



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of September 20, 2020 to September 27, 2020

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

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 Bonfires- 45th St.- 18:00hrs

Completed stats are due today at 18:00hrs.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 13th St. / 81st St.

Tides: High: 11:16hrs
Low: 17:44hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 33rd St.- 17:00hrs

**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

WARNING! There will be a lot of police activity around town through next weekend, as well as altered traffic patterns and speed zones. BE AWARE!

S.R.T. Name:	Monday 9/21/2020	Tuesday 9/22/2020	Wednesday 9/23/2020	Thursday 9/24/2020	Friday 9/25/2020	Saturday 9/26/2020	Sunday 9/27/2020	CREW
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcements								
								Totals

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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

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

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 11th St. / 79th St.

Tides: High: 12:11hrs
Low: 18:46hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfires- 118th St.- 18:00hrs

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward

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 / 9th St. / 77th St.

Tides: High: 13:11hrs
Low: 06:46hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 59th St.- 16:00hrs
Beach Bonfires- 37th St.- 18:00hrs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward Kovacs

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

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

Workout: Run Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: Inlet / 7th St. / 75th St.

Tides: High: 14:18hrs
Low: 07:47hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 59th St.- 17:00hrs
Beach Bonfires- 56th St.; 61st St.; 115th St.- 18:00hrs

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020- O. I. C.: Lt. Ward 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 / 5th St. / 73rd St.

Tides: High: 15:29hrs
Low: 08:51hrs

Special Events: Beach Wedding- 61st St.- 11:00hrs
Beach Bonfires- 30th St.; 94th St.; 115th St.; 140th St.; 141st St.; 145th 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 2021 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, 2021. 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, 2021

1. Contact Amanda or Connie in the City Hall Human Resources Dept.
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!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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: 3rd St. / 71st St.

Tides: High: 16:36hrs
Low: 09:57hrs

Special Events: Beach Weddings- 33rd St.- 17:00hrs

Beach Bonfires- 30th St.; 33rd St.; 70th St.; 93rd St.; 100th St.; 118th St.; 127th St.; 136th St.; 139th St.; 140th St.; 142nd St. 18:00hrs



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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OCBPSRA: Turn in your outside certifications and NIMS.

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

Workout: Swim Day- Area Supervisor determines specific workouts.

Surfing Beaches: 1st St. / 69th St.

Tides: High: 17:31hrs
Low: 10:59hrs

Special Events: Beach Bonfire- 45th St.; 64th St.; 115th St.; 118th St.- 18:00hrs

Sunday, September 27 is the Last Day of the Season and the End of the Pay Period.

If this is your final day for the 2020 season, all equipment must be returned by 19:00hrs, or the total amount will be deducted from your next pay check.

UPCOMING 2020 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

October 2 -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

OC Mayor's Bike Boardwalk Ride Event	Sept. 22	Inlet – 27 th St. & Back	10:00hrs
AGH Penguin Swim	Jan. 1	Princess Royale- 91 st St	13:00hrs

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 17</u> 9/7/20 to 9/13/20	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2020	<u>Week 17</u> 9/9/19 to 9/15/19	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2019	<u>Week 17</u> 9/10/18 to 9/16/18	<u>Week 17</u> Year-To- Date 2018
Action						
Preventions	2139	151053	NA	141037	912	228861
Rescues	38	3611	49	2520	52	3583
Minor First Aid	9	1654	NA	2330	0	1864
Ambulance Calls	6	144	2	199	0	165
Police Calls	0	62	0	78	1	75
USCG/MDNRP	0	9	0	2	0	3
Lost/Found Persons	1	308	1	335	0	376
N. Surf Beach Population	NA	1654	NA	1145	NA	1178
S. Surf Beach Population	NA	2913	NA	3745	NA	3451
Inlet Surf Beach Population	NA	522	NA	774	NA	785
Beach Wheelchair Usage	5	264	0	426	NA	397
Smoking Enforcements	38	10897	NA	9445	49	11997
Missed Work Days Due to Injury	9	45	0	51	0	80
Missed Days-Non Job Related	1	157	2	34	6	46

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 9/27/20.



