



# OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**Week of Monday, August 7, 2023 - Monday, August 14, 2023**

**Monday, August 7, 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 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: OCBP JBP Olympics – Rehoboth Beach, DE.** 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)

| SRT Name             | MON      | TUE      | WED      | THU       | FRI       | SAT       | SUN       | Crew #        |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
|                      | 8/7/2023 | 8/8/2023 | 8/9/2023 | 8/10/2023 | 8/11/2023 | 8/12/2023 | 8/13/2023 |               |
| Daily Assignment     |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |               |
|                      |          |          |          |           |           |           |           | <b>Totals</b> |
| Rescues              |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |               |
| Preventative Actions |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |               |
| First Aids           |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |               |
| Smoking Enforcement  |          |          |          |           |           |           |           |               |

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023-OIC Lt. Stone**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** One Mile Run - SRT II Basic--0800-Dorchester St., Two Mile Run -SRT III Advanced- 0800 Dorchester St.

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 25th Street / 93rd Street

**Tides:** High: 1:57:00 PM

Low: 7:34:00 AM

**OCBP Floor Hockey!**  
 August 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Northside Park-  
 19:30hrs**  
*Wear Your Athletic  
 Shoes.No Blades*



Contact Sgt. Weingard  
 for more details.



**Tuesday, August 8, 2023 (continued)**

**Special Events:** Lifesaving Museum-10am,  
Marlin Fest-Daily-SE section of Inlet parking lot and beach

**Beach Weddings:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 1800hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 30<sup>th</sup>,32<sup>nd</sup>,40<sup>th</sup>,58<sup>th</sup>,70<sup>th</sup>,86<sup>th</sup>,112<sup>th</sup>,121<sup>st</sup>,134<sup>th</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023 It's Test Day!**

**PEPSE 1 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Rescue Board - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 23rd Street / 91st Street

**Tides:** High: 3:01:00 PM

Low: 8:27:00 AM

**Special Events:** Feed the Lifeguards-HQ parking lot-1830,Camp Horizon-ALL DAY BEACH DAY-0930-1530,

Marlin Fest-Daily-SE section of Inlet parking lot and beach, Movies on the Beach-Minions-Rise of Gru-118<sup>th</sup> St.- Movies start at Dusk

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 38<sup>th</sup>,44<sup>th</sup>,46<sup>th</sup>,51<sup>st</sup>,61<sup>st</sup>,84<sup>th</sup>,107<sup>th</sup>,109<sup>th</sup>,110<sup>th</sup>,115<sup>th</sup>,120<sup>th</sup>,123<sup>rd</sup>,131st,133<sup>rd</sup>,134<sup>th</sup>,136<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** One Mile Swim - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.  
Run-Swim Run -SRT III Advanced- -0800-70<sup>th</sup> St.

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 21st Street / 89th Street

**Tides:** High: 4:05:00 PM

Low: 9:23:00 AM

**Special Events:** USLA Nationals-Virginia Beach, VA, Marlin Fest-Daily-SE section of Inlet parking lot and beach

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 32<sup>nd</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>,46<sup>th</sup>,52<sup>nd</sup>,58<sup>th</sup>,59<sup>th</sup>,62<sup>nd</sup>,82<sup>nd</sup>,93<sup>rd</sup>,98<sup>th</sup>,120<sup>th</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>,146<sup>th</sup>

**Friday, August 11, 2023**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** Fins and Landline - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.  
200M Sprint-SRT III-Advanced-0800-70<sup>th</sup> St.

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 19th Street / 87th Street

**Tides:** High: 5:04:00 PM

Low: 10:20:00 AM

**Special Events:** USLA Nationals-Virginia Beach, VA

Marlin Fest-Daily-SE section of Inlet parking lot and beach

**Beach Weddings:** Inlet 1730hrs



**Feed The Lifeguards**  
Cook-out and  
Fellowship, this  
Wednesday, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>.  
HQ Parking lot  
1830.



