



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of Monday, July 31, 2023 - Monday, August 7, 2023**

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**LIEUTENANTS' MEETING:** 09:45hrs

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8th

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 41st Street / 121st Street

**Tides:** High: 7:17:00 PM

Low: 12:46:00 PM

**Special Events:** Movies on the Beach-Rock Dog-27<sup>th</sup> St.- Movies start at Dusk

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 30<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup>, 115<sup>th</sup>, 119<sup>th</sup>, 130<sup>th</sup>, 143<sup>rd</sup>

**Important Last Day Info**

The End of Season/ Extended Employment Agreement form is available online on the OCBP website under "Employee Forms." It is due to Lt. Stone 2 weeks before your last day. Along with Proof of last day if you have not already sent it, or it has changed.



SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	7/31/2023	8/01/2023	8/02/2023	8/03/2023	8/04/2023	8/05/2023	8/06/2023	
Daily Assignment								<b>Totals</b>
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023 - OIC Lt Stone**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8th

**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 / 39th Street / 119th Street

**Tides:** High: 7:35:00 AM

Low: 1:41:00 PM

**Special Events:** Lifesaving Museum-10am, Floor Hockey-1930hrs-Northside Park

**Beach Weddings:** 92<sup>nd</sup> St.-1800hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 35<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 109<sup>th</sup>, 115<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup>, 121<sup>st</sup>, 124<sup>th</sup>, 142<sup>nd</sup>

**OCBP Floor Hockey!**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>

**Northside Park- 19:30hrs**

*Wear Your Athletic Shoes.No Blades*



Contact Sgt. Weingard for more details.



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### Wednesday, August 2, 2023

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8<sup>th</sup>

**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 / 37th Street / Fountain Head (117)

**Tides:** High: 8:29:00 AM

Low: 2:36:00 PM

**Special Events:** Berlin Education Station Safety Presentation-0900-1500hrs-N.Division-need roped off area and 10 umbrellas, Camp Horizon, Movies on the Beach-Lyle,Lyle,Crocodile-Carousel 118<sup>th</sup> St.- Movies start at Dusk

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 30<sup>th</sup>,33<sup>rd</sup>,48<sup>th</sup>,58<sup>th</sup>,64<sup>th</sup>,75<sup>th</sup>,81<sup>st</sup>,88<sup>th</sup>,98<sup>th</sup>,103<sup>rd</sup>,107<sup>th</sup>, 138<sup>th</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>

### Thursday, August 3, 2023

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 35th Street / High Point North (114)

**Tides:** High: 9:23:00 AM

Low: 3:30:00 PM

**Special Events:** Women's Dinner: Pizza Tugos West OC-time TBD

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 37<sup>th</sup>,87<sup>th</sup>,94<sup>th</sup>,107<sup>th</sup>, 110<sup>th</sup>,118<sup>th</sup>,138<sup>th</sup>,141<sup>st</sup>

### Friday, August 4, 2023-PAY DAY!

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8<sup>th</sup>

**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 / 33rd Street / Capri (111)

**Tides:** High: 10:16:00 AM

Low: 4:25:00 PM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 139<sup>th</sup> St-1830hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 111<sup>th</sup>,121<sup>st</sup>,131<sup>st</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>,145<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday, August 5, 2023

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8<sup>th</sup>

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 31st Street / Mid Atlantis(102)

**Tides:** High: 11:08:00 AM

Low: 5:23:00 PM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 139<sup>th</sup> St.-1800hrs, 128<sup>th</sup> St.-1830hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 30<sup>th</sup>,35<sup>th</sup>,47<sup>th</sup>,75<sup>th</sup>,81<sup>st</sup>,94<sup>th</sup>,111<sup>th</sup>,112<sup>th</sup>,117<sup>th</sup>,132<sup>nd</sup>,141<sup>st</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>,144<sup>th</sup>

### After Season Loyalty Bonus

**Beginning on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, everyone working will earn \$1.00 for every hour through Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be distributed after your final paycheck as a one-time Loyalty Bonus! We thank you for your continued service to the OCBP this Season**

### 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.

### Employment Opportunities

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation for next season will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 9, followed by our 2<sup>nd</sup> PEPSE on Saturday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> summer PEPSE on Saturday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>. Remember to mention these testing opportunities to potential candidates who you already know or who you meet on the beach. Registration begins at 09:00hrs. Orientation and assessments begin at 10:00hrs on the beach at Dorchester St.

