



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, June 19, 2023 - Monday, June 26, 2023

Monday, June 19, 2023

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: 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: OCBPSRA MARP training 18:00 HQ

Surf Rescue Academy II: Day 1: T.O. Paul Vassalotti Featured Training:

Crew Organization, Rules of Conduct; Scan, Victim ID, & Distressed Victim, and TOC Ordinances

Opportunity to Compete: Ocean Series 130th St. See Sgt. Wagner for Details

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 58th Street / 138th Street

Tides: High: 8:58:00 AM

Low: 2:56:00 PM

Special Events: Firemen's Convention; Movies on the Beach – Lightyear – 27th Street

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 82nd, 92nd



OCBP Summer Ocean Series

Monday, June 19, 2023

130th Street & the beach

Registration begins at 17:30hrs

Competition begins at 18:15hrs

Beach patrols may enter an A & B team per event. Only first team crossing the line will be counted towards scoring.

See Sgt Wagner for additional details

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	6/19/2023	6/20/2023	6/21/2023	6/22/2023	6/23/2023	6/24/2023	6/25/2023	
Daily Assignment								
								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								



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Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surf Rescue Academy II - Day 2, T.O. Paul Vassalotti Featured Training: Active & Passive Victims; Sand Holes, and Physical Training

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 56th Street / 136th Street

Tides: High: 9:41:00 AM

Low: 3:38:00 PM

Special Events: First scuba meeting 1815 at headquarters in the classroom. See Sgt Falcon for any additional information and questions. See page

Beach Weddings: 92nd 1830hrs

Beach Bonfires: None



Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - First Day of Summer - Longest Daylight of the Year- OIC Lt. Kovacs

Science Facts: During the summer solstice on June 21st we will have 15 hours of daylight in Maryland, compared to the winter solstice on December 21st which only has 9 hours and 22 minutes of daylight.

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surf Rescue Academy II - Day 3, T.O. Paul Vassalotti Featured Training: Neck/Back with **Sgt. Uebel**

Evening Training: Red Cross First Aid Certification - 18:00hrs - **Sgt. Konyar**

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 54th Street / 134th Street

Tides: High: 10:24:00 AM

Low: 4:21:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach- Space Jam: New Legacy – Carousel Hotel – 118th Street **Sgt Phillips** will be at HQ from 1730-1830 for any Equipment needs or issues

Beach Weddings: 30th 1300hrs

Beach Bonfires: 98th, 109th, 137th

Thursday, June 22, 2023– OIC Lt. Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surf Rescue Academy II - Day 4, T.O. Paul Vassalotti Featured Training: Coverage Scenarios; CPR; & Outside Agencies

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 52nd Street / 132nd Street

Tides: High: 11:08:00 AM

Low: 5:06:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 85th

Friday, June 23, 2023-PAY DAY

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surf Rescue Academy II - Day 5, T.O. Paul Vassalotti

Featured Training: Rips, Rocks, & Rescues Review; MARP, OCPD & Bomb Squad

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 50th Street / 130th Street

Tides: High: 11:52:00 AM

Low: 5:53:00 PM

Fitness Fridays
0800 27th Street
See Sgt Wager for info



Friday, June 23, 2023-PAY DAY(Continued)

Special Events: Fitness Fridays-0800hrs 27th Street. See Sgt Wagner for more info.

Beach Bonfires: 47th,79th,94th

Saturday, June 24, 2023

Requalification Swim and Run: Crew Chiefs - 08:30hrs Inlet Beach (Inlet Parking Code OCBP23)

Surf Rescue Academy II - Day 6, 0930 Qualification Run and Swim, Documentation Essentials, and On the Job Training (OJT)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 48th Street / 128th Street

Tides: High: 12:39:00 PM
Low: 6:44:00 PM

Special Events: OC Pride Parade -1100hrs-Boardwalk

Beach Weddings: 59th 1800hrs, 92nd 1830hrs

Beach Bonfires: 122nd,126th,140th,143rd,146th

Sunday, June 25, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

Surf Rescue Academy II – Day 7, On the Job Training (OJT)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 46th Street / 126th Street

