



OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week of Monday, August 28, 2023 - Monday, September 4, 2023

Monday, August 28, 2023 – 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

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

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 issued equipment mixed up. 😊

You will be charged for any missing equipment that was issued to you or for equipment that can not be reissued (damaged).

SRT Name	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	Crew #
	8/28/2023	8/29/2023	8/30/2023	8/31/2023	9/01/2023	9/02/2023	9/03/2023	
Daily Assignment								Totals
Rescues								
Preventative Actions								
First Aids								
Smoking Enforcement								

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – Lt Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 6:59:00 PM

Low: 12:32:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 100th



Keep your feet in the sand,
until the lifeguard's in the stand!



Wednesday, August 30, 2023 – Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 7:51:00 PM

Low: 1:28:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St 1900hrs, 131st 1830hrs

Beach Bonfires: None

Thursday, August 31, 2023 – Lt Kovacs

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 8:10:00 AM

Low: 2:22:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: None

Beach Bonfires: 54th, 118th

Friday, September 1, 2023-PAY DAY – Lt Stone

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 9:02:00 AM

Low: 3:16:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: Inlet 1800hrs

Beach Bonfires: 81st

Saturday, September 2, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

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

Tides: High: 9:53:00 AM

Low: 4:09:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St 1600 and 1700hrs

Beach Bonfires: 32nd, 41st, 46th, 50th, 51st, 54th, 61st, 63rd, 64th, 67th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 94th, 120th, 122nd, 123rd, 134th, 136th

Sunday, September 3, 2023

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 42nd Street / 122nd Street

Tides: High: 10:43:00 AM

Low: 5:04:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Bonfires: 39th, 40th, 47th, 63rd, 94th, 98th, 110th, 121st, 132nd, 143rd, 144th

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.

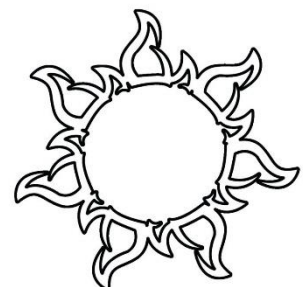
Official Beach Patrol Anetik Shirt

We will not be issuing the Dark Grey ACC shirts next season they will be replaced with the light grey.

**Returned issued Dark Grey Anetik shirts
Short Sleeve = \$25.00
Hoody = \$35.00**

New (never issued) Dark Grey Anetik shirts.

**Short Sleeve = \$30.00
Hoody = \$45.00**



Monday, September 4, 2023 LABOR DAY

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 (last chance)

CREW MEETING: 08:30hrs (Turn in individual stats,

Special Presentations with special guests

GENERAL MEETING: 08:30hrs

LIEUTENANTS' MEETING: 09:45hrs

Equipment Return – 1500 – 2000 (HQ ONLY)

OCBPSRA Certification: None

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

Surfing Beaches: Inlet Conditionally OPEN / 40th Street / 120th Street

Tides: High: 11:34:00 AM

Low: 6:02:00 PM

Special Events: None

Beach Weddings: 59th St 1730hrs

Beach Bonfires: 47th



<u>Stats.</u>	<u>Week 13</u> <u>8/14/23 to</u> <u>8/20/23</u>	<u>Week 13</u> <u>8/15/22 to</u> <u>8/21/22</u>	<u>Week 13</u> <u>8/16/21 to</u> <u>8/22/21</u>
Action			
Preventions	4772	5336	12118
Rescues	33	101	336
Minor First Aid	107	63	258
Ambulance Calls	19	12	21
Police Calls	2	0	1
USCG/MDNRP	0	0	0
Lost/Found Persons	47	29	14
N. Surf Beach Population	20	33	NA
S. Surf Beach Population	122	110	NA
Inlet Surf Beach Population	84	11	NA
Beach Wheelchair Usage	34	33	0
Smoking Enforcement	167	215	481

*****RENTAL REIMBURSEMENT*****

There is a \$250 stipend to offset the cost of relocating and renting seasonal housing to work for the Beach Patrol. To qualify and receive the stipend you must complete the "Seasonal Rental Housing Stipend" form, meet all the listed criteria, and submit the required documentation. You may return the form by E-Mail or in person. The stipend will be paid once all obligations have been taken care of. Use the QR code below or go to JoinBeachPatrol.com and click on the "Employees" tab and scroll down to the bottom of the page



Upcoming Town of Ocean City Special Events

ESA Summer Surf Series	Sept 9	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

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.

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



Important
Message

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.

