



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, July 3, 2023 - Monday, July 10, 2023

Monday, July 3, 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
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USLA ANNOUNCEMENTS: 08:45hrs
GENERAL MEETING: 08:50hrs
LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

OCBPSRA Certification: Mile Swim on Saturday, July 8, 2023 (must register and pay to participate)

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 30th Street / Marigot Beach(101)

Tides: High: 7:54:00 AM
 Low: 1:56:00 PM

Special Events: Movies on the Beach- Minions: The Rise of Gru – 27th Street

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 1800 hrs., 103rd St. 1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 33rd, 38th, 46th, 54th, 56th, 65th, 70th, 77th, 112th, 115th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 125th, 130th, 131st, 133rd, 135th, 136th, 142nd, 144th, 146th



Perk Alert
 Kirby's OCBP Wing special is back!
 Every Tues with your ID you can enjoy 10 for \$10 Wings at Kirby's Pub.
 94th Street and Coastal Highway

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	7/3/2023	7/4/2023	7/5/2023	7/6/2023	7/7/2023	7/8/2023	7/9/2023	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – OIC LT. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: Craig Swim counts for OCBPSRA Mile Swim

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 28th Street / Mid Plaza(97)

Tides: High: 8:47:00 AM
 Low: 2:49:00 PM

Special Events: Lifesaving Museum-10am, Fireworks, Northside Park and N. Division St.

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 35th, 39th, 43rd, 60th, 71st, 94th, 95th, 98th, 104th, 105th, 107th, 111th, 115th, 116th, 120th, 133rd, 134th, 139th



Wednesday, July 5, 2023– OIC LT. kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: Mile Swim this Saturday – 14th Street 6:30 PM

Veteran Recertification: Session V- Inlet- 10:00hrs- 17:30hrs- Participants will be notified. Minimal equipment includes buoy, flags, whistle, goggles, and first aid kit. Bring your fins if you have them. Syllabus includes run, swim, physical skills review, special topics, first-aid re-certification, and spinal cord management. *The training room will be open from 09:30hrs to 09:45hrs to secure your belongings. Check Text and E-mail for Inlet Lot Code*

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 26th Street / 94th Street

Tides: High: 9:41:00 AM
Low: 3:43:00 PM

Special Events: Paintball-OC Paintball and Sports Center 18:30

Movies on the Beach- DC League of Super-pets - Carousel Hotel 118th

Beach Weddings: Inlet-1930hrs

Beach Bonfires: 30th, 33rd, 81st, 94th, 98th, 100th, 103rd, 110th, 114th, 115th, 123rd, 126th, 130th, 131st, 133rd, 136th, 139th, 140th, 142nd, 143rd



18:30
\$40-Cash
\$42.50 CC
Price includes mask/goggles, gun, paint/air, suit/chest protector. See Sgt. Weingard with questions

Thursday, July 6, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: Mile Swim on Saturday, July 8, 2023 (must register and pay to participate)

Veteran Recertification: Session VI- Inlet- 10:00hrs- 17:30hrs- Participants will be notified. Minimal equipment includes buoy, flags, whistle, goggles, and first aid kit. Bring your fins if you have them. Syllabus includes run, swim, physical skills review, special topics, first-aid re-certification, and spinal cord management. *The training room will be open from 09:30hrs to 09:45hrs to secure your belongings. Check Text and E-mail for Inlet Lot Code*

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 24th Street / 92nd Street

Tides: High: 10:35:00 AM
Low: 4:39:00 PM

Special Events: Sgt. Phillips will be at HQ for equipment issues 17:30-18:30

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 54th, 94th, 105th, 109th, 110th, 118th, 133rd, 139th, 140th, 143rd



Friday, July 7, 2023-PAY DAY

OCBPSRA Certification: Mile Swim Tomorrow

Veteran Recertification: Session VII- Inlet- 10:00hrs- 17:30hrs- Participants will be notified. Minimal equipment includes buoy, flags, whistle, goggles, and first aid kit. Bring your fins if you have them. Syllabus includes run, swim, physical skills review, special topics, first-aid re-certification, and spinal cord management. *The training room will be open from 09:30hrs to 09:45hrs to secure your belongings. Check Text and E-mail for Inlet Lot Code*

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 22nd Street / 90th Street

Tides: High: 11:30:00 AM
Low: 5:38:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 145th St. 1630hrs

Beach Bonfires: 47th, 71st, 105th, 146th



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Saturday, July 8, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: Captain Craig Mile Swim - 18:30hrs 14th Street

OCBP Group Photos- 07:30hrs-Headquarters- Mandatory if working! SRTs & SBFs: Wear your best (clean) Red or Yellow Shirt; CCs: Wear your newest CC polo shirt; ACCs: Wear your best grey ACC polo shirt.