**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!**



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



**Beach Bonfires:** 30<sup>th</sup>,36<sup>th</sup>,43<sup>rd</sup>,46<sup>th</sup>,62<sup>nd</sup>,81<sup>st</sup>,94<sup>th</sup>,112<sup>th</sup>,143<sup>rd</sup>

**Saturday, August 12, 2023 It's Test Day!**

**PEPSE 2 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 17th Street / 85th Street

**Tides:** High: 5:55:00 PM

Low: 11:16:00 AM

**Special Events:** USLA Nationals-Virginia Beach, VAVolleyball for TBI-all day-42nd-43rd St.

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 48<sup>th</sup>,65<sup>th</sup>,79<sup>th</sup>,81<sup>st</sup>,86<sup>th</sup>,94<sup>th</sup>,110<sup>th</sup>,125<sup>th</sup>,139<sup>th</sup>,140<sup>th</sup>,142<sup>nd</sup>

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**OCBPSRA Certification:** None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet CLOSED / 15th Street / 83rd Street

**Tides:** High: 6:40:00 PM

Low: 12:07:00 PM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** None

**Beach Bonfires:** 40<sup>th</sup>,61<sup>st</sup>,99<sup>th</sup>,118<sup>th</sup>,139<sup>th</sup>,146<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, August 14, 2023**

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

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**FULL CREW CHIEF MEETING:** 08:15hrs

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**GENERAL MEETING:** 08:50hrs

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

**OCBPSRA Certification:**None

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

**Surfing Beaches:** Inlet OPEN / 13th Street / 81st Street

**Tides:** High: 7:21:00 PM

Low: 12:53:00 PM

**Special Events:** None

**Beach Weddings:** 59<sup>th</sup> St. 1800hrs

**Beach Bonfires:** 42<sup>nd</sup>,62<sup>nd</sup>,63<sup>rd</sup>,84<sup>th</sup>,90<sup>th</sup>,112<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**

**Important Last Day Info**

The End of Season/ Extended Employment Agreement was given to all employees last week and is available online on the OCBP website under "Employee Forms." It is due to Lt. Stone two weeks before your scheduled last day.



**USLA/OCBP 2023  
COMPETITION SCHEDULE  
August 2023**

Aug 7 - Rehoboth Beach Jr Lifeguards  
Aug 10-12 - USLA Nationals-Virginia Beach,  
VA



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## UPCOMING 2023 BEACH PATROL EVENTS

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Aug 8  | One Mile Run - SRT II Basic--0800-Dorchester St.        |
| Aug 8  | Two Mile Run-SRT III Advanced-0800-Dorchester St.       |
| Aug 9  | Rescue Board - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.         |
| Aug 9  | PEPSE 1 - 0900 - Dorchester St. and the Boardwalk       |
| Aug 10 | One Mile Swim - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.        |
| Aug 10 | Run Swim Run-SRT III Advanced-0800-70 <sup>th</sup> St. |
| Aug 11 | Fins and Landline - SRT II Basic-0800 Dorchester St.    |
| Aug 11 | 200M Sprint-SRT III Advanced-0800-70 <sup>th</sup> 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 | 42nd-43rd St.                                      |
| Surfers Healing        | Aug 16    | Daily | 37 <sup>th</sup> Street                            |
| Beach Tennis           | Aug 17-20 | Daily | On the beach 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <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.  
 August 11 ... Fins & Landline  
 Other Requirements: 100 days worked after probation, NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, & IS-800

### SRT III Advanced(round 3) **MUST BE OFF PROBATION**

\*\* All events begin at 08:00 See specific event for location\*\*

August 8... Two Mile Run- Dorchester St  
 August 10... Run Swim Run -70<sup>th</sup> Street  
 August 11... 200 M Sprint -70<sup>th</sup> Street

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



**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 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.**

| <u>Stats.</u>               | <u>Week 10</u><br>7/24/23 to<br>7/30/23 | <u>Week 10</u><br>7/25/22 to<br>7/31/22 | <u>Week 10</u><br>7/26/21 to<br>8/1/21 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Action</b>               |   |   |  |
| Preventions                 | 5226                                    | 5248                                    | 12244                                  |
| Rescues                     | 49                                      | 10                                      | 61                                     |
| Minor First Aid             | 170                                     | 74                                      | 461                                    |
| Ambulance Calls             | 21                                      | 6                                       | 13                                     |
| Police Calls                | 6                                       | 1                                       | 2                                      |
| USCG/MDNRP                  | 1                                       | 0                                       | 0                                      |
| Lost/Found Persons          | 20                                      | 25                                      | 25                                     |
| N. Surf Beach Population    | 6                                       | 34                                      | 90                                     |
| S. Surf Beach Population    | 135                                     | 267                                     | 45                                     |
| Inlet Surf Beach Population | 40                                      | 81                                      | 10                                     |
| Beach Wheelchair Usage      | 29                                      | 31                                      | 17                                     |
| Smoking Enforcement         | 350                                     | 242                                     | 1330                                   |



