



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, August 21, 2023 - Monday, August 28, 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023 – OIC Lt. Stone

“Loyalty Bonus” started Last Monday – earn a \$1.00 bonus for each hour you work through the end of the season. This will be paid after the end of the season.

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

CREW CHIEF MEETING WITH AREA SERGEANTS: 08:00hrs

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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: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / Caroline Street / 67th Street

Tides: High: 11:26:00 AM

Low: 5:41:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 54th, 115th, 138th, 146th



SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	8/21/2023	8/22/2023	8/23/2023	8/24/2023	8/25/2023	8/26/2023	8/27/2023	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, August 22, 2023– OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 66th Street / 146th Street

Tides: High: 12:09:00 PM

Low: 6:31:00 PM

Special Events: : Lifesaving Museum-10am

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 117th

2024 PAY RATES INCREASE

Although we do not have an exact amount of the increase, we have been assured by the City Manager that the starting SRT payrate will increase for next season.



Wednesday, August 23, 2023- OIC Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 64th Street / 144th Street

Tides: High: 12:58:00 PM

Low: 7:27:00 PM

Special Events: Berlin Education Station Safety Presentation: 0900-1500
N.Division St.-Roped off area with 10 umbrellas

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 37th,48th,82nd,83rd,119th



Thursday, August 24, 2023- OIC Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 62nd Street / 142nd Street

Tides: High: 1:55:00 PM

Low: 12:00:00 AM

Special Events: OC Jeep Fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 32nd,54th,60th,83rd



Friday, August 25, 2023- OIC Lt. Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet OPEN / 60th Street / 140th Street

Tides: High: 2:59:00 PM

Low: 8:23:00 AM

Special Events: OC Jeep Fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 50th,81st,89th,99th,112th,123rd,140th,145th,146th



Saturday, August 26, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 4:05:00 PM

Low: 9:25:00 AM

Special Events: OC Jeep Fest

Beach Weddings: 77th St.-1600hrs, 32nd St-1700hrs, 59th St and 92nd St -1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 48th,60th,77th,81st,99th,100th,115th,127th



Sunday, August 27, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification:None

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

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

Tides: High: 5:07:00 PM
Low: 10:29:00 AM

Special Events: OC Jeep Fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: None

After Season Loyalty Bonus

Beginning on Monday, August 14th, everyone working will earn \$1.00 for every hour through Sunday, September 24th. 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

Monday, August 28, 2023– OIC Lt. Stone

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OCBPSRA Certification:

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

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

Tides: High: 6:05:00 PM
Low: 11:32:00 AM

Special Events: OC Jeep Fest

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 100th

EQUIPMENT RETURN

You must return all issued equipment (except consumables) on your final day of employment. Please plan on having everything when you get off duty so you can come straight to HQ without delay...this includes a change of clothes. Prior to your last day, use the receipt you received when you checked-in to make sure you have all of your issued equipment and that you are returning the correct equipment! Sometimes roommates get their belongings mixed up. 😊 You will be charged for any missing equipment that was issued to you or equipment that can not be reissued (damaged).

AFTERSEASON ACTIVITIES

There are many activities and initiatives taking place here in Ocean City after our season ends that may include the need for Ocean City Beach Patrol personnel. If you are interested in being considered for these details, please let Lt. Kovacs know so when the beach patrol is contacted, we have the staff to recommend.

Events include:

- Ocean's Calling** – September 29 – October 1
- Ford Bronco Fest** – October 13-15
- Ocean City Sunfest** – October 19-22
- Winterfest** – November 16 – December 31

These events are in addition to the Extended Patrol Opportunities already in place.

<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 12</u> 8/7/23 to 8/13/23	<u>Week 12</u> 8/8/22 to 8/14/22	<u>Week 12</u> 8/9/21 to 8/15/21
Action			
Preventions	4183	5336	9155
Rescues	30	8	67
Minor First Aid	83	99	191
Ambulance Calls	40	8	11
Police Calls	2	0	5
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0
Lost/Found Persons	35	42	33
N. Surf Beach Population	8	163	29
S. Surf Beach Population	454	97	97
Inlet Surf Beach Population	6	96	11
Beach Wheelchair Usage	32	27	30
Smoking Enforcement	187	265	607



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Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

OC Jeep Fest	Aug 24-29	Daily	Inlet lot and Beach
ESA Summer Surf Series	Sept 2	Daily	TBD
Wine Fest	Sept 8-9	Daily	Inlet Lot
Bike Fest	Sept 13-19	Daily	Inlet Lot
Ocean's Calling	Sept 29- Oct 1	Daily	South Ocean City
Bronco Beach Bash	Oct 13 – 15	Daily	Inlet Lot
Sunfest	Oct 19 – 22	Daily	Inlet Lot

Travel Incentive For Returning to Work

After fulfilling your employment agreement and leaving full time with us this season, you may be eligible to receive a travel reimbursement of \$140 added to your paycheck if you return to the OCBP after August 13, 2023.

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 on the schedule and scheduled to work



If you are not returning to work after you complete employment, all equipment must be returned ASAP or the value of the equipment will be charged to you and/or deducted from your last paycheck. If you return your equipment after this date, the amount previously deducted will then be reimbursed but please know it may take up to four weeks for you to receive your reimbursement check. If you leave FT employment but are planning to return, you must leave your equipment in case something happens and you are not able to return.