Tides: High: 1:29:00 PM
Low: 7:38:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: None



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Surf Rescue Academy II: Supervised Probation-Week 1-Assigned to Crews

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 44th Street / 124th Street

Tides: High: 2:22:00 PM
Low: 8:07:00 AM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach - Luca – 27th Street

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 44th,92nd,94th,107th,133rd, 135th,142nd



**Ocean City Baptist Church
FREE Dinners on Mondays
6:00-8:00pm
Opportunities for
Recruitment
See CC H. Cope**



UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

June 19	Weekly Meeting - Convention Center - CC 08:00 General Meeting 08:30
June 19	OCBP Ocean Series 130 th Street 1730hrs. All are welcome!
June 19	OCBPSRA - MARP Training 18:00 HQ
June 23	Pay Day
June 23	Fitness Friday-0800-27 th St.
June 24	Crew Chief Requalification Run & Swim- 08:30hrs Inlet Beach
	0930 - SRA II - Run & Swim Qualification
June 26	Weekly Meeting - Convention Center - 08:00 General Meeting 08:30
June 27	ACC Requalification Run & Swim Inlet Beach 08:00 Re-Cert.
June 28-July 1	Veteran Re-certification 8:00
June 29	Rookie Graduation - 07:30hrs
June 30	Fitness Friday-0800-27 th St.
July 1	SRA II Supper Seminar - Training Room -18:00hrs
July 3	Weekly Meeting - Convention Center - 08:00 General Meeting 08:30
July 5-8	Veteran Re-certification 8:00
July 7	Pay Day
June 7	Fitness Friday-0800-27 th St.
July 8	Annual Patrol Pictures – location to be announced.
July 8	Captain Craig Swim - 18:00hrs 14 th Street

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

OC Pride Parade	June 24	1100hrs	Boardwalk
ESA Summer Surf Series	July 8	0800hrs	Street TBD
Ocean Games - 9-mile Swim	July 15	1000-1730hrs	Caroline St-146th

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 3</u> 6/5/23 to 6/11/23	<u>Week 3</u> 6/6/2022 to 6/12/2022	<u>Week 3</u> 6/7/21 to 6/13/21
Action	2023	2022	2021
Preventions	4244	10698	8292
Rescues	53	293	297
Minor First Aid	53	110	167
Ambulance Calls	8	1	2
Police Calls	2	5	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0
Lost/Found Persons	22	7	8
Beach Wheelchairs	18	13	NA
North Surf Beach	11	59	NA
South Surf Beach	103	183	NA
Inlet Surf Beach	9	98	10
Smoking Enforcement	309	636	498

The Annual Captain Craig One Mile Swim

Online registration is now open for the Captain Craig Swim to take place on Saturday, July 8, 2023

For access, go to the Competitions page of the Beach Patrol Home Page on the Town of OC website.

Register now to take advantage of the reduced fee.

\$30.00 vs \$40.00 at event
It's as easy as that!



Inlet Lot Parking Validation Process

Give yourself plenty of time to enter the required information (you must know your plate information) into the Pay by Plate Kiosk and to be on the inlet beach and ready for the start of your activity.

- Go to a Kiosk-hit the yellow button-put your tag number in, then the provided validation code for that day and activity.
- Make sure that you ask for the printed receipt which you need to keep.
- That receipt-will be needed to void any ticket that you *might* get.
- These validation codes are only good for a specific date, time and activity.

