



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, September 19, 2022 – Sunday September 25, 2022

Monday, September 19, 2022 – 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: 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

REMEMBER THE STATS

It is important that we maintain accurate statistics of what we are doing on the beach on a daily basis. This information is reported to others and is used in making "data driven" decisions on stand placement and other factors.

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	9/19/2022	9/20/2022	9/21/2022	9/22/2022	9/23/2022	9/24/2022	9/25/2022	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 57th Street / 137th Street

Tides: High: 4:34:00 PM

Low: 9:54:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 37th St.



Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 55th Street / 135th Street

Tides: High: 5:24:00 PM
Low: 10:50:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 127th St.

Thursday, September 22, 2022 – Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 53rd Street / 133rd Street

Tides: High: 6:07:00 PM
Low: 11:41:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 142nd St.

Friday, September 23, 2022 – Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 51st Street / 131st Street

Tides: High: 6:48:00 PM
Low: 12:28:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 48th St. 5:30pm, 59th St 4pm and 5:30pm

Beach Bonfires: None

Saturday, September 24, 2022

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 49th Street / 129th Street

Tides: High: 7:27:00 PM
Low: 1:11:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St 5:30pm, 85th St. 1pm, 94th St. 1pm

Beach Bonfires: 49th St., 52nd St., 59th St., 62nd St., 81st St., 95th St., 136th St., 138th St, 146th St.

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



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.



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Sunday, September 25, 2022

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Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 47th Street / 127th Street

Fall Close Down Begins Tomorrow

*Reminder: If today is your last day working for the 2022 season, ALL equipment MUST be returned after work this afternoon or it will be deducted from your last paycheck!!! Once deducted, you will have to wait for reimbursement, which may take up to an additional four weeks. PLEASE TURN IN ALL ISSUED EQUIPMENT.

Tides: High: 7:44:00 AM

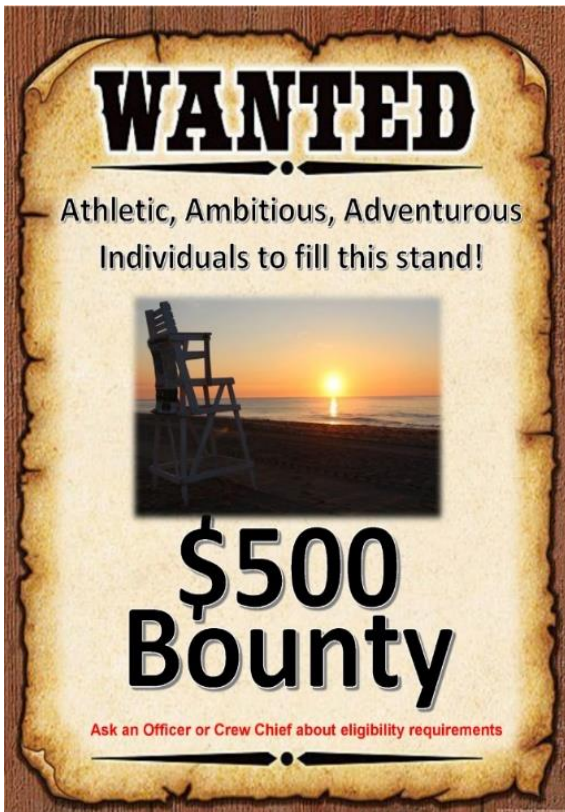
Low: 1:54:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 100th St. 1pm


Beach Bonfires: 77th St.

Goodbye, Summer!
See you next year!



WANTED

Athletic, Ambitious, Adventurous
Individuals to fill this stand!



**\$500
Bounty**

Ask an Officer or Crew Chief about eligibility requirements

We still have the Bounty!! Please continue to recruit for 2023 season! Remember, recruiting is everyone's responsibility!

We have added the October 8 test for the strategic purpose of affording friends, classmates, and family members the opportunity to test for the 2023 Season while the ocean temp is still comfortable. After leaving Ocean City this summer, please share this opportunity and bring five people back to the beach for the PEPSE on October 8.

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UPCOMING 2022 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

October 8

PEPSE # 4 for 2023

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Ocean City Adventure Fest	Sept 19 – 25	Daily	Convention Center 40 th Street
Beach Tennis MD Open	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach between 4th-8th Streets.
Sunfest Kite Festival	Sept 29-Oct 2	Daily	Beach from 4th-6th Streets.
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>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 16</u> 9/5/22 to 9/11/22	<u>Week 16</u> 9/6/21 to 9/12/21	<u>Week 17</u> 9/7/20 to 9/13/20
Action			
Preventions	864	1492	2139
Rescues	10	41	38
Minor First Aid	6	25	9
Ambulance Calls	8	6	6
Police Calls	0	0	0
USCG/MDNRP	0	1	0
Lost/Found Persons	2	2	1
N. Surf Beach Population	NA	NA	NA
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	NA	NA
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	NA	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	4	3	5
Smoking Enforcement	5	53	38

The Exiting Process

Make sure that you have completed and turned in all necessary paperwork, equipment, and/or provided the required official documentation before leaving.

The following paperwork should already be on file with Lt. Stone. If there has been a change, you need to update your paperwork.

- End of Season and Extended Employment Agreement
- Official Documentation of your Next Commitment, unless you worked through the last day.

All uniforms and equipment must be turned in by 19:00hrs on Sunday, September 25th, if you are completing your employment for the season.

