



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 13, 2020 to September 20, 2020

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020- End of Pay Period

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers - 3rd St. - 1st Floor- 08:30hrs

Parking is available in the City Hall lot; enter Council Chambers through rear of the building.

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day–Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 29th St. / Century (99th St.)

Tides: High: 17:00hrs
Low: 10:27hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires-45th; 53rd; 100th; 111th; 120th St.- 18:00hrs

Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020- O.I.C- Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 27th St. / Flying Cloud (95th St.)

Tides: High: 17:53hrs
Low: 11:26hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 59th St.- 11:30hrs
Beach Bonfires- 42nd St.; 116th St.- 18:00hrs

**Travel Stipend
For Returning to Work**

You may be eligible to receive a \$132.00 travel reimbursement check if you return to work the OCBP after Sunday, August 16 and before Sunday, September 27, once leaving our full-time employment.

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 **within 2 weeks of working**
- Must be scheduled to work

Wellness checks must be completed prior to starting work on any day you are scheduled.

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/14/2020	Tuesday 9/15/2020	Wednesday 9/16/2020	Thursday 9/17/2020	Friday 9/18/2020	Saturday 9/19/2020	Sunday 9/20/2020	CREW
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcements								

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 25th St. / 93rd St.

Tides: High: 06:12hrs

Low: 12:21hrs

Special Events: None

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Kovacs

OCBPSRA: Complete NIMS courses (ICS 200 & ICS 800) for SRT II

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 23rd St. / 91st St.

Tides: High: 07:03hrs

Low: 13:15hrs

Special Events: None

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 21st St. / 89th St.

Tides: High: 07:52hrs

Low: 14:07hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires- 46th St.; 52nd St.; 101st St.- 18:00hrs

Beach Wedding- 19th St.- 14:00hrs; 59th St.- 18:30hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 19th St. / 87th St.

Tides: High: 08:42hrs

Low: 14:58hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 59th St.- 11:00hrs; 59th St.- 14:00hrs

Beach Bonfires- 79th St.; 89th St.; 94th St.; 99th St.; 130th St.; 141st St.- 18:00hrs

**New for the Off-Season:
The OCBP E Newsletter!**

Think of something you were involved in this season and send a photo (if possible) and a 1-2 paragraph description of it. This anecdote could be from training, an operational event, a crew gathering, or a great workout – just share some of your favorite moments of 2020.

The goal of this enewsletter is a monthly distribution to reach our current employees, prospective employees, alumni, and any other individuals who sign up for it.

Amazing things happen all the time with the OCBP. Let's highlight the good times!

Send all submissions to Sgt. Ben Davis at BDavis@oceancitymd.gov

**Spread the word to those who have
already left for the season!**

Winter Mailings

Newsletters and all Return to Work information and notifications for the 2020 season will be sent to the winter address that you provided, as well as to the email address you provided this year. Updates and/or adjustments should be made through the office, either in person or by e-mail.

2020 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 paycheck. W-2's will be sent out by January 31, 2020. 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, 2020.

1. Contact Amanda or Connie in the City Hall Human Resources Office
410-289-8822
~and~
2. Contact Secretary Tyler via email:
dtyler@oceancitymd.gov
with any changes.

**This is very important that you notify both
people!**



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 17th St. / 85th St.

Tides: High: 09:33hrs

Low: 15:51hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 11th St.- 16:30hrs; 28th St.- 17:00hrs; 59th St.- 17:00hrs; 92nd St.- 17:00hrs; 139th St.- 17:00hrs; 59th St.- 18:30hrs

Beach Bonfires- 39th; 41st; 59th; 79th; 82nd; 88th St.; 89th St.; 118th St.; 125th St.; 134th St.; 135th St.; 138th St.; 139th St.; 143rd St.- 18:00hrs



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

GENERAL MEETING: City Hall Council Chambers - 3rd St. - 1st Floor- 08:30hrs

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Opportunity to Compete: USLA/Ocean Series competitions resume in 2021

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 15th St. / 83rd St.

Tides: High: 10:24hrs

Low: 16:46hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 15th St.- 14:00hrs; 59th St.- 59th St.

Important Notice

Please note the date, time, and location of the remaining weekly meetings and adjust your calendar accordingly.

Sunday, September 20
City Hall- 08:30hrs

Sunday, September 27
City Hall- 08:30hrs



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 until 9/10/18, etc.) 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 paddleboard is allowed starting the Monday following Labor Day, which is 9/14/20, if surfing is modified.