**Please write the testing dates on your chalkboards!**



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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts August 8th  
**Work-out:** Swim Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts  
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 29th Street / Century I(99)  
**Tides:** High: 12:02:00 PM  
 Low: 6:23:00 PM  
**Special Events:** Sundaes in the Park  
**Beach Weddings:** None  
**Beach Bonfires:** 32<sup>nd</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, 120<sup>th</sup>, 128<sup>th</sup>



**Monday, August 7, 2023**

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**OCBPSRA Certification:** Next SRT II starts tomorrow, August 8th  
**Work-out:** Run Day - Crew Chief determines specific workouts  
**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 27th Street / Flying Cloud (95)  
**Tides:** High: 12:58:00 PM  
 Low: 7:26:00 PM  
**Special Events:** Marlin Fest-Daily-SE section of Inlet parking lot and beach, Movies on the Beach-Strange World-27<sup>th</sup> St.- Movies start at Dusk  
**Beach Weddings:** None  
**Beach Bonfires:** 58<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup>, 112<sup>th</sup>, 121<sup>st</sup>

**Recruiting is everyone's responsibility! Tell a friend, tell a friend's friend. Post on all your social media platforms.**  
[JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com)

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 9</u> 7/17/23 to 7/23/23	<u>Week 9</u> 7/18/22 to 7/24/22	<u>Week 9</u> 7/19/21 to 7/25/21
<b>Action</b>			
Preventions	10318	8379	5847
Rescues	114	43	56
Minor First Aid	233	118	190
Ambulance Calls	29	13	5
Police Calls	3	1	3
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0
Lost/Found Persons	35	40	46
N. Surf Beach Population	36	56	20
S. Surf Beach Population	81	288	36
Inlet Surf Beach Population	76	82	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	41	29	14
Smoking Enforcement	407	285	700

**Travel Incentive**  
**For Returning to Ocean City to work this fall**

After fulfilling your employment agreement and leaving full time with us this season, you may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement check when you return after August 13, 2023 to work.

Eligibility requirements include:  
 Must commit to work at least two days  
 Must drive your personal vehicle  
 Must travel from at least 110 miles away  
 Must present proof of travel  
 Must be scheduled to work



**UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS**

Aug 4	<b>Pay Day</b>
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**

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 <sup>th</sup> Street
Beach Tennis	Aug 17-20	Daily	On the beach 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> St.
ESA Summer Surf Series	Aug 19	Daily	TBD

**SRT II Basic (round 3)**

**MUST BE OFF PROBATION**

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

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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

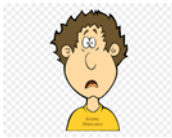


**USLA/OCBP 2023 COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

**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

**Don't let this happen to you!**



Anyone who leaves earlier than the date which he/she originally provided will be considered as quitting without notice and will unfortunately be required to return ALL OCBP issued uniform and equipment items, including bathing suits, hats, whistles, ID cards, and all items included in the consumable bags. Any items not returned will be deducted from your final paycheck and your direct deposit will be cancelled until we have verified that you have satisfied all debts with the OCBP and the Town of Ocean City. We expect every employee to fulfill their employment agreement.

**Please follow through on what you told the Beach Patrol you would do.**

**References and Recommendations**

Between seasons, we are often asked to complete references and recommendations. If the need for this arises, we ask that you make the request in writing. In that request, you should give any information that will help in creating the best possible recommendation. We will also 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; JBP, Camps, special duties, etc. We 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



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

**I heard a lifeguard telling a friend that the OCBP has already started to test for lifeguards for next summer (2024). Why are you testing now for next year? When are these tests being held? What does “testing” mean and what certifications do I need? They also said you were offering a \$500 signing Bonus.**

Because of the unique demands of the job, the Beach Patrol does not require or recognize certification or past experience with other agencies. All individuals seeking employment with the Ocean City Beach Patrol must present some form of Identification and pass an “English Proficiency” aptitude conversation. Following an orientation talk each candidate must **demonstrate the capacity to complete a 300m soft sand sprint in 65 seconds or less on the beach and complete a 400m ocean swim in 10 minutes or less.** Once they pass the run and the swim **candidates receive instruction, are provided the opportunity to practice, and then they are evaluated on the following skills:**

- Complete a buoy preparation training session and practice surf entry with a rescue buoy.
- Complete a series of simulated rescues with a rescue buoy.
- Complete a series of simulated rescues without the aid of a rescue buoy.
- Complete a victim transport training session and victim removal assessment.
- Complete a tower transport training session and a tower transport assessment.
- Complete a 125m running sprint with rescue buoy in at least 25sec (off-site).
- Complete a rescue medley of 150m run, 100m swim through the surf and 150m return run (on-site).
- Complete a deep-water physical skill evaluation of holds and releases.

**These physical skill requirements** make up the 10-phase pre-employment physical skills evaluation (PEPSE). Testing for the OCBP is offered in Ocean City and at select off-site locations during our off-season if needed. Once a candidate passes the physical skills test and a personal interview, he/she is appointed to a paid (\$18.44 2023 rate) Surf Rescue Training Academy. We hold two Surf Rescue Training Academies each season to accommodate individual needs the first begins on Sunday, May 19, 2024 with a second academy beginning Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. After passing a mandatory drug test, Surf Rescue Academy is an eight (8) consecutive day \$18.44/hour training program comprised of both physical skill training and development as well as classroom-based trainings, certifications and “On the Job Training”. Following the successful completion of Surf Rescue Academy, rookie Surf Rescue Technicians are assigned 3 weeks of on the stand supervised probation in a crew to continue instruction in all aspects of surf rescue and first responder skills, with a written review each week. Once the probationary period is completed the rookie will be recognized as a Surf Rescue Technician and receive an incentive award.