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

Guidelines for Modified Surfing

Note: The surfing ordinance is in effect until Sept. 30 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 skimboards and other watercraft (kite surfers, windsurfers, kayaks, 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 allowed starting Monday following Labor Day if surfing is modified

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 **Beach Patrol** of ALL your actions. We need to know what resources are available and where they are.
- NEVER leave the quad unattended with an SRT not authorized to operate it. Quads need 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 **Beach Patrol.**
- Respond to medical emergencies in your area of responsibility or as directed by **Ocean City.**
- Supervise all OCBP personnel enforcing 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 which also includes ordinance enforcement.

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

This Week's Question: 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 27th (usually the Sunday of Sunfest weekend is our annual last 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 from over 110 miles away. We will also 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.

The Beach Patrol will officially end the traditional guarding of the beach (SRT's on stands) on Sunday Sept 27th. 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 Sunfest weekend 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 2021. We realize that in spite of 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 the all too often result has been the death of the parent. We had a parent die 3 years in a row and in a few cases, both the parent and child. 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 not depend on these mobile rescue units as if they are lifeguards protecting their love ones. After September 27th 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 2021. Each year people die in Ocean City because they chose to swim without lifeguards. 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 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 so many fun activities to enjoy in the fall, after September 27th, that do not involve swimming in the ocean. SEA you in 2021!

SRT of the Week: SRT Jason Maccannon

SRT Jason Maccannon has been with the Beach Patrol for 3 years. He works in Crew 2, which covers the area from Caroline Street to Surf Avenue. He is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member and has been on our Competition Team for the past 3 years as a swimmer. In the off season he is a certified Athletic Trainer and was just hired as a trainer for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. SRT Maccannon 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 Jason's, ask any of our guards or visit our website at www.ococean.com/ocbp. Testing for our 2021 season will resume in February 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!



FYI!!!

<https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/oc-mayor-hosts-first-bike-ride-event/>

OC Mayor Hosts First Bike Ride Event

Ocean City, Maryland – (September 18, 2020): Ocean City Mayor Rick Meehan is inviting all bicyclists to participate in the first ever Mayor’s Bike Ride event. The Mayor’s Bike Ride is to encourage biking in Ocean City and to provide awareness on the Town’s goal to become recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) through the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). Every year, LAB establishes a National Bike Month, Bike to Work Week, and Bike to Work Day. These events are typically held in May of each year but were delayed until September this year due to COVID-19.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10 a.m., Ocean City will be joining the rest of the nation in celebrating the official 2020 Bike to Work Day. Whether you are a social bicyclist, an avid bicyclist, or an interested citizen, we invite you to participate in the Ocean City Mayor’s Bike Ride.

What: Ocean City Mayor’s Bike Ride

When: 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Where: The route begins at the Ocean City Life-Saving Museum at the far south end of the Boardwalk and proceeds north on the Boardwalk to 27th Street and back to the origin totaling 4.5 miles. (The Event is Free)

Who: Mayor Rick Meehan
Ocean City Council Members
Ocean City Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OC BPAC)
Community Members & Award Recipients

Other: Masks are required during the ride on the Boardwalk. Helmets are optional.

The Town of Ocean City is actively working to improve safety while biking in the resort community. In addition, Ocean City hopes to continue to provide better infrastructure for promoting bicycle tourism activities, improve health and recreation and decrease traffic congestion and vehicle emissions. As part of these efforts, the City Council established an official Ocean City Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OC BPAC) in July 2018. The OC BPAC is comprised of 10 members, including a liaison from the Town Council, several town staff members, a representative from State Highway Administration (SHA), a representative from OCDC, as well as town residents and business owners. To learn more, visit: <https://oceancitymd.gov/oc/ocean-city-bicycle-pedestrian-advisory-committee/>.