



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, September 5, 2022 - Monday, September 12, 2022

Monday, September 5, 2022(Labor Day) – Last day for Beach Wheelchairs

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: Final test for 2022 -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: 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 Conditionally OPEN / 20th Street / 88th Street

Tides: High: 3:47:00 PM

Low: 9:09:00 AM

Special Events: The 4 New Sergeants will staff the equipment return locations from 1600hrs-1900hrs

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 35th, 40th, 47th 59th

Labor Day Equipment Return

Headquarters (Enter on Talbot St.) 12:00 – 20:00hrs
65th St. (Middle North Base) *
17:30 – 19:00hrs

** You may return your equipment at 65th St. ONLY if you have made arrangements in advance. If you have not made prior arrangements, no problem - come down to headquarters.*

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	9/5/2022	9/6/2022	9/7/2022	9/8/2022	9/9/2022	9/10/2022	9/11/2022	
Daily Assignment								
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								
								Totals

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – OIC Lt. Stone

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 / 18th Street / 86th Street

Tides: High: 4:52:00 PM

Low: 10:15:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 5pm, 12th St. 7pm

Beach Bonfires: 111th St.

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 7, 2022– OIC Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022
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Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 16th Street / 84th Street

Tides: High: 5:52:00 PM
Low: 11:20:00 AM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 30th, 115th, 138th, 145th

Thursday, September 8, 2022– OIC Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022
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Work-out: Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 14th Street / 82nd Street

Tides: High: 6:46:00 PM
Low: 12:21:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 5pm

Beach Bonfires: 130th, 138th

Friday, September 9, 2022– OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022
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Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 12th Street / 80th Street

Tides: High: 7:36:00 PM
Low: 1:17:00 PM

Special Events: Wine on the Beach-Inlet lot

Beach Weddings: 28th St. 4pm, 59th St. 1pm and 6:30pm, 118th St. 5:30pm

Beach Bonfires: 46th, 130th, 139th

Saturday, September 10, 2022

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 Conditionally OPEN / 10th Street / 78th Street

Tides: High: 7:55:00 AM
Low: 2:09:00 PM

Special Events: Wine on the Beach-Inlet lot,
Walk for Recovery-Inlet to 27th St Boardwalk 0900-1100hrs,
Bay to Beach Drive-27th St to N Division-1700-1800hrs,
ESA Surf Series #4-34th to 36th St.,
Beach Volleyball Series- Talbot St-N. Division St.

Beach Weddings: 13th St. 7pm, 14th St 3pm, 28th St. 4:30pm, 59th St. 6:30pm, 115th St. 3:30pm, 118th St. 6pm

Beach Bonfires: 31st, 81st, 87th, 129th

Beach Wheelchairs

OC Rec & Parks will be removing the beach wheelchair boxes from their locations beginning at 07:00hrs on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Please do not issue a wheelchair that day, even if one remains in the box.

Wheelchairs remain available via reservation / pickup at the Convention Center.



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-September 12, 2022





Sunday, September 11, 2022 (Pay Period Ends)

OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022
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Work-out: Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 8th Street / 76th Street

Tides: High: 8:44:00 AM

Low: 2:59:00 PM

Special Events: ESA Surf Series #4-34th to 36th St., Beach Volleyball Series- Talbot St-N. Division St.,
911 Parade of Brothers-Boardwalk 27th to N. Division St. and the Firemen's Memorial 1130-1300hrs

Beach Weddings: Inlet Beach 10am

Beach Bonfires: 48th

Monday, September 12, 2022– OIC Lt. Stone

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

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OCBPSRA Certification: All events have been completed for 2022

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 6th Street / 74th Street

Tides: High: 9:31:00 AM

Low: 3:47:00 PM

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.