Veteran Recertification: Session VIII- Inlet- 10:00hrs- 17:30hrs- Participants will be notified. Minimal equipment includes buoy, flags, whistle, goggles, and first aid kit. Bring your fins if you have them. Syllabus includes run, swim, physical skills review, special topics, first-aid re-certification, and spinal cord management. *The training room will be open from 09:30hrs to 09:45hrs to secure your belongings. Check Text and E-mail for Inlet Lot Code*

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 20th Street / 88th Street

Tides: High: 12:27:00 PM
Low: 6:41:00 PM

Special Events: Annual Patrol Pictures 07:30 – location to be announced., Captain Craig Swim - 18:30hrs 14th Street

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 46th, 60th, 66th, 94th, 119th, 132nd, 136th, 139th

Sunday, July 9, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet CLOSED / 18th Street / 86th Street

Tides: High: 1:26:00 PM
Low: 7:45:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 48th, 63rd, 119th, 137th, 138th

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

Tides: High: 2:28:00 PM
Low: 8:08:00 AM

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

Beach Weddings: 59th St. 1800, 60th St.1900

Beach Bonfires: 30th, 101st, 115th, 133rd, 136th, 140th, 142nd

**Group Picture Day
July 8, 2022
Use QR code to
order or see page 6
to order online
**PLEASE SEE
PAGE 6 FOR
IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
ABOUT PICTURE
DAY*****

OCBP Floor Hockey!
Tuesdays, July, 11th, 18th
August 1st, 8th, & 15th

Northside Park- 19:30hrs \$5.00

Wear Your Athletic Shoes. No Blades



Contact Sgt. Weingard
for more details.



<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 5</u> 6/19/23 to 6/25/23	<u>Week 5</u> 6/20/22 to 6/26/22	<u>Week 5</u> 6/21/21 to 6/27/21
Action			
Preventions	5677	9256	7996
Rescues	143	250	278
Minor First Aid	49	102	215
Ambulance Calls	4	4	11
Police Calls	2	0	5
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	1
Lost/Found Persons	20	6	33
N. Surf Beach Population	152	27	NA
S. Surf Beach Population	337	441	NA
Inlet Surf Beach Population	161	7	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	15	24	23
Smoking Enforcements	171	279	625



American Ninja Warrior: Please tune in on Monday July 10th at 8pm on NBC to watch our own SRT Andy Friedman compete and represent OCBP!!

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

March - April 2024 (Sunday) - Salisbury University, Salisbury Maryland

March-April 2024 (Sunday)-York College, York PA

March-April 2024 (Sunday)-Richard A. Henson YMCA in Salisbury, MD

March-April 2024 (Sunday) Arundel Aquatics Center, Annapolis, MD

April 2024 (Sunday) Ocean Pines Sports core Pool, Ocean Pines

June 1, 2024 (Saturday) OCBP HQ, Ocean City MD

UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

July 3	Weekly Meeting - Convention Center - 08:00 General Meeting 08:30
July 5-8	Veteran Re-certification 10:00
July 7	Pay Day
July 7	Fitness Friday-0800-27 th St.
July 8	Annual Patrol Pictures – Headquarters
July 8	Book signing at OCBP HQ – 1:30 – 4:00 with Author Mark Landry
July 8	Captain Craig Swim - 18:30hrs 14 th Street – OCBPSRA requirement
July 14	Jet Drive Certification and Re-Certification 18:15 Headquarters
July 14	Fitness Friday-0800-27 th St.
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-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

Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

ESA Summer Surf Series	July 8	0800hrs	Street TBD
OC Swim	July 15	1000-1730hrs	Caroline St-146th



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Captain Craig Swim History

The Annual Captain Craig Swim is named for Robert S. Craig who served as the captain of the Ocean City Beach Patrol for forty years, from 1946 to 1986.