UPCOMING 2020 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

September 18 -Pay Day

OCBP Testing Opportunities

Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation (testing) for the 2021 Season

February 2021- Salisbury, MD

March 2021- York College- York, PA

March 2021- University of MD- College Park

April 25, 2021- OP Sports Core Pool- OP, MD

June 5, 2021 (Saturday)- Ocean City, MD

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

AGH Penguin Swim

Jan. 1 Princess Royale- 91st St

13:00hrs



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<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 16</u> 8/31/20 to 9/6/20	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2020	<u>Week 16</u> 9/2/19 to 9/8/19	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2019	<u>Week 16</u> 9/3/18 to 9/9/18	<u>Week 16</u> Year-To- Date 2018
Action						
Preventions	5932	148914	NA	141037	1237	227949
Rescues	141	3573	106	2471	27	3532
Minor First Aid	24	1645	NA	2330	7	1864
Ambulance Calls	3	138	3	197	11	164
Police Calls	3	62	3	78	2	75
USCG/MDNRP	1	9	0	2	0	3
Lost/Found Persons	25	307	5	334	2	376
N. Surf Beach Population	19	2371	NA	1145	24	1178
S. Surf Beach Population	145	2913	NA	3745	66	3451
Inlet Surf Beach Population	0	522	NA	774	NA	785
Beach Wheelchair Usage	25	259	0	426	4	397
Smoking Enforcements	169	10859	NA	9445	180	11946
Missed Work Days Due to Injury	0	36	NA	51	0	80
Missed Days-Non Job Related	7	156	NA	32	0	40

Reminder: Stats are Important!
Throughout the year, we are often asked for our stats by various agencies. If you are leaving town after work, don't forget to turn in your stats before you leave.

Crew Chiefs:
Please remember to record the stats in Google Docs before you leave.

The stats still run from Monday thru Sunday, so this week ends on 9/20/20.

CODE OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND: Stand Up Paddleboards

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 106 - WATERWAYS
ARTICLE III. - BEACH REGULATIONS
DIVISION 2. - BEACH ACTIVITIES
Sec. 106-94. - Prohibited acts.

For any person to ride or utilize a stand up paddleboard (SUP) on any water adjoining or adjacent to any beach in Ocean City during the period between May 1 to September 30, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., in each year, except as follows:

- a. Stand up paddleboards (SUP) may have full access to the ocean, to include the surf zone on days when surfing is modified starting on the **Monday that follows Labor Day.**
- b. On days when surfing is not modified during the period from Monday following Labor Day to September 30, SUP access will be prohibited.
- c. All SUP operators shall stay 50 yards away from all swimmers, waders and surfers while launching and beaching and while operating in the surf zone or beyond the surf zone.
- d. Any SUP operator may be asked to return to shore if a Beach Patrol member deems their activity to be a possible hazard to the operator or other person. This includes, but is not limited to, hazardous weather such as lightning, or unsafe surf conditions.
- e. SUP operators must follow all applicable state and federal laws governing stand-up paddle boards and shall have a wearable Type I, II, III or V personal floatation device (PFD) on board and a whistle.
- f. SUP shall be restricted to one operator/rider per board.
- g. All SUP operators shall have a leash that attaches the operator to their board whenever they are using the board in the ocean.
- h. Once beyond the breakers as determined by a Beach Patrol member on duty, the SUP shall operate in a north or south direction parallel to the beach and no further from shore than 200 yards.
- i. When a SUP is returning to the beach (traveling west) while the Beach Patrol is on duty, the operator shall return within 50 yards of a Beach Patrol member on duty, so that the SRT can direct the operator to a safe area and assist in keeping people clear until the SUP is safely under control and on the beach.

Employee Evaluations: Not the Entire Picture

PLEASE NOTE:

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 complete assessment is made will a final recommendation be made to the Captain regarding an employee's status for the next season

Information will be available after the first of the year.

Request for Recommendations

Between seasons, we are often asked to complete references and recommendations. If you need to be provided with something like this, we ask that you make the request in writing. In that request, you should give any information that will help in giving you the best possible recommendation. We 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 us of some of the Beach Patrol activities that you have been involved in, such as JBP, camps, special duties, etc. We also 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

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

This Week's Question: I stayed in Ocean City past Labor Day thinking I could finally take my dog on the beach. The lifeguard informed me that I could not. I was surprised that the lifeguards were still even on duty. I thought they ended on Labor Day. How much longer will there be lifeguards on the beach and when do the rules change?

Although the Beach Patrol has never gone off duty following Labor Day (at least for the past 48 years that Captain Arbin has been with the patrol) many people assume this to be our schedule. In reality the earliest the Beach Patrol has gone off duty for the season has been the Sunday of Sunfest weekend (usually the 3rd weekend (Sunday) following Labor Day). This year the Patrol will end the regular guarding of the beach on Sunday September 27th. During this period following Labor Day, as Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel return to other obligations, we are in a reduced coverage scheme. The number of Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) available to staff the stands along the 10 miles of beach decreases dramatically and the resulting distance between stands increases greatly. The Ocean City Beach Patrol is committed to provide Surf Rescue Technicians 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 (sometimes on a daily basis).

