Division St / 68th Street

Tides: High: 11:47:00 AM
Low: 6:19:00 PM

Special Events: Bike fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 58th, 115th

Friday, September 16, 2022 (Pay Day) - OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 65th Street / 145th Street

Tides: High: 12:36:00 PM
Low: 7:14:00 PM

Special Events: Bike fest

Beach Weddings: 48th St. 6:00pm

Beach Bonfires: 42nd, 60th

Saturday, September 17, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 63rd Street / 143rd Street

Tides: High: 1:30:00 PM
Low: 8:12:00 PM

Special Events: Bike fest

Beach Weddings: 28th St. 3:00pm, 118th St. 3:00pm, 59th St. 4:00pm and 6:00pm, 123rd St. 7:00pm

Beach Bonfires: 57th, 120th, 131st

Guidelines for Modified Surfing

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30th 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 skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, & stand-up paddleboards) 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 paddle boarding is allowed starting the Monday following Labor Day if surfing is modified-Monday September 12



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Sunday, September 18, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 61st Street / 141st Street

Tides: High: 2:31:00 PM

Low: 7:59:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 6:30pm

Beach Bonfires: 58th



Monday, September 19, 2022- OIC Lt. Stone

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 59th Street / 139th Street

Tides: High: 3:36:00 PM

Low: 8:56:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: None



Verification of contact information and certification status

An e-mail asking you to verify your off-season contact information, with your OCBPSRA certification record attached will be sent in November. Failure to reply to this request will mark your E-mail as not deliverable and the January "Notification of Status" will not be sent. Please keep us updated about any changes in your contact information so that you will continue to receive important correspondence from the patrol.

Notification of Status for Next Season

An email will be sent to the address that you have provided (make sure it is up to date and you are checking it), letting you know that you have received an "A" rating and are being offered a position for the coming season.

This email will also contain a link to an on-line form that you will need to respond to giving us some preliminary information on availability so we may continue planning and know how many candidates we still need to appoint to Surf Rescue Academy from our remaining tests.

You can expect this email in late January. If you do not receive this email you need to contact Captain Arbin to inquire about your status.

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 during the summer, fulfilling work agreement, and last day worked are all considered by the review panel.

Only after a full and thorough assessment is completed will a final recommendation be made to the Captain regarding an employee's status for the next season.

You may contact Captain Arbin at BARbin@oceancitymd.gov

There are several SRTs who have completed all the criteria to receive SRT II certification, except the additional required NIMS courses (ICS 200 & 800). You may complete these courses at any time and your certification will be updated. However, to be considered for appointment as an ACC for the 2023 season you must complete these NIMS courses by December 31, 2022.



UPCOMING 2022 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

October 8

PEPSE # 4 for 2023

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

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 up to Dorchester St.
Sunfest	October 20-23	Daily	Inlet Lot and Beach

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Week 15</u> 8/29/22 to 9/4/22	<u>Week 15</u> 8/30/21 to 9/5/21	<u>Week 16</u> 8/31/20 to 9/6/20
Action			
Preventions	1905	1845	5932
Rescues	5	34	141
Minor First Aid	29	11	24
Ambulance Calls	2	9	3
Police Calls	0	6	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	1
Lost/Found Persons	14	29	25
N. Surf Beach Population	30	NA	19
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	NA	145
Inlet Surf Beach Population	2	NA	0
Beach Wheelchair Usage	26	17	25
Smoking Enforcement	43	44	169

Important "Off-Season" timeline - November (First Weekend) – Evaluation weekend

November – All employees will receive a copy of their OCBPSRA record attached to an E-mail which will require a response in a Google Doc. It is imperative that you attend to this matter in a timely manner. Failure to complete the Google doc will remove you from the January E-mail distribution about returning for the 2023 season.

November – Fall/Winter "Semaphore News" will be mailed to your Winter address on file to include additional items specifically for you. All employees will receive a printer copy of their OCBPSRA record as well as any other items not picked during the summer.

January – All "A" rated employees will receive an E-mail requesting information about their tentative plans for the 2023 season. That information will be reported back to Beach Patrol through a link to our Google Doc. Failure to complete this Google doc will remove you from receiving your invitation to return for the 2023 season in the April mailing. This is the second Google Doc that requires completion during the off season. Do not become confused in thinking that you already completed this request. They are separate documents.

February/March/April – Off site testing at various locations.

March – An interest survey for CC and ACC applicants will be sent to eligible candidates with a link to an on-line form. This is the first step in the promotion and appointment process.

April – Spring "Semaphore News" will be mailed to the Winter address we have on file. If you are an "A" rated employee, you will also receive your invitation to return which must be returned by US mail. In this mailing is also information about promotions.