This year's validation code is OCBP23



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2023 Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Liz Miller
Crew 2	Jeremy Cope
Crew 3	Hannah Cope
Crew 4	Alex Siegel
Crew 5	Torey Hurst
Crew 6	Jacob Cope
Crew 8	Anthony Basore
Crew 9	Katie Zgorski
Crew 10	Garrett Bavosa
Crew 11	CJ LaCasse
Crew 12	Chris Sanders
Crew 13	Luke Ramina
Crew 14	Tyler Khounsasknarath
Crew 15	Connor Lawrence
Crew 16	Jared Beauchamp
Crew 17	Dan Curry
Crew 18	Jake Foy
Crew 19	Katie Greiser

2023 Officers

Unit 2-	Captain Butch Arbin
Unit 3-	Lt. Mike Stone
Unit 5-	Lt. Skip Lee
Unit 6-	Lt. Ward Kovacs
Unit 7-	TO Paul Vassalotti
Unit 8-	Sgt. Tim Uebel
Unit 9-	Sgt. Steve DeKemper
Unit 10-	Sgt. Josh Wilder
Unit 11-	Sgt. Travis Wagner
Unit 12-	Sgt. Brent Weingard
Unit 13-	Sgt. Jamie Falcon
Unit 15-	Sgt. Colby Phillips
Unit 16-	Sgt. Damien Sanzotti
Unit 17-	Sgt. Jeff Brabitz
Unit 18-	Sgt. Ben Davis
Unit 19-	Sgt. Mat Postell
Unit 20-	Sgt. Jason Konyar
Unit 21-	Sgt. Bryan Clark
Unit 22-	Sgt. Adam Payne

2023 Assistant Crew Chiefs

Crew 1	Ethan Ritter
Crew 2	Kyle Zgorski
Crew 3	Everett Brown
Crew 4	Chris Barschow
Crew 5	Emma Bridges
Crew 6	Colton Houldsworth
Crew 7	Danny Granzow
Crew 8	Mo Johnson
Crew 9	Brendan McLaughlin
Crew 10	Gavin Greer
Crew 11	Jack Hodos
Crew 12	Harrison Duncan
Crew 13	Matt Moscynski
Crew 14	Max Coleman
Crew 15	Michael Young
Crew 16	Brianna Wasem
Crew 17	Amber Shearin
Crew 18	Fiona Coleman
Crew 19	Sara Reid

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USLA/OCBP 2023 COMPETITION SCHEDULE



June 2023

June 19 - Ocean Series - OCMD 130th St.
June 22 - Fenwick - Frisbee Competition
June 26 - Sea Colony
June 28 - Middlesex -All Women's



August 2023

Aug 2 - Lido Beach, NY-All Women's
Aug 3 - Middlesex
Aug 7 - Rehoboth Beach Jr Lifeguards
Aug 10-12- USLA Nationals-Virginia Beach, VA



July 2023

July 6 - DE State Parks
July 7 - Sea Colony Jr Lifeguards
July 12-USLA Mid Atlantic Regionals-Rehoboth
July 17- Dewey
July 18- USLA Mid Atlantic Regionals-Crafts NJ
July 24 - Bethany Beach
July 25 - USLA Mid Atlantic Regionals-NJ
July 27 - Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics



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VISION WITHOUT LIMITS

Hook Optics, a sponsor of protective eyewear for OCBP, will be here on Saturday, June 24th at 11:30 for any new employees for complimentary sunglasses or to address any glasses from last season in need of repair.



First scuba meeting is Tuesday, June 20 at 1815 at headquarters in the classroom. You can be in uniform; don't be late to change. This is an interest/orientation meeting (no commitment). Meetings will take place each Tuesday. After the first meeting, the class may meet in the classroom or at the pool at Harrison Hall (14th Street/Boards).

See Sgt Falcon with questions.

Class	\$275
Checkout Dives	262
Mask, Fins, Snorkel	150
Camping	20

PADI certification is for life.

Checkout dives are at Lake Phoenix in Rawlings, VA on Sunday, July 23 and Monday, July 24.



******OCBP Overtime pay announcement******

All employees receiving overtime pay will now see this itemized in their June 23 pay stub. The code will be HT(half time) and will be an additional line item on your pay stub.



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

I notice the lifeguards make everybody get out of the ocean before they leave, but people go back in after the lifeguard is off the beach. Why is that?