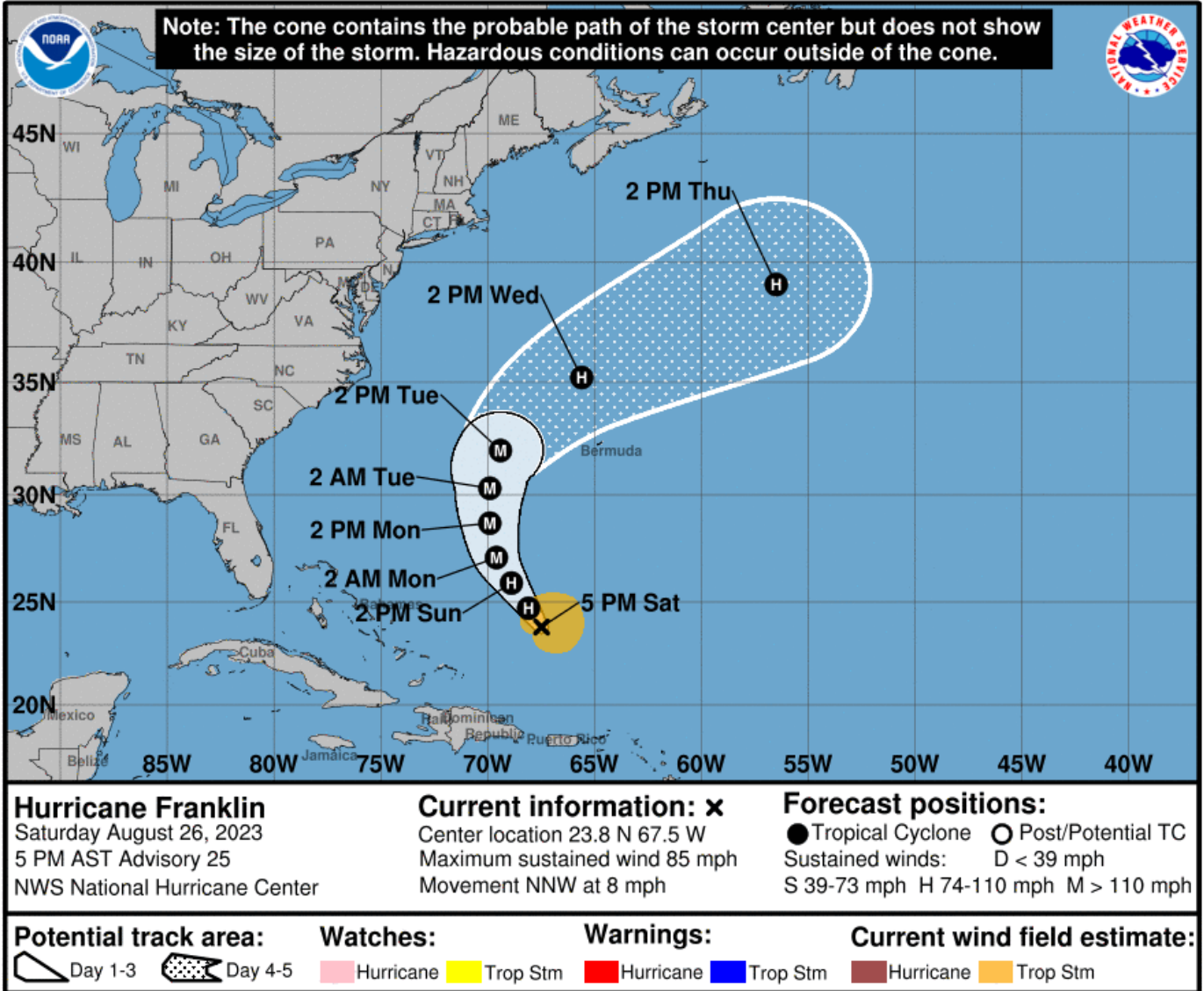


Recruiting Bounty Now Offered to all Town Employees!

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.



Important Weather Alert



The Purpose and Proper Use of Binoculars

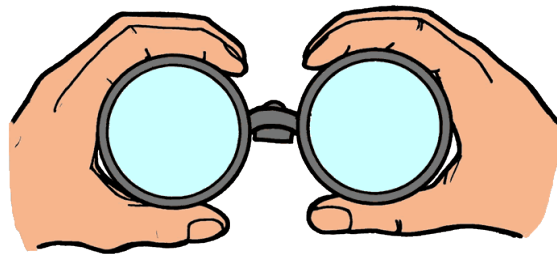
Binoculars are not useful for scanning since they have a very narrow field of vision, however, they do allow you to see a specific (something you spotted during your scan) distance object more clearly by making them look larger, as if you were seeing them from much closer.



Binoculars are only worthwhile if you can see the image in clear focus.

- Take your binoculars out of the case, and put the neck strap on.
- Remove the lens caps (all four) and if not tethered to your binoculars, put them safely into the case. This way, when you put binoculars away, you will know where the lens caps are (which protects the coated lenses from scratching)!
- Choose a stationary object to focus on and lift the binoculars to your eyes.
- Bend the central pivot/hinge until it matches the distance between your eyes and you only see a single image.
- You will need to calibrate the binoculars to match any differences in vision between your eyes:
 1. Close your right eye and turn the main focus dial until the image you see with your left eyes is sharp
 2. Close your left eye and this time instead of turning the focus wheel, turn the diopter dial instead (usually located near the right eye-piece) until the image is sharp
 3. Finally look through the binoculars with both eyes. The image should be perfectly clear.