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

### **What are you doing with those flags?**

The Surf Rescue Technician's (SRTs = lifeguard's) flags serve two purposes. First, they are used in one of the three communications methods that the beach patrol uses to communicate with each other. This form of communication is called semaphore. Semaphore is a type of communication by which a person signals with two hand flags, moving his arms through various positions to represent letters, numerals and special signs. Semaphore is also used by the Scouts, Navy and Coast Guard to communicate over long distances (as long as you can see the other person). Although this method has been around for a long time, a major benefit to the beach patrol is that in an emergency or when a lifeguard is in the water, they do not need any electronics or technology to immediately update and communicate with each other. The majority of messages being sent between lifeguards are communications about lost and found individuals and potential dangers. Example:

LB N ADAM A ATE BLUE

Lost Boy Name Adam Age eight bathing suit color blue

Above is an example of one type of a message that SRTs send between adjoining stands. As you can see, to shorten the message we use many abbreviations, most letters also represent a full word (such as B = Boy, F=found, C= see, etc). This information is also transmitted by radio to the Town's communications center (911 center) for broadcast to other agencies and departments throughout Ocean City.

Note: We respond to approximately 1,000 cases of lost and found individuals in a typical season (this is a reduction over previous years due to our education of our beach users) with a 100 percent return rate. Ages have ranged from 1 year old (how can you lose a child that can't walk?) to 98 years old. Most lost individuals are between 4 – 10 years old. Once we are aware of a missing individual it usually takes under 10 minutes (60 – 70%) to reunite the family (98% are returned within 20 minutes). Please let children know that if they are lost, to immediately go to the nearest lifeguard and not to try and locate you on their own and as parents follow the same advice. To learn more about semaphore, visit the beach patrol website, [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp) ; click on the semaphore alphabet link. Thanks to a rookie from 2020 we now have an interactive website dedicated to learning and having fun with semaphore.

The other two communication methods used by the beach patrol are a whistle system and two-way radios. The whistle system uses 1, 2 or 3 blasts. One blast is used to get attention, so if you hear a whistle look to make sure they are not attempting to get your attention, even if you are sure that it isn't you (because it may be). If you hear 2 quick whistles that is an indication that the SRT is preparing to make a water rescue, watch and see what they do next. Three quick blasts is a signal to all other SRT's that they need immediate help, and is usually a life threatening emergency. One method you will never see being used is a cell phone. The Beach Patrol has a very strict policy that prohibits our personnel from even having a cell phone with them and turned on, so that they do not have any unnecessary distractions from their primary responsibilities.

The second use of the flags is to direct beach patrons out of harm's way. Although we do not expect any of our beach patrons to understand this signaling system, we also use the flags to indicate and point to our visitors. The SRT may point at you and direct you to move in a particular direction or to stop an activity such as ball playing in the water. This gentle signaling may be all it takes to warn and move you out of potential danger, such as rip currents, dangerous shorebreak or even marine life such as we see with whale sightings and other aquatic life. So, remember, when an SRT whistles and points, locate them and make sure they are not trying to tell you something. This action also allows your SRT to remain in the stand, rather than having to get down and speak directly to you, which takes away from their primary responsibility which is scanning the water for potential problems.

Interesting note: The popular "modern" peace sign is really the combination of two semaphore letters and was designed by Gerald Holtom for the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in 1958. The vertical line in the center represents the flag semaphore signal for the letter D, and the downward lines on either side represent the semaphore signal for the letter N. This combination of N and D stands for Nuclear Disarmament



### Meet the Lifeguard: SRT Zachary Melhorn

SRT Zachary Melhorn in crew 2 and sits the stand on Talbot Street. This is his 4th summer with the beach patrol. Zac likes powerlifting, running and competitions. Zach just graduated from Penn State with a degree in Enterprise Risk Management, where he was also a member of the Power Lifting Team. In the off season in addition to his academic studies, he is also a chem officer in the Army.

SRT Zachary Melhorn 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 Zac, ask any of our Surf Rescue Technicians or visit our website at [JoinBeachPatrol.com](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com). We will start testing for the 2024 season 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](http://JoinBeachPatrol.com) for training tips.



I'd like to thank all the great lifeguards and staff for their great professionalism and care Sunday 7/23. I sustained a neck injury diving into a wave. Your staff worked like a machine and once alerted got me the care I need in an amazing amount of time. I think from the time I exited the water on my own to the time I was in a ambulance was about 20 minutes. I did break my c 5 but am expected to make a full recovery. Again you have an amazing staff.



I just wanted to send a comment and thank the OCBP for the many years of service to myself, my family and countless others. We have vacationed in OC my whole life, but currently are at another East Coast beach town. Not to knock others, but your life saving operations go above and beyond when compared. From Jetski rescue to paddleboard guards, your commitment is top notch and I simply wanted to say thank you to all lifeguards, but especially in the 8th Street area. You are appreciated.!



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