The Beach Patrol has known of or been involved with dozens of drownings and near drownings that have occurred outside our 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. “duty” hours or before our season starts (Memorial Day weekend) or after we are no longer guarding the beach (Sunday, September 24, 2023). Over 97 percent of all water-related deaths in Ocean City in the past 90 years have occurred while the Ocean City Beach Patrol is off duty. The single, strongest message that we try to impress on people is that they should stay out of the ocean when lifeguards are not on duty. Many times, we have been involved in cases where, if this simple rule had been followed, lives and families would not have been impacted by such a preventable tragedy. Clearing the water at the end of our shift may seem routine, but we never take the goal of this policy lightly. Before we started the policy of clearing the water of swimmers at 5:25 p.m., it was very possible that a swimmer could have entered the water while guards were on duty, only to turn around and find the stands empty and pulled back for the night. In most cases this would not be a problem. However, if the swimmer were to become caught in a rip current or experienced a medical emergency, the situation could quickly take a tragic turn, despite their intentions to swim only under the watchful eyes of the beach patrol. In contrast, by pulling everyone out of the ocean before we leave the beach, we know that those who enter the water during unguarded hours are taking that risk knowingly. The risk is great. Many of the 2,000 – 4,000 people who we rescue during guarding hours tell us that they never intended to go out that “far”. They do not make the connection to the fact that rip currents (the 2nd leading cause of weather-related deaths in 2021 in the U.S.) will pull a person from waist deep water to water that is over their head quickly and without warning. In fact, this year the number of Rip Current related deaths in the US are already surpassing any previous year and unfortunately Ocean City added to that statistic a few weeks before we began guarding the beach. These same currents that are the cause of 95% of all rescues we make during the day are also present before and after we are on our stands. The only difference is that when a person finds themselves in trouble before 10:00 AM or after 5:30 PM. there is no one to save their life and unfortunately it all too often has ended in tragedy. Ocean City wants to remain a fond family memory; however, for three years in a row a parent died attempting to save a child they allowed to go swimming before or after the guards were on duty. Do not be fooled thinking that as a parent you can protect your child and unfortunately this occurred again just last week when a parent in NJ had the same tragic fate. Following winter storms that have reconfigured the bathymetry (the “beds” or “floors” of ocean), we have had a busy start to our season with stronger and more frequent Rip Currents. For these reasons, we continue our efforts to educate the public, warning them of the dangers of swimming on unguarded beaches, and that we make sure people leave the ocean before we pull our lifeguard stands back and cross over the dune for the night. Although we do not “guard” the beach before 10:00 or after 5:30, we do have a small number of “mobile” patrols standing by should we receive a 911 call for a swimmer in distress from 8:00 AM till 8:00 PM. Having these trained and equipped, mobile rescue units already deployed saves valuable minutes in responding to someone who made the “POOR” decision to swim without a “lifeguard” and has found themselves in a life-threatening situation. There are quite a few “lucky” individuals who are alive today because of these “extended” patrols. Just don’t let it be you! And whatever you do, it is very important to remember, if you see someone in trouble in the ocean, do not attempt a swimming rescue, call 911 and remain on the scene until help arrives. Attempting a rescue usually adds an additional victim and you are best to be able to provide accurate information once help arrives.

Hence our slogan, “Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard’s in the stand.”

This is a reminder to never go in the ocean when the Beach Patrol is not on duty. As added protection for you and your family always locate the nearest stand with a guard and swim on that beach. Heeding this simple warning could save a life, yours!



Meet the Lifeguard: ACC Jack Hodos

ACC Jack Hodos has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. He is a member of Crew 11 and sits the stand in the north area on 75th street. Jack likes to work out and in his free time, he likes to read, play sports and train. In the off season he attended Towson University where he recently graduated. He is currently looking for a job in education which will allow him to return to the patrol for years to come.

ACC Jack Hodos 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 Jack, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. We will start testing for next summer this August. We pay (\$18.44 2023 rate) while we train you in our Surf Rescue Training Academy where all certifications will be provided and are offering a \$500.00 signing bonus. It's never too late to join our team.



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