NOTE: THOSE WORKING BEYOND THIS WEEKEND MUST TURN IN ANY EQUIPMENT THAT WILL NOT BE NEEDED BEYOND THIS WEEKEND ON Monday, September 26th by 12:00 (Noon) or it will be deducted from your pay (UMBRELLA, BUOY, BINOS, ETC).

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 up during the summer (certificates, patches, pins, etc).

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.

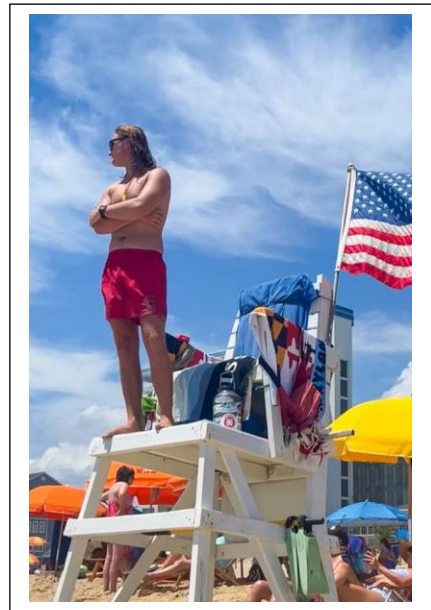
March – An interest survey for CC and ACC applicants will be sent to eligible candidates with a link to an on-line form. This is the first step in the promotion and appointment process.

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.

Meet the Lifeguard: ACC Connor Lawrence

Assistant Crew Chief (ACC) Connor Lawrence has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years. He works in crew 11 and sits a stand in the north area of Ocean City on 80th street. Connor is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member. He likes to surf, snowboard, and swim. When he isn't working in Ocean City, he is a lifeguard in Costa Rica in the off-season and also tends bar. ACC Connor Lawrence 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 Connor, 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!



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

Last weekend when I was here, I walked the beach and saw guards on stands although they seemed really far apart. When do the lifeguards go off duty?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol will continue to provide coverage of all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until Sunday, September 25th (the third Sunday after Labor Day). Although this coverage will be done with fewer personnel and less lifeguard towers, SRTs will be on duty daily between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm. Due to the dedication and commitment of the Beach Patrol staff, many of our SRTs will travel back to Ocean City to supplement our coverage for this last weekend. The Town has provided a travel stipend for those guards that can come back on weekends. We will also supplement this coverage by increasing the number of Mobil Rescue Units patrolling the beach. These mobile units are first-aid 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach (SRT's on stands) on Sunday, September 25th. To aide your SRT during this time of reduced coverage, the Beach Patrol suggests taking extra precaution and walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand.

After that Sunday, we remove all stands from the beach and no longer position SRTs along Ocean City's beaches. At this time of year, it is important for people to realize that the Beach Patrol is off duty, and they should not participate in water related activities until the Beach Patrol is back on duty the following Memorial Day weekend in May 2023. We realize that despite our warnings a warm sunny day will still entice people to venture into the ocean. Please heed our warnings. The same hazards that exist in the middle of our season are still present now and could possible even be more treacherous due to tropical storm activity that we typically experience this time of the year. People may find themselves in danger just like it was August however, with no SRTs keeping a watchful eye, there is no one ready to respond if the need arises. Most serious incidents and drowning deaths have occurred to victims who never intended to go in water deeper than their waist. That is the major danger of a rip current; it can un-expectantly, quickly and without warning pull an unaware family member into water that is over their head, resulting in an urgent life and death struggle that only gives minutes before it becomes a tragedy. Unfortunately, when this involves children, the parent who is watching their children will attempt to assist and all too often result has been the death of the parent. We had a parent die 3 years in a row, when a parent allowed their children to swim during non-guarding hours and attempted to rescue them and in a few cases, both the parent and child drowned. Moms and Dads are not the same as an SRT. Even our most experienced Personnel (20 + years as an ocean lifeguard) who are now parents, don't let their children swim on an unguarded beach, even though they personally have rescued 100's.

We will still maintain a presence while we complete our close down tasks for a few more weeks with our Mobil Rescue Units. Having these units available and mobile, effectively reduces the response time from the original 911 call to victim contact and will hopefully result in a successful intervention. It is important however that people do not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their love ones. After September 25th, we will not be able to continue educating the public and actively preventing potential incidents. We will not be able to fulfill our mission and work in a proactive manner; therefore, we are in a reactionary mode and cannot provide the coverage that the public is accustomed to during our regular guarding season. We have seen too many times when swimming without lifeguards and poor judgment turns into a tragedy with the loss of a life. So, although our saying, "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" is a friendly reminder to only swim when lifeguards are on duty, it comes with a very serious warning. 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 swimming ability.

Since the Beach Patrol is off duty until May and we have explained the dangers of swimming unprotected, we do not expect to see people in the ocean until Memorial Day weekend 2023. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards (there were two of these preventable tragedies just last year). Don't let it be you or someone you love. However, you remember it, swimming only when lifeguards are on duty could save a life... yours or someone you love! So please don't let someone you love to enter the ocean when the SRT's are not on duty. It is not only dangerous to them but may put others in danger if they attempt to help you in an emergency. The good news is, Ocean City has many fun activities to enjoy in the fall that do not involve swimming in the ocean. SEA you in 2023!