



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, July 17, 2023 - Monday, July 24, 2023

Monday, July 17, 2023 – OIC PM 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
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 Tommy V to present
 paddleboard donation check.
LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRT I & SRT II starts July 25th

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 2nd Street / 70th Street

Tides: High: 7:52:00 AM
 Low: 1:54:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach- Encanto – 27th St. Movies start at dusk

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 32nd, 75th, 81st, 88th, 98th, 116th, 121st, 138th

*****REMINDER*****

**OCBP Picture Orders due by
Tues, July 18.**

Link for Pics:
<https://www.tomlurie.com/ocbp2023>

Link to Order:
<https://secure.zenfolio.com/tomlurie/Preorder661931741>

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	7/17/2023	7/18/2023	7/19/2023	7/20/2023	7/21/2023	7/22/2023	7/23/2023	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – OIC Lt Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRT I & SRT II starts July 25th

JBP Academy: Day 1- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs), Afternoon Session- Day 1- 13:00hrs- 16:30hrs

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / North Division St / 68th Street

Tides: High: 8:35:00 AM
 Low: 2:35:00 PM

Special Events: Lifesaving Museum-10am, Floor Hockey-19:30-Northside Park

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 31st, 33rd, 52nd, 63rd, 69th, 84th, 87th, 107th, 109th, 111th, 112th, 118th, 119th, 130th, 133rd, 146th

OCBP Floor Hockey!
 Tuesdays, July, 18th
 August 1st, 8th, & 15th

Northside Park- 19:30hrs
*Wear Your Athletic Shoes.No
Blades*



Contact Sgt. Weingard
for more details.



Wednesday, July 19, 2023 – OIC Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRTI & SRT II starts July 25th

JBP Academy: Day 2- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs (Instructors report at 07:30hrs),
Afternoon Session- Day 2- 13:00hrs- 16:30hrs

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 65th Street / 145th Street

Tides: High: 9:16:00 AM
Low: 3:15:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach- Lightyear – Carousel-118th St. Movies start at dusk

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 41st,59th,62nd,68th,71st,77th,83rd,92nd,94th,109th,111th,115th,120th,130th,133rd,144th,146th

Thursday, July 20, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRTI & SRT II starts July 25th

JBP Academy: Day 3- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs
(Instructors report at 07:30hrs),
Afternoon Session- Day 3- 13:00hrs- 16:30hrs

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 63rd Street / 143rd Street

Tides: High: 9:58:00 AM
Low: 3:56:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 52nd,62nd,67th,70th,84th,85th,107th,108th,109th,110th,120th,130th,145th

Friday, July 21, 2023-PAY DAY

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRT I & SRT II starts July 25th

JBP Academy: Day 4- Morning Session 08:00hrs to 11:30hrs
(Instructors report at 07:30hrs), Afternoon Session- Day 4- 13:00hrs- 16:30hrs

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 61st Street / 141st Street

Tides: High: 10:39:00 AM
Low: 4:38:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th 1930hrs

Beach Bonfires: 59th,74th,100th,142nd

Saturday, July 22, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRT I & SRT II starts July 25th

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 59th Street / 139th Street

Tides: High: 11:20:00 AM
Low: 5:22:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 92nd 1700hrs,59th 1800hrs and 1930hrs

Beach Bonfires:46th,50th,65th,75th,91st,100th,130th,133rd,145th

JBP One Day Clinic **Thursday afternoons**

July 20, 27,
August 3, 10,17
13:00hrs to 16:30hrs

Spread the word to kids ages 10-17 who go to the beach near you. This weekly one-day activity is perfect for kids who are interested in having fun and learning about lifeguarding. Pass out recruitment cards too!



Participants receive an official OCBP t-shirt, whistle, and sunscreen.

Seasonal Rental Housing Stipend

This is a \$250.00 stipend to off-set the cost of relocating and renting seasonal housing to work for the Beach Patrol. To qualify and receive the stipend you must meet the following criteria. The stipend will be paid once all obligations have been taken care of.

1. You must provide a copy of your seasonal lease with your name on it. It must include the specific dates of the lease, the amount of rent and the location of the property.
2. You must submit the "Seasonal Rental Housing Stipend" form with the lease attached.
3. You must complete the season as you agreed to and have worked a minimum of 400.0 hours.
4. You must have no monetary obligations to the Town or the Beach Patrol (equipment, ocbpsra purchases, entry fees, etc).



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Sunday, July 23, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: Next SRT I & SRT II starts July 25th

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

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

Tides: High: 12:02:00 PM
Low: 6:10:00 PM

Special Events: Sundaes in the Park 6:30pm Northside Park.

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

Beach Bonfires: 48th, 52nd, 56th, 62nd, 82nd, 89th, 109th, 138th



Monday, July 24, 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: Next SRT I & SRT II starts tomorrow July 25th

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

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

Tides: High: 12:47:00 PM
Low: 7:02:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach- Vivo – 27th St. Movies start at dusk

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 69th, 79th, 89th, 99th, 107th, 109th, 110th, 118th, 134th

JOLYN Swimwear
rep will be at the July 24th meeting for any female guards interested in purchasing off-Duty suits and looking at various products.

<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Week 7</u> 7/3/23 to 7/9/23	<u>Week 7</u> 7/4/22 to 7/10/22	<u>Week 7</u> 7/5/21 to 7/11/21
Action			
Preventions	10453	9111	19270
Rescues	307	121	540
Minor First Aid	197	181	329
Ambulance Calls	13	10	23
Police Calls	11	5	5
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	1
Lost/Found Persons	76	31	40
N. Surf Beach Population	44	192	NA
S. Surf Beach Population	242	146	NA
Inlet Surf Beach Population	8	46	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	44	26	29
Smoking Enforcement	540	419	555

Perk Alert reminder:
Any OCBP employee with MD residency can now receive the \$40 discount on the Annual State Park and Trail Passport. Cost reduced for first responders and emergency workers to \$35. You must submit your city photo ID and note in the application what SRT stands for so it matches your title on the ID. Pass is valid for all state parks including Assateague State Park. Unlimited park entry for a single vehicle with up to 10 people. Valid for one year.



UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 21	Pay Day
July 21	Fitness Friday - 0800 - 27 th St.
July 25	One Mile Run SRA II Basic - 0800 - 70 th St.
July 25	Two Mile Run & Managing Personnel SRA III Advanced – 0800 - Dorchester St.
July 26	Fins and Landline SRA II Basic - 0800 - 70 th St.
July 26	Quad Recert-SRA III Advanced - 1800 – Last chance to renew
July 27	Rescue Board SRA II Basic - 0800 - 70 th St.
July 27	Run/Swim/Run and Evaluating Personnel-SRA III Advanced – 0800 - Dorchester St.
July 28	One Mile Swim - SRA II Basic - 0800-70 th St.
July 28	200M Sprint and Operational Management – 0800 - Dorchester St.
July 28	Fitness Friday – 0800 - 27 th St.
July 29	Crew Competition – Talbot Street 1815hrs
Aug 4	Pay Day
Aug 8	One Mile Run - SRA II Basic--0800-DorchesterSt.
Aug 9	Rescue Board - SRA II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.
Aug 9	PEPSE 1 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk
Aug 10	One Mile Swim - SRA II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.
Aug 11	Fins and Landline - SRA II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.
Aug 12	PEPSE 2 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk
Aug 19	PEPSE 3 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

USSSA	July 18	Daily	Caroline Street
Marlin Fest	Aug 7-11	Daily	SE section of Inlet Lot and Beach
Volley for TBI	Aug 12	Daily	On the Beach 42nd-43rd St.
Surfers Healing	Aug 16	Daily	37 th Street
Beach Tennis	Aug 17-20	Daily	On the beach 4 th -10 th St.
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug 19	Daily	TBD
Powerboat Races	Aug 20	1200-1600hrs	N. Division to 142nd

SRT II Basic (round 2)

MUST BE OFF PROBATION

** All events will be held at 70th St. and the Beach
beginning at 08:00
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July 25 ... One Mile Run
 July 26 ... Fins & Landline
 July 27 ... Rescue Board
 July 28 ... One Mile Swim – NOTE: Capt. Craig Swim
 can substitute for this requirement. Registration and payment
 required.
 Other Requirements: 100 days worked after
 probation, NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, & IS-800

SRT III Advanced (round 2)

** All events (except quad cert) will be held at
 Dorchester St. and the Beach beginning at 08:00
 **

July 25 ... Two Mile Run & Managing Personnel
 July 26 ... Quad Recert (18:00)
 July 27 ... Run/Swim/Run & Evaluating
 Personnel
 July 28 ... 200 M Sprint & Operational
 Management

Other Requirements: 200 days worked after
 probation, Assist with Rookie Graduation,
 Communications Training (set up w/ Lt. Stone),
 Successful ACC Appointment

SRT II Basic (round 3)

MUST BE OFF PROBATION

** All events will be held at Dorchester St. and the
 Beach beginning at 08:00
 **

August 8 ... One Mile Run
 August 9 ... Rescue Board
 August 10 ... One Mile Swim – NOTE: Capt. Craig
 Swim can substitute for this requirement. Registration and
 payment required.
 August 11 ... Fins & Landline
 Other Requirements: 100 days worked after
 probation, NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, & IS-800



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**2023-2024 OCBP Testing Opportunities
Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation
(testing) for the 2024 Season**

August 9, 2023 (Wednesday) - Ocean City, MD
August 12, 2023 (Saturday) - Ocean City, MD
August 19, 2023 (Saturday) - Ocean City, MD
November 2023 (Saturday) Vanier/McGill - Montreal Canada
March - April 2024 (Sunday) - Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD
March-April 2024 (Sunday) - York College, York Pennsylvania
March-April 2024 (Sunday) - Richard A. Henson YMCA, Salisbury, MD
March-April 2024 (Sunday) - Arundel Aquatics Center, Annapolis, MD
April 2024 (Sunday) - Ocean Pines Sports Core Pool, Berlin, MD
June 1, 2024 (Saturday) - OCBP HQ Dorchester Street and the Beach,
Ocean City, Maryland



**USLA/OCBP 2023
COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

July 2023

July 17 - Dewey
July 19 - USLA Mid Atlantic Regionals-
Crafts Long Beach, NJ
July 24 - Bethany Beach
July 25 - USLA Mid Atlantic Junior Guard
Regionals – Cape May, NJ
July 27 - Rehoboth Lifeguard Olympics

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

OCBP offers safe, fun, inclusive group bike rides several times a week. Most group rides are Tues/Thurs and leave at 6:30am. Location is TBD but usually departs from HQ. Depending on weather, some ride days may change. Road or triathlon bikes are welcome and the ride distance & pace will be adapted for the abilities of the group. Helmets are mandatory. Join the OCBP Strava Club, OCBP Group Rides page on Facebook, or the OCBP Group Bike Rides GroupMe, to stay updated on upcoming rides. Contact SGT Wagner, CC Siegel, or CC Zgorski for more info!



Lena

Message

The lifeguard on duty today between the Capri and the Irene (the chalkboard said his name is Jake) was absolutely wonderful. He was super aware of his surroundings and was proactive about letting folks know when the waves were unsafe for boogie boarding and body surfing. He approached people about it very respectfully and professionally. Very impressive!



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Why do the lifeguards make people leave the beach when it is just thundering or a little bit of lightning?

The Ocean City Beach Patrol is in constant contact with the weather service and is always aware of the current weather situation. Recent developments in lightning detection and monitoring technologies give us more accurate and timely information on potentially dangerous developing cloud to ground lightning and we use this information to help assure you and your family's safety. With the launch of NOAA's most advanced weather satellites ever developed (GOES-R and GOES-S), in recent years, real-time lightning detection is more accurate and readily available than ever and will assist us in providing early warning of these deadly events. According to the National Weather Service, a long-term average of 43 people die from lightning strikes each year in the United States and hundreds more are injured, but that number has been continuing to trend downward thanks in part to increased awareness, safety campaigns, and growing accessibility of weather forecasts and warnings. Other important facts indicate that of all fatalities most occur in July and on the beach or near water.

Many times, weather conditions vary from one end of Ocean City to the other. It can be sunny and mild in the south by the boardwalk and lightening and showers just 9 miles north. In fact, there are many documented cases throughout the country of people being hit by lightning while the sun is shining (called a bolt from the blue). This phenomenon was recently featured on the Weather Channel and is far more common than previously thought. In fact, the National Weather Service has changed the recorded warnings that are transmitted on the Weather radio system when there is a threat of thunderstorms, to say "If you hear thunder, then you are close enough to be struck by lightning"!

The Beach Patrol is not only in constant contact with the weather service, but they have constant communication with each other up and down the beach as well. The Beach Patrol, like other modern emergency services, relies on two-way radio systems. However, they still use two systems that do not rely on any technology: whistle blasts and semaphore. The Beach Patrol's primary concern is your safety and will clear the beaches if it is not safe. There have been at least 10 documented cases of people who have been struck by lightning while on the beach (not in the water) in Ocean City with several resulting in death. While vacationing on the beaches in OC you may or may not notice the lifeguards communicating with each other, but please heed their warnings and leave the beach if asked to do so even if you do not see lightening. By complying with the directive of your Surf Rescue Technician to leave the beach immediately, you not only protect yourself but also allow our personnel to take safe cover without being delayed while trying to convince adults that it is unsafe to remain on the beach. We have had our own personnel struck by lightning and we need to keep them safe as well. With the constant monitoring of the weather and communication systems, your Surf Rescue Technician will be aware of dangers that you might not be able to see. A beach is listed as one of the most vulnerable places to be during an electrical storm, according to weather researchers. Just remember for your safety... "If thunder roars, GO indoors!"

To get current information about the beach patrol as well as daily stats and current beach conditions, you can follow the beach patrol on Instagram or "like us" on the Official OCBP Facebook page. We can't wait to be a part of your wonderful experiences in Ocean City, because we are glad you are here, and always remember to "Keep your feet in the sand until the lifeguard's in the stand!" As added protection for you and your friends, always locate the nearest stand with a guard and swim on that beach.



Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Tom Powell

SRT Tom Powell has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. He is a member of Crew 3 and sits the stand on 10th street. Tom is a United States Life Saving Association (USLA) member and a member of our competition team. In his free time, he likes to work on cars and ride motorcycles. He just graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice. While a student at West Chester he was a member of the swim team and is the Beach Patrol's fastest distance swimmer and just won the Captain Craig mile swim race for the second year in a row.

SRT Tom Powell 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 Tom, 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 too late for this summer but never too late to join our team. To learn more about this amazing opportunity ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians (Lifeguards) who can help you train or visit JoinBeachPatrol.com for training tips.



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