We have 3 Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluations (testing) scheduled this August starting on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The final 2 tests are on the next Saturday's, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Ocean City. If you are interested, please register on-line and check-in beginning at 9 A.M. at Dorchester Street on the Boardwalk. So that we may assist with housing and obtaining a J-1 visa if needed, try-out as soon as possible.

The reason we begin testing now is to take advantage of the great ocean conditions (warmer water) while recruiting those individuals who have spent a summer living and working in Ocean City. Some people do not consider trying out because they are under a misconception that they do not have the necessary credentials to seek employment as an ocean lifeguard. These tests are a great opportunity for our visiting J-1 students to secure a job with the patrol for next summer. As seasonal workers and visitors have met Surf Rescue Technicians who are currently working for us over the summer, they come to realize that we provide paid training and certifications in Surf Rescue Academy. Working as a Surf Rescue Technician is a possibility for them to have a job of significance that makes a real difference. Each candidate is required to pass all phases of the Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation which includes a personal interview and receive a recommendation from the evaluation team to receive an appointment to a Surf Rescue Training Academy. These potential recruits have already spent one summer in Ocean City and are familiar with the area and have already solved the problem of securing seasonal housing, although we do have some limited employee housing, we also have a housing referral program. Therefore, when they accept an appointment to a Surf Rescue Academy, they are most likely to follow through and actually accept the position the following season (we lose a few recruits each year to personal logistical concerns).

A major reason that we also start testing a year ahead is that we want to have the opportunity to attract and hire the best. With a national lifeguard shortage, we work year-round to assure that we have 100% of our positions filled each year, while many other local governments and beach patrols have to close pools, close beaches or reduce coverage. We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Surf Rescue Technician (lifeguard) to speak to the lifeguard on your beach, go to our website or contact Beach Patrol Head Quarters (410- 289-7556) and register for a specific testing opportunity. For specifics on requirements, test locations, dates, and times, please refer to our website [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com) and click on the “Employment” button or email [ocbp@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:ocbp@oceancitymd.gov). Remember... anyone can get a “job”... But with the Ocean City Beach Patrol, you will make a difference.



### Meet the Lifeguard: ACC Harrison Duncan

Assistant Crew Chief (ACC) Harrison Duncan has been with the Beach Patrol for 2 years, although like many of our SRTs, Harrison began his association with the Patrol while participating in the Junior Beach Patrol program. Because of his success in JBP he was able to pass the Pre-Employment Physical Skills Evaluation and attend Surf Rescue Academy at age 16 (1 year earlier than non JBP participants).

He is the ACC of Crew 12 and sits the stand on 86<sup>th</sup> street. The ACC is a one season leadership training position and requires the SRT to attend specialized training, before being appointed. In his spare time, he likes to surf, swim and workout. In the off season he will begin his freshman year at Towson University, and he is also a lifeguard at the Salisbury YMCA when not in school. Additionally, Harrison is a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation lifeguard, and he is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> SRT to have a mother who was one of the first women to join the patrol.

ACC Harrison Duncan 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 Harrison, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com). We will start testing for next summer this August and provide a \$500 signing bonus. We pay (\$18.44 / 2023 rate) while we train you in our Surf Rescue Training Academy where all certifications will be provided. It's never too late to join our team.



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# OCBP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As part of its mission to support the Ocean City Beach Patrol and the guards who serve, the OCBP Alumni Association announces its **Fourth Annual Scholarship Challenge**. The prize: a one time **\$500 College Scholarship** award to a current OCBP SRT.

### Who is eligible?

The Challenge is open to any current OCBP SRT in good standing, who is enrolled in or entering a 2 or 4 year college in the Fall of 2023. Applicants must be registered for classes.

### What is the Challenge?

A 500 word essay on the topic:

**"What is the most valuable lesson you will take from your time on the OCBP?"**

(450 minimum / 550 maximum.)

### How do you submit your essay?

Essays are to be emailed as a .pdf file to **Ward Kovacs (wkovacs@oceancitymd.gov)**.

Do not include your name on your submission file. Instead, title your file using your **birthday as the code**. For instance, if you were born on July 4, 2005 you would title the file "07042005". This is meant to avoid favoritism. Make sure in your email that Ward knows who you are.

### What are the judges looking for in an essay?

Your time on the OCBP has been a learning experience. What did you learn and how will you use it in life? Essays will be judged on ideas, presentation, grammar and spelling. Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification.

### What are the important dates to know for the challenge?

All submissions are due before midnight **August 9, 2023**.

The winning essay will be announced **August 15, 2023**.

The Scholarship prize will be issued immediately afterwards.

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## OCBP Alumni Association



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