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## John P. Dunnigan Photography

Don't forget professional photographer John P. Dunnigan did our professional group pictures and was at Crew Comps and various other events and got some amazing shots. You might remember he put some crew comp shots on a DVD with music that we watched at the banquet and the last few Fall meetings at City Hall. You can still purchase the DVD for \$10.00 and you can view his work at

<http://jpdphotography.com>

Choose from wallet to poster size. Also, tons of really cool merchandise available with your fav photos on them such as playing cards, coasters, stickers, key chains, jewelry boxes etc. . " Parents love to get pictures of their children as gifts, especially awesome Beach Patrol shots. Email John if you have gift giving ideas that include photographs of the Beach Patrol. [johndunnigan@comcast.net](mailto: johndunnigan@comcast.net)

## Announcements

### Tickets for Winterfest Express on Sale

Submitted by: Kristin Joson

There is always something to enjoy in Ocean City, no matter what the season. Make plans to visit the Winterfest Village at Northside Park, 125th and the Bay. You will see dazzling lights that will be sure to put you in the mood for the holiday season. While at the Winterfest Village you can enjoy hot chocolate, board the Winterfest Express and sing Christmas carols. There is shopping available at the Yukon Cornelius Gift Shop. You can even have your picture taken with Santa! He will be available for photos every night until Thursday, December 23. The Winterfest of Lights is open from November 18, 2010 until January 2, 2011. The hours are: Sunday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 for those 10 years and older, and free for those 9 years and younger. For more information, you can call 1-800-626-2326 or the Ocean City Department of Recreation & Parks at 410-250-0125.

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meats and dairy sources, vegetables, organic fruits, nuts, whole grains and olive or avocado oils. Avoid high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils, corn oil, peanut oil, soybean oil and refined flour. As inches come off your waistline, your health will improve and your performance should peak in the summer of 2011 when working for the best beach patrol in the world.



### Thank You!

The Ocean City Beach Patrol would like to thank the following businesses/publications for helping to save lives by getting our safety messages out:

- The Dispatch
- Ocean City Today
- Worcester County Times
- The Daily Times
- The Beach Guide
- The SeaBoard



This is one of many safety tips that Jake Robinson displayed for us to help us keep the visitors and beach patrons of Ocean City safe. Thanks Jake!

# OCBP Chapter of USLA

## Happy Holidays from the USLA Chapter

Submitted by: Sgt. Ryan Cowder

I would first like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday! I hope that all of you are able to spend quality time with friends and family during the season.

During the course of the off-season, the USLA Mid-Atlantic region holds three regional meetings. Typically, they occur in October, December and March and are held at various locations throughout the region to change the traveling time for those interested in attending.

This fall, the October meeting was held in Bethany Beach. Rick and I were able to attend and have some great information to share with the chapter. While there, we received numerous compliments about how well the Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition was conducted this year, and how much they would love to return to Ocean City, MD for a repeat performance. The biggest compliment was that the people of Ocean City (our guards, the employees of the Grand Hotel, and spectators in general) were incredibly hospitable. Everyone felt very welcomed while they were in town.

It was no surprise then when competitions came up in the agenda for the meeting, that many people looked at Rick and I. I quickly threw a hand up, and claimed that Ocean City was interested in hosting the non-crafts competition again. I also mentioned that I had already spoken to Rehoboth Beach and that they were fine with a repeat in OC. Having already had a meeting with Captain Arbin, and knowing that he was very supportive of hosting it again, I was able to promise another great competition venue in Maryland. It went to a unanimous vote immediately and we were awarded the event.

Several other items were discussed during the meeting including water education, national meetings, the Lifeguard magazine articles, current membership, etc. One of those items that may be of interest to you was the membership kit. For the past two years, the region has supplied red (2009) and yellow (2010) backpacks. For next summer, the region is thinking about doing towels. Obviously, this is still in the beginning stages, but at least it would be a new item that has not been done in a while. In fact, Rick mentioned that he got a towel once from the USLA early in his lifeguarding career, if that gives you any indication about how long it has been.

Now that we have the competition set to come back to Ocean City, we need to make sure that we exceed expectations once again. This includes hosting a professionally organized event as well as repeating as champions. We can no longer use the sneak attack from the quiet OC team like we did last year. We now have to charge, since we know full well, that everyone there can clearly see the bull's-eye on our back. For example, no one expected us to show up, let alone show up with 15 competitors to the craft event in Long Branch last summer. In saying that, the time to begin training is now!