Bob Craig was born and reared in Wilmington, Delaware. Ocean City has always been an important part of his life. His father was a schoolteacher, and the family spent the summers in a cottage at the beach. He married a young woman from nearby Berlin, Virginia Lee Mason.

After attending the University of Pennsylvania, receiving an undergraduate degree with a major in languages and a master's degree in education, he still returned every summer to Ocean City to be on the Beach Patrol.

Craig's teaching career was in St. Louis, where he taught languages and mathematics to high school students and coached football, basketball, tennis, and golf. He and his wife settled into a year-round home in, of course, Ocean City. He remained Captain of the Beach Patrol, and once described himself as "probably the longest-term temporary employee the city ever has ever had."

Since Bob Craig started on the Patrol, it has grown to about 200 members. The guard towers continued their advance up the beach as the resort developed. Today, the Patrol covers ten miles of beach, from the Inlet rocks to the Maryland-Delaware line. It is equipped with 4-wheel drive vehicles, rescue watercrafts, Honda quads, walkie-talkies, and the familiar semaphore flags. Written by 1st Lieutenant Skip Lee, OCBP (c) 1998.



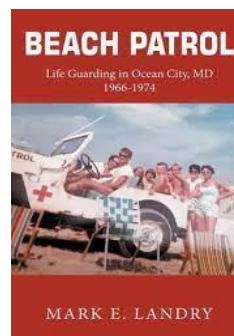
USLA/OCBP 2023 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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

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



Book signing with former OCBP guard Mark E. Landry and author of Beach Patrol Life Guarding in Ocean City MD 1966-1974:

- July 6th, Thursday, 10-12 AM Pam's Hallmark Store. Ocean Gateway (rt 50).
- July 6th, Thursday, 2-4 PM Ocean Pines Library
- July 7th, Friday, 10-12 AM Ocean City Library. 100th and Coastal Hwy
- July 7th, Friday, 2-4 PM Buzzed Word Bookstore, 118th and Coastal Hwy
- July 8th, Saturday, 10-1 Coast Guard Lifesaving Museum, Boardwalk and Inlet

Meet and Greet:

- July 8th, Saturday 1:30-4pm OCBP Headquarters



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SRT II Basic (round 2)

MUST BE OFF PROBATION

** All events will be held at 70th St. and the Beach beginning at 08:00 **

July 25 ... One Mile Run
July 26 ... Fins & Landline
July 27 ... Rescue Board
July 28 ... One Mile Swim – Capt Craig Swim counts

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 **

June 29 ... Rookie Graduation (Inlet 07:15)
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



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****IMPORTANT PICTURE DAY INFORMATION****

We have arranged to have the picture taken in front of the Beach Patrol Headquarters – 109 Talbot Street at 0730hours.

Parking is being provided by the Ocean City Development Corporation between Dorchester and Somerset Street. Please be sure to only take one space and fill in from West to east upon your arrival. We want to leave the spots closer to the beach open for paying customers. Everyone should wear their best & nice RED SHORT SLEEVED t-shirt. No Tank tops or long sleeved shirts. Crew Chiefs and Assistant Crew Chiefs should wear their new polos!! Crew 18 will be the first to load the bleachers with Jake sitting on the top row, Amber in front of him and then the rest of the crew in a single column in front of them...followed sequentially in that order until we get to Crew 1. Surfing Beach and JBPAI will sit on the second row of bleachers and the Officers and Office Associates will be in front.

There will be multiple pictures – One with Glasses on and one with Glasses off.

At the conclusion of the Group Picture, everyone should walk up Talbot Street to the Boardwalk and the waiting other sets of bleachers and Lifeguard Stands. There are many. Many groupings so PLEASE be sure to listen to the announcements. We will start the Crew Pictures with Surfing Beach facilitators followed by Crew 18 and ending with JBPAI.

All personnel must report into their crew chief ON-TIME and are not permitted to leave until released by Lt. Stone.

Remove your cars from the Parking lot as soon as pictures are over. No one has permission to park in that lot, even if participating in Veteran Recertification, for the day unless they plan to pay the fees to do so.