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.



Recruiting Bounty Now Offered to all Town Employees!

To increase our recruiting opportunities the City manager has agreed to allow any City employee to receive the \$500 Bounty if they recruit someone to work for the Patrol next season.



OCBP Question of the Week for The Worcester County Times

I visited Ocean City this summer and saw a horseshoe crab on the edge of the surf. People were touching it and picking it up. Can horseshoe crabs sting you?

No. Horseshoe crabs cannot sting you. That sharp tail you are thinking of is called a telson. The horseshoe crab uses its telson to flip itself back on its feet. These animals, often called living fossils, are one of the "oldest" creatures on the planet. Horseshoe crabs are fascinating creatures that could very well save the human race. *Limulus Polyphemus*, as they are called in the scientific community, are actually a chelicerate arthropod which means they are much more closely related to spiders, scorpions, and ticks than they are to crabs. But that's not why they are important to humans. It's the blood of this prehistoric creature that scientists are most interested in because horseshoe crabs use hemocyanin to carry oxygen through their blood stream. Hemocyanin is very heavy with copper, this makes the horseshoe crabs blood blue. Their blood contains [amebocytes](#), which play a similar role to the white blood cells of vertebrates in defending the organism against pathogens. Which means that horseshoe crabs are practically immune to all bacteria, viruses, and cancers. This is why they are so valuable to humans and their copper rich blood has been valued as high as \$15,000 per quart, which makes it one of the most valuable liquids on earth. Scientists use their blood to detect bacterial endotoxins in medical applications. Horseshoe crab blood is considered an irreplaceable medical marvel and it is estimated that the biomedical industry is bleeding 500,000 of these horseshoe crabs each year. The blood is used to create an indicating agent that can detect bacteria that can withstand high heat and harsh conditions under which drugs and medical devices are sterilized and tested, like *Escherichia coli* ("E. coli"). We humans owe a debt to this odd looking, ancient creature and its blue blood. A special compound in the crab's blood quickly clots in the presence of endotoxins, microbial byproducts that can be harmful, supplying a perfect natural test for purity. Back in 2020, in the race to find a COVID-19 vaccine, horseshoe crab blood became even more important. Horseshoe crab blood was used to test the safety of potential COVID-19 vaccines, before any coronavirus vaccine was FDA approved for clinical use in human beings. The horseshoe crab test is required to make sure it is safe to inject into the human body.

In the future scientists continue to try to find a cure for cancer with the beautiful blue blood of the horseshoe crab. However, there's also a growing concern among scientists who study these magnificent creatures that the bleeding of these crabs may be endangering a creature that's been around since dinosaur days. Atlantic horseshoe crabs are found from Florida to Northern Maine with the largest populations in the Delaware Bay. Starting in May to early June, they swarm the beaches to breed and lay eggs, although they prefer the back bays of Ocean City over the ocean beaches. They arrive in huge numbers during high tides that coincide with the full moon or new moon. Females dig nests in the sand and bury a cluster of about 4,000 tiny, blue-green eggs, up to 20 times each year. So next time you see a horseshoe crab on the beach, be nice to it because it might just save us all one day. If you do see one on the beach and it is alive, do not pick it up by the tail. Instead lift it by the edge of its shell and release it into the deeper water so it doesn't end up beached again. The only time you will see our staff carrying it by its tail is if it is dead and they are disposing of it. You may also notice a "tag" on a dead horseshoe crab, which you should mail back following the instructions on the tag.



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Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Lucas Savart

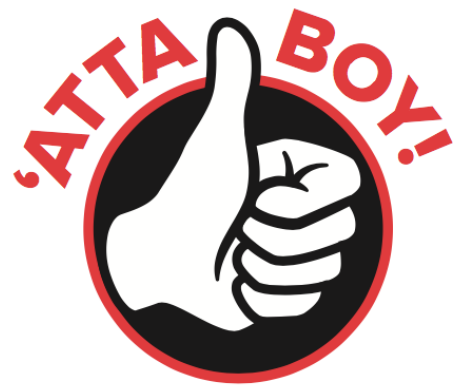
SRT Lucas Savart is in crew 10 and sits the stand on 64th street. This is his first summer with the Ocean City Beach Patrol. Lucas was recruited by other Ocean City Surf Rescue Technicians while working and training with them in Costa Rica. Lucas likes surfing. In the off season he lives in France where he is a Physical Therapist. Lucas is one of the eleven foreign workers hired this season (J-1 students).

SRT Lucas Savart and the other lifeguards of the Ocean City Beach Patrol are glad to answer all of your beach and water safety questions.

If you think you would like a position with the Patrol like Lucas, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at JoinBeachPatrol.com. We will be testing throughout the winter in various off-site locations for summer 2024. We pay (\$18.44 - 2023 rate -2024 will be higher) 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.



Today 8/14/2023 around 1 Pm my husband , my son and I were swimming between 37th and 38th Street . One minute the water was at our belly buttons and the next minute it was over our heads and we could not touch anymore. The lifeguards at those streets pulled us to safety. I asked them their names but I can't remember right now as I was very shaken. My son is only 6 and I don't know what I would do with out him and my husband. I wish I could do more than say thank you to them . They truly are hero's and we owe them our lives .



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