Let me also bring your attention to another item that will have implications for our comp team next summer. The USLA National Competition will not only be on the East Coast, but will also be in our "backyard"! Cape May, NJ is a short ferry ride across the Delaware Bay, and we are planning on sending as many competitors as possible. Unlike Regional's, where competitors

score points for their agency, the points at Nationals count towards the chapter. This means that many of the Delaware patrols will join forces to become the Sussex chapter to score nationally. This means that we really have our work cut out for us, since we are the only agency in our chapter. The good news is that since we are such a big agency, we have a tremendous amount of talent. We also have an unbelievable number of alumni that could return and compete with us. At the national event, points are awarded to the master's as well in every five-year age group. The top ten still score in the open just like the regional competition. This means that if we want to have a great showing, we need to take several open competitors and even more masters. So, please, encourage the alumni to participate!

On the first weekend in December, I will be traveling to Cape May, NJ for the next regional meeting. If you have any ideas, concerns or questions for the region, please send them to me before Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Again, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season, and I look forward to competing with you again (in the warm sand and salt water) in a few short months. Train hard and don't forget about the bull's eye.

### Mark your Calendars!!!

July 13th - Mid Atlantic Regionals (non craft) in Ocean City, MD

July 20st - Mid Atlantic Regionals (crafts), Location TBD (possibly Long Branch, NJ or Cape May, NJ)

July 23 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lt. Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run at Surf Ave. in OC, MD

July 25th - Mid Atlantic Regionals Junior Guard Championships, Location TBD

July 27th - National Park Service 27th Annual All-Women Lifeguard Tournament in Sandy Hook, NJ

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> - USLA National Lifeguard Competition in Cape May, NJ

**Captain's Note:** I am proud to say that under the current chapter leadership the Ocean City Beach Patrol chapter of the USLA is not only alive and well but it is exceeding all expectations in its young life. To come so far and not only host the Mid-Atlantics after giving it up so many years ago, but then becoming the regional champion is an amazing accomplishment. In support of this summers effort to send as many competitors to the USLA Nationals as possible we have moved the Annual Crew Competition one week earlier. Let's all work together and train together to make this a memorable competitive season.



Our official Ocean City Beach patrol Chapter Logo created by Josh Giambalvo.

# Calendar/Important Dates

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*We're on the Web*  
[www.ococean.com/OCBP](http://www.ococean.com/OCBP)

**December 4– 11** Beach Patrol Budget Preparation

**December 27-31** Beach Patrol Budget Presentation to Director

**January 1** Penguin Plunge, Mayor's Open House

**March 5, 6** Strategic Planning Weekend

**April 4** Mailing of Spring Newsletter

**April 29**—Employee Agreements due back

**May 21– 22** CC paper work

**May 15—21** Opening Set up

**May 22—29** SRA I

**May 22—27** Returning Drug Test

**May 25—27** Paper work Equipment pick up for veterans

**May 28** 7:00 am Prayer Service and First Day Guarding

**June 11** - Pre-Employment Ocean Test

*For a complete, up- to- date 16 month calendar click on the Employee Calendar link on the home page of the Beach Patrol website*

## OCBP WEB [www.ococean.com/ocbp](http://www.ococean.com/ocbp)

Our web presence has gone through many changes throughout the years and continues to evolve. Bill Funkhouser has been instrumental in the conversion from the old site to the new. Others have also worked with our web editor to make it as informative and user friendly as possible. People use our website as a tool to learn more about the OCBP, beach/water safety and as an OCBP employee resource. If you visit the site and see information that needs to be updated or if you have an idea or contribution for the web page, please contact our Web Editor/Public Relations Coordinator, Kristin Josen at [kjjoson@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:kjjoson@oceancitymd.gov)

The mission of the Ocean City Beach Patrol is to provide for the safety and well-being of the beach patrons of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, who participate in beach and ocean-related activities. This mission includes **educating** the public, **preventing** potential accidents, and **intervening** when necessary and appropriate, both on the beach and in the adjacent Atlantic Ocean waters. The Patrol intends to fulfill its mission by:

- Recruiting the most highly qualified candidates.
- Employing qualified individuals for administrative and educational positions, competent surf rescue technicians, and public-minded surfing beach facilitators.
- Training personnel with the most current information, technology and equipment.
- Outfitting personnel with current, well-maintained, and appropriate equipment.
- Upholding the highest standards of professionalism; to present knowledgeable, capable, and reliable Surf Rescue Technicians to the general public.

### Important, Important!!!!

- In order to insure your W2 and your tax refund get to you, contact City Hall with any corrections on your permanent address.
- Also contact Debi if your phone number, mailing address or email address changes. [DebiOCBP@aol.com](mailto:DebiOCBP@aol.com)
- You should contact or cc Kristin with your email address change so she can keep the website updated and current

*Discover an ocean of Fun!*