April (last weekend) – Promotion of CC's and appointment of ACC's for the 2023 season.



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Meet the Lifeguard: CC Katie Zgorski

CC Katie Zgorski has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. She was recently promoted to be the Crew Chief (a management position) for Crew 9 in the North area of Ocean City which covers the beach from 54th street to 64th street. Katie is a United States Life Saving Association (USLA) member. She is also an active member on the competition team, OCBP Bike Group, and works the safety booth at Sundaes in the Park. In her free time, she enjoys rollerblading, reading, hiking and she also walks dogs. Katie is a triathlete and has qualified for Ironman 70.3 Worlds that will be taking place in St. George, Utah this October. She graduated from the University of Miami with a major in Marine Science and Biology. This fall she will be working on her Masters in Conservation Medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine of Tufts University. CC Zgorski 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 Katie, ask any of our guards or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. Testing for our 2023 paid Surf Rescue Training Academies (\$18.44) began this August. We have one more test in Ocean City on October 8th and will continue our testing program in March and April at pools throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania. 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

It's fall, but do the rules remain the same?

With the change in season people often think that the rules change, and they can start taking their dogs on the beach. Some beach patrons are even surprised that we still have lifeguards on duty. Some people are under the impression that the beach patrol and all the beach rules end after Labor Day. The reality is, for over 50 years, the OCBP has never gone off duty following Labor Day. In fact, in the 1970s we guarded well into November. The earliest the beach patrol has gone off duty for the season has been the Sunday of Sunfest weekend which is usually the 3rd weekend (Sunday) following Labor Day.

During the period following Labor Day, as Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel return to other obligations we are in a reduced coverage mode, and the number of Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) available to staff the stands along the 10 miles of beach decreases. This results in a reduction in the total number of stands from 91 (less than 200 yds apart) in July to 16 stands (1,000 yards apart, 2/3 mile) following Labor Day. The Ocean City Beach Patrol is committed to provide Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) along the entire beach for all visitors and residents so rather than have unguarded areas the number of available lifeguard towers are equally distributed along the beach front. As this redistribution occurs the location and distance between stands changes. You can see the actual locations on our homepage.

This reduction in personnel is an annual occurrence with the start of college classes and the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the U.S.

Currently we have additional returning Surf Rescue Technicians to allow us to increase the total number of stands (and decrease the distance between stands) on weekends. The Town has provided a travel stipend to help returning SRT's with the added cost of returning from distances over 110 miles away. Our main message this time of the year is to please swim in front of a lifeguard. This short walk is worth the lives of you and your family.

Because of the dedication and commitment of our Surf Rescue Technicians, we will continue to provide daily coverage between 10:00 and 5:30 for all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 25, 2022. Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid, PPE 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. PLEASE walk to the nearest guard tower before going in the water.

As far as the rules go (Town of Ocean City Ordinances) most remain in effect until September 30th. The specific ordinance regarding dogs, states that dogs are not permitted on the beach or boardwalk from May 1st to September 30th. The Ocean City Beach Patrol strictly enforces the "No Dog" ordinance which also includes following the very strict "Service Animal" regulations under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) titles II and III. Other ordinances and laws such as public drinking, vehicles on beach and fires on beach (during the day), remain in effect throughout the year. The fall season also brings more surfing. The beach patrol will allow modified surfing along the entire beach, except where guards are posted. There are less swimmers this time of the year and manage the beach by keeping the swimmers in front or near a lifeguard stand and the surfers will congregate away from the swimmers. It's a great time of the year for surfers. They can surf while the Patrol is on duty and not be confined to designated surfing beaches like they are during the summer. Surfers must still utilize an ankle leash and remain 50 yards from the nearest swimmer. Having surfers close often proves valuable in saving lives. It is helpful to have the extra flotation devices in the water at this time of year when the coverage is spread over larger spans of beach. It is not unusual for surfers to aid a distressed swimmer and keep them afloat until a Surf Rescue Technician can reach them and take them safely back to shore. Although surfing is modified, the beach patrol still reserves the right to prohibit surfing in certain areas or under certain conditions. By enactment of section 106-94 (11) of the town code, the City Council allows the use of SUP's beginning on the Monday following Labor Day, on any day that surfing is modified. There are specific requirements included in the ordinance and can be accessed on the Town's website. The use of skim boards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, etc) is still prohibited.

As a reminder, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. To aide your SRT, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precautions and make sure to walk the short distance to the nearest lifeguard stand and check in with the Surf Rescue Technician and always swim in near the SRT on duty. 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 and locations when and where beach patrol personnel are on duty, never swim alone, always stay with the limits of their swimming ability and never rely on a flotation device in place of your swimming ability.



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