This reduction in personnel is an annual occurrence that began during the last weeks of August as our personnel returned to other obligations. This reduction in personnel is complicated by the return of our education professionals to school systems throughout the United States. Many of our lifeguards will return on the weekends to help keep the number of stands as high as possible (The Town has provided a travel stipend to help returning SRT's with the added cost of returning from distances over 110 miles away). Because of the dedication and commitment of these public servants, we will continue to provide daily coverage between 10:00 and 5:30 for all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 27, 2020. Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers (than during the summer, 25 vs 91), we will supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid and AED and PPE 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 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. We implemented a before and after hours mobile patrol (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM) three seasons ago, to be available for response should communications receive a 911 call for a swimmer in distress or someone needing assistance on the beach. However, we have also dealt with hundreds of people each week who ignore the 24 hour a day ban on dogs on the beach and claim they thought the dog rule was only during guarding hours, which is not the case. Other ordinances and laws such as public drinking, vehicles on beach and fires on beach (during the day), remain in effect throughout the year.

Another difference in the beach during the fall season is surfing. Captain Arbin of the Beach Patrol will allow modified surfing along the entire beach, except where guards are posted. The Beach Patrol keeps the swimmers in front or near their stand and the surfers are encouraged to congregate away from the swimmers. This is a time of the year the surfers enjoy. 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 in the vicinity 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) 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.

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 the vicinity of the SRT on duty. Although you may be able to see the SRT on the stand from a great distance this does not mean that your SRT can adequately monitor and protect you since they rely on both body language and water conditions around each swimmer to determine when there is a need to intervene or initiate a rescue. 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 within the limits of their swimming ability and never rely on a flotation device in place of swimming ability.

SRT of the Week: Crew Chief Katie Zgorski

SRT Katie Zgorski has been a part of the Beach Patrol for 2 years. She is in crew 3 in the south area of Ocean City which covers the beach from 5th Street to 13th Street. Katie competes in competitions and is a United States Life Saving Association (USLA) member. In her free time she trains for triathlons, scuba dives, reads, volunteers at the National Aquarium, hikes and loves being active outside. In the off season she is a rising junior at the University of Miami. She is working towards a double major in Marine Science and Biology on a pre-vet track. She is also on the Marine Mammal rescue team there. One of her greatest assets to the Beach Patrol is her passion for recruiting our next rookies. This past season she was one of our top recruiters and even recruited a rookie from Ohio whom she met at the University of Miami. Recruiting is the lifeblood of maintaining a quality Beach patrol and our SRTs are passionate about encouraging other quality candidates to join our ranks. Katie and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer any of your beach and water safety questions. If you are interested in a position with the Patrol like Katie's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp. Testing for our 2021 season will continue into the winter of 2021. Anyone can get a job... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, YOU can make a difference! It's time to begin the greatest adventure of your life!



From: Colby <colby9115ocbp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 9:21 PM
To: Butch Arbin
Subject: On Facebook tonight



2 Shares



From: Barbra S. [mailto:barbskar@]
Sent: Saturday, September 05, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Butch Arbin; Edward Kovacs
Subject: Luke, lifeguard in front of The Plaza and The Pyramid

Captain Arbin and Lt. Kovacs,

I am a summer resident in The Plaza and for the past 2 years, Luke has been our lifeguard. Today, I witnessed Luke handle a missing child incident with confidence and great empathy. Everyone around rallied to support the family until the child was brought safely to the Mom.

Luke has developed a professional relationship with my 6 grandchildren and has inspired them to participate in JBP. Next year, 4 of them plan to register for JBP. Two have already attended.

I can only hope that Luke will be able to continue to guard or be available in our area of beach next summer.

Thank you for all that your team does to make Ocean City beaches some of the safest in the world.

Barb S.

Mobile Rescue Units

- Mobile means MOVING! Do not become stationary unless your assignment requires it.
- Two or more quads should never congregate. This reduces the overall coverage of the beach.
- Your primary responsibility requires that you remain available at all times.
- Inform the Beach Patrol Duty Officer of ALL your actions; they need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it. It needs to be readily available in an emergency.
- Perform Rescues if and when necessary.
- Back up SRTs making rescues in your area of responsibility or as directed by the Dispatcher or Duty Officer.
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by the Dispatcher or Duty Officer.
- Supervise all OCBP personnel in your assigned area and be sure to enforce all policies and procedures.
- Assist with moving rovers when appropriate and circumstances permit.
- Patrol in your area of responsibility assisting the SRTs especially between stands and including ordinance enforcement.



Important OCBPSRA Notice For Assistant Crew Chief Advancement Opportunities

Any completed NIMS courses required for certification must be completed and a copy of the certificate must be sent to Captain Arbin prior to December 31, 2020 in order to receive the necessary credit for consideration for appointment to Assistant Crew Chief. If this is not completed you will not be considered.

Emergency Management Institute



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