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the
Bucket & Buoy
the rehire edition



CPR 2012

**Tentative Dates*

**Saturday, June 16 @
Jones Beach, West Bath
meeting room**

**Saturday, June 23 @
Jones Beach, West Bath
meeting room**

**Wednesday, June 27 @
Robert Moses field 4**

**Thursday, June 28 @
Sunken Meadow East
pavilion**

**Saturday, June 30 @
Jones Beach, West Bath
meeting room**

**Saturday, July 7 @ Jones
Beach, West bath meeting
room**

**Monday, July 9 @ Hither
Hills**

***All of our classes will be dated
July 11, 2012-July 11, 2013. If you
have an expired certificate and
require an earlier date to start
working, YOU MUST ATTEND
THE FIRST CLASS.**

A Message from Your Lifeguard President

Welcome back! The summer of 2012 is here at last!

We hope the new testing venue was a good choice. The change from running in the parking lot at NCCC to a track was a long time goal of mine. I thought the potential for injury was ever-present and switching to a facility with a track was in everyone's best interest. Swimming in a deeper and faster pool was also a plus. The locker rooms at SCCC are smaller, but hopefully it worked out well for everyone. Now that everyone has successfully re-qualified, the fun and excitement of another summer working the best job of your life begins again!



Our elusive struggle to obtain a fair and equitable wage increase is still moving forward, albeit, at a snails pace, but still moving forward. Over the winter your Negotiating Team met directly with the Chief Negotiator for NYS (a first), and the UUP Negotiating Team is now negotiating with him. We expect that a settlement with UUP is forthcoming, and that our 10-year struggle for what is rightfully ours, will be over soon.

Bruce Meiowitz, the President of the NYSLC, will further elaborate on the contact situation in his letter to you in this issue of the Bucket & Buoy.

We do not expect any large changes to our operations this summer. We have met locally with management and continue to move forward in a mutually cooperative manner. Issues that affect both sides have been discussed, and in most cases resolution has been agreed to.

This summer we should expect the same number of lifeguards, and the same facilities to be open. Some adjustments to staffing levels at some of our facilities are anticipated. Sadly, West End 2, JB Field 1 and the East Bath House Pool will still be shuttered to the public. Weekend beachgoers at Jones Beach will again be forced to crowd the sands and tax the facilities and lifeguards. As usual we will safeguard them to the best of our abilities. Governor Cuomo has substantially increased funding for long over-due capital improvement projects for parks all over NY, including LI, but there is no increase in funding for operations, and that would be needed to re-open those facilities. West Bath House Pool will see some sorely needed renovations, probably starting next year.

We have been working with management to expand our in-service training. A plan is being formulated now, and a series of seminars, most likely at your work site, will take place this summer. More on this as the plan is developed.

The perennial depletion of sand from RM 4&5 continues, but this year there was no sand replenishment program in place. The beach is fine at low tide, but high tides or waves may create problems for these popular beaches. Your Union has continued to meet monthly since last summer. Our meetings are generally the second week of each month. All members are invited to attend. As usual each beach needs to elect a representative and alternates to attend meetings and properly represent your interests. Please make sure to elect someone responsible who is interested in ensuring the continuation our great traditions.

Engagements!

**Mike Eberhardt & Fiancee Jana
Kyle Esquirol & Kristin Martingale**



IMPORTANT LIFEGUARD DATES!

**Lifeguard Draft
Saturday June 9th**

West bathhouse
Meeting room at
6pm

**New Hire Exam
Sunday June 10th**

Tell all your non-
lifeguard friends to
join the family!
7am Suffolk CC

**CPR Dates
See all dates above**

You know the drill!
Pick a date, pay &
show up! No CPR
means no work!

We are planning a special combination Invitational Lifeguard Tournament combined with our Inter-Beach races. This event is the first of its kind and for it to be successful we will need participants and volunteers. Please do your part! Our traditional Union sponsored T-Shirt was distributed today at the re-hire test site. This is something new also. We thought that it would be a great idea to be able to wear the shirt all summer, rather than wait till the end to give them out. So enjoy it, and wear it proudly. I wish to thank Tommy Darnaud (RM5) for once again, designing, printing, and distributing our T-Shirts.

The USLA National Lifeguard Tournament will again be held in Cape May, NJ on August. 8th through the 11th. The JBLC tied for 5th with Long Beach Lifeguard's last year, and we are hoping to do a lot better this year. I participated last year and it was a great experience. Please consider signing up as a USLA member and racing. It is a great opportunity to compete against the best lifeguards in the USA, and lifetime friendships ensue, I can attest to that. We will of course be planning some sort of party this summer, and I am sure our Party Chairman, Rob Cornacchia, will be planning something special.

Executive Board Secretary, Ron Roaldson, has resigned his position, and the Board and the elected representatives have approved the appointment of Bob Adler (RM3) to replace him. I wish to thank Ron for all the input and efforts that he contributed during his tenure. Bob has been dedicated to our union for many years and will be a real asset to the Corps. Thanks to both for stepping up!

That's it for now... See you all on the beach!

Tom Donovan
President. Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps

13 members of the JBLC flew down to Ft. Lauderdale Florida the last weekend of April to work the annual Ft. Lauderdale Air Show. Despite that one day it rained cats & dogs the boys of summer managed to have a great time while kickin off an early start to summer 2012!



Lifeguards Needed!

NYC Olympic Distance Triathlon July 8th

Ironman U.S. Championship August 11th

I am looking to hire about 20 Jones Beach Lifeguards to work the NYC Triathlon on Saturday July 8th & the first ever NYC Ironman Triathlon August 11th. 3,000 triathletes will be braving the currents of the 74 Degree Hudson River between 5:50am-9am. Pay will be \$150. Serious Inquiries only... I cannot afford to have you leave me hanging on race day with 3,000 lives at stake. If you are interested please email me at jonesbeachguard@gmail.com. Copies of CPR/State Lifeguard ID Card required.

Junior Lifeguards 2012

The Junior lifeguard program will be starting Sunday, June 24th 2012 & run through through Sunday, August 5th at the East Bathhouse pool 8-10am. We are always looking for extra lifeguard help!

Try-outs for the 2012 season will be open only to incoming 10 year old children. We will have 20 spots available in this age group. Places will be determined by the top qualifying times in the 100 yard swim. We have already reached our quotas for all other age groups and will unfortunately not be able to take any new children for the 2012 Season. Anyone who was NOT previously in the program please check back in 2013. All other groups are already filled to capacity.

Any questions can