UPCOMING 2022 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

October 8

PEPSE # 4 for 2023

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

Walk for Recovery	Sept 10	0900-1100hrs	Inlet-27 th 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 th Street Beach
Beach Volleyball Series	Sept 10-11	Daily	Talbot St-N. Division St.
911 Parade of Brothers	Sept 11	1130-1300hrs	Boardwalk 27th to 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 up to Dorchester St.
Sunfest	October 20-23	Daily	Inlet Lot and Beach

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Week 14</u> 8/22/22 to 8/28/22	<u>Week 14</u> 8/23/21 to 8/29/21	<u>Week 15</u> 8/24/20 to 9/6/20
Action			
Preventions	2596	2894	5044
Rescues	31	241	30
Minor First Aid	120	127	86
Ambulance Calls	13	12	12
Police Calls	1	3	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0
Lost/Found Persons	22	14	3
N. Surf Beach Population	16	NA	257
S. Surf Beach Population	233	NA	123
Inlet Surf Beach Population	58	NA	13
Beach Wheelchair Usage	34	1	16
Smoking Enforcement	200	179	372

Paul Vassalotti and Emma Bridges

Thank you to your quick response to the Ocean City Boardwalk the night of August 12, 2022. It was there that Jeff suffered a heart attack. Because of your quick response, he is still here. We were able to celebrate our 2nd Wedding Anniversary on Aug 15, 2022. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You are truly the Angels among us!
With Love and Gratitude,
Jeff and Lori



Rick Krause

Friday Aug 26th
I have to give a shout out to the Guard **Rick** on 120th St today. He was checking on the young kids, making sure they were ok and giving them tips to keep them safe. Great job!!!
Tara

Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Zachary Newman

SRT Zack Newman is in crew 4 and sits the stand in the south area. Although only in his 2nd summer with the beach patrol he loved the job so much that he recruited several SRTs from College Park and received the "Recruiter of The Year" award for his efforts. Zack is a member of the Beach Patrol SCUBA team. For recreation Zack likes to dive, fish, hunt, boat, hike, and anything outdoors. He served in the Marine Corps and in the off season, he is attending the University of Maryland. SRT Zachary Newman 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 Zack, 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

I have noticed that there are less lifeguard stands on the beach and they are much further apart. Does the way they do their job change?

This time of year, in Ocean City, the beach conditions are great. The water is warm, and the crowds are smaller due to school being back in session. Locals love this time of the year. Even though beach conditions are great, it is one of the most challenging times for the beach patrol to maintain an adequately guarded beach. A large percentage of the lifeguards are back at school or college or their other careers. Scheduling personnel to cover the beach can be a challenge. Lt. Mike Stone is the person in charge of scheduling and does an amazing job of making sure the maximum numbers of available guards are deployed daily at strategic locations along all 10 miles of Ocean City beaches until the last day of our season, Sunday, September 25th (The 3rd Sunday after Labor Day).

The Ocean City Beach Patrol begins adjusting the stand locations the third week in August each year and implements a fall coverage scheme following Labor Day. Fall coverage is a reduction in available staff and extends until September 25th, this year. During reduced coverage, staffing levels will be far less than the OCBP's mid-season deployment of 91 stands and we will rely more on our Mobile Rescue Units. Now that Labor Day has passed, we have lost all of our educators for weekdays, although many will return on weekends to help cover our beaches. The Town has provided a travel stipend to help returning SRTs with the added cost of returning from distances over 110 miles away. During weekends in the fall, returning Surf Rescue Technicians will cover for a single day off for those SRT's who work the weekdays and will allow us to increase the total number of stands and decrease the distance between stands just in time for the increase in weekend populations on the beach.

While Ocean City continues to be a favorite weekend trek, keeping beach patrons safe continues to be the top priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol. The 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, which results in an increase in the distance between guards. As this redistribution occurs the location and distance between stands changes (sometimes daily). To locate the closest stand to your beach you can call OCBP headquarters at 410-289-7556 between 10:00 am and 5:30 pm or visit our website for daily locations.

The number one priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol continues to be public safety. To make our beach as safe as possible the standard operating procedure for making rescues and providing coverage during a rescue also changes, but we need your help. Beach patrons are strongly encouraged to restrict any beach or water-related activities to times and locations when and where beach patrol personnel are on duty (between 10 and 5:30 until Sunday, September 25th, 2022), never swim alone, always stay within the limits of your swimming ability and never rely on a flotation device in place of your swimming ability. To aide your SRT in protecting your life, the beach patrol strongly suggests taking extra precaution and make sure to walk the short distance to swim in front of a lifeguard stand. This short walk is worth the lives of you and your family.