From now on, all you need to do is turn the central focus wheel to focus on objects at different distances until the image is nice and sharp in your range of sight.



If you were not issued binoculars when you checked in you need to request them.



Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Emma Iorio

SRT Emma Iorio just joined the Beach Patrol this season, along with her younger sister Sophia. She is a member of Crew 8 and sits on 46th street. In her free time, Emma likes to read, practice Yoga, play pickleball and bake sweet treats. In the off season she attends the University of Delaware where she is studying Elementary Education with a concentration in middle school English. She is also a research assistant in the College of Education, working on a Fraction Sense Applied Economics project. Emma was this season's recipient of the Ocean City Beach Patrol Alumni Association's educational scholarship, which is awarded after an application process, to help offset the cost of post-secondary education.

SRT Emma Iorio 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 Emma, we will be testing throughout the winter in various off-site locations for summer 2024. We pay \$18.44 hr. (2023 rate) with an increase for 2024. 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.



I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how impressed I was with one of your lifeguards Eric, who was on duty today at 78th St. I observed him for several hours today and I can honestly say that I don't think that I've ever seen such an attentive lifeguard. There have been plenty of times over the years that I have seen lifeguards (IN OTHER STATES) on their phones, talking with friends and just not really paying close attention to the water. It was very comforting and added a sense of safety that was unparallel to previous experiences. This was my first day ever on a Maryland beach and it has left a wonderful impression!

I wanted to thank lifeguard Maddie and the male quad driver (graduate of Bethany College! Go Bisons!) who took care of me Friday, 8/18 on the beach in front of the Atlantis after I got hit by a rough wave and hurt my knee. I followed their advice and went to the ER as soon as we got home and I'm glad I did. Turns out I suffered an acute fracture of my right tibial plateau. I have a bit of a long recovery ahead. I wanted to thank your team for their great care and kind concern. Much appreciated! See y'all next year! But hopefully just from a distance.

Are we allowed to have tents or canopies on the Ocean City beach, I heard they are banned in Delaware?

Yes! Currently, you are allowed to have tents or canopies on the beach; however, the Mayor and City Council will be reviewing their use this fall.

The health and safety of all beach patrons is the top priority of the Ocean City Beach Patrol and protecting yourself from the sun is a big part of that. Renting or bringing your own portable covering to the beach creates a space where you are protected from harmful Ultra Violet radiation from the sun, not to mention a cool space on the hot sand to keep your feet from burning. In addition; Tents, Umbrellas, or other types of portable coverings are great for keeping all your family and beach gear together.

However, there are some important rules to remember when using your beach accessories. In accordance with Ocean City Town Ordinance Section 106-93 part 1, '...No beach umbrellas or ball paying shall be permitted eastward of [the lifeguard stands], and any other beach accessories located east of said line shall be removed at the direction of the respective patrolman if, in said patrolman's opinion, the location of said other beach accessory is such as to interfere with the duties of said Beach Patrolman.' In other words, any beach accessories, other than a towel or blanket, are not allowed anywhere in front of the lifeguard stands. The reason this rule is important is because the lifeguards need to have a clear line of sight between each stand so they can see what the guard next to them is doing as well as a clear running path in case of a water rescue. It also creates a safe place at the water's edge for everyone to walk, run, and enjoy the beach. Additionally, the SRT needs to monitor all beach activities therefore these beach appliances may not be fully enclosed. Sometimes the beach can become windy due to sudden changes in the weather. No matter what type of beach accessories you bring to the beach, they are your responsibility, so make sure they are well secured in the sand, so they don't blow away and injure someone.

If you leave the beach, please collapse umbrellas and secure tents and canopies, and don't set up before you plan to use these items. A lifeguard can explain how best to secure your tent or umbrella to keep it from blowing away, however, the beach patron is responsible for all their beach gear and making sure the gear does not harm any other beach patron. Since we are talking about tents, it's important to note that there is no camping on the beach. In fact, Ocean City Town Ordinance Section 106-113 prohibits anyone from being on the beach between midnight and 5:00am. So, feel free to bring your umbrella, tent or canopy.

One of the biggest complaints we receive has to do with people setting up multiple canopies hours before they are occupied at the front of the beach and not allowing a path to the water for everyone else. So please, be a good beach neighbor and do not take up more space than your family needs and don't set up before you plan to occupy the space, so that others may also share a piece of the beach. Always remember to remove anything you bring to the beach, leaving only your footprints, so everyone can enjoy our clean safe beach.



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