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OCBP Question of the Week for The Worcester County Times

I heard a lifeguard blowing his whistle and, when I looked toward him, he seemed to be waving flags at me, but I didn't understand what he was doing. There were people out in the water a lot farther than I was. Why would he want me to come in?

Members of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are trained to spot rip currents and many other hazards in the ocean that may cause a threat to the safety of swimmers. They are organized into crews of surf rescue technicians (SRT's), with each crew responsible for guarding a particular section of the beach. These crews do not rotate or change areas, although SRTs within a crew will work each of the stands assigned to that crew. While the same guard may not be on the same stand every day, a guard who knows that area will be on the stand. One of the primary tasks of an SRT is to try to move swimmers away from dangerous areas before they become panicked or tired. This is the 2nd part of our mission, "Prevention". Guards blow their whistles in the direction of the swimmers at risk and, after getting their attention, they try to direct the swimmers to a safe area. In this way, the SRT's are just like police officers directing traffic. They use one arm to point swimmers in a direction, and the other is used in some form of circular motion to encourage them to keep moving. Guards will continue the rotation motion until everyone is out of the hazardous area. An example of this is the stands on both the north and south side of the pier which often requires the SRT's to move people away from the pilings by blowing their whistle and directing them back to a safer area. Another, hidden hazard that comes and goes are large boulders that were part of a system of jetties (correctly called groins) in the 70's and 80's but have since been covered by sand until a strong current uncovers these underwater obstructions (spring storms often expose groins that may not have been seen for years). Many times, we need to move people just a few feet, but other times we must move them 5-15 yards. This is your SRT performing the second part of the Beach Patrol mission which is prevention.

Sometimes swimmers think that we are trying to talk to them in our flag language which is called semaphore (to learn more go to beachsemaphore.com). We know most people can't read semaphore, just as we understand that most swimmers cannot identify a rip current when they are in one. It only follows naturally that most will not be able to tell when they are out of danger. It is important that swimmers continue moving in the direction that the guard is pointing until the guard stops motioning with the flags. If they stop before they are out of the rip current, they will be pulled farther from shore, quickly tire, and need to be rescued. Our first priority is to keep all beach patrons safe, but we cannot control the ocean. When hazards exist where people are swimming, it is our job to guide them out of harm's way or when necessary to swim out and assist them back to safety. This is the 3rd part of our mission, "Intervention". Although, whenever a Surf Rescue Technician (Lifeguard) goes into the ocean for someone, it is called a rescue, most are preventative in nature before the victim is in fear or panics. When an SRT enters the water to assist someone they are performing the third part of our mission which is intervention. Our job is made easier when we have their patience, understanding and assistance. Remember, if you hear a whistle take the time to stop what you are doing and look toward the SRT who is attempting to get someone's attention. It might be you and if you need help, wave your arms over your head indicating to the SRT you need their assistance. You can feel confident knowing that the SRT's eyes are on you and will be at your side quickly unless you have made the unfortunate decision to swim before or after the "guards" are on-duty (when 98% of all drowning deaths occur in Ocean City). However, if you take our suggestion and check in with your SRT, they can explain the conditions of that beach on that day and can even explain and point out any rip currents, so you can avoid that hazard. You may also notice that your SRT will periodically call everyone on the beach together at their stand to give a safety talk that may also benefit you and your family (this is a unique service compared to most beaches and is the first aspect of our mission, "Education"). Even if you think you may have heard the "TALK" before you should take the time to listen again, because they will be talking about current conditions and that may be different than the day you heard the "TALK" before... better to be safe than... sorry!

If you are interested in the "lifeguard flag language" (semaphore), you can learn about it by visiting our website at www.oceancitymd.gov/ocbp and click on the semaphore link on the left side. 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!" 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 friends, always locate the nearest stand with a guard and swim on that beach.



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Meet the Lifeguard: CC Torey Hurst

Crew Chief (CC) Torey Hurst has been with the Beach Patrol for 4 years. She leads crew 7 and sits in a stand in the middle south area of Ocean City. Torey is a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) member. She likes to go scuba diving, competitions, and she is an EMT.

Last winter she was a lifeguard in Australia. This winter she will be attending school. For recreation Tory likes to do anything outdoors and active. She likes to ski in the winter, and she is a runner. Torey 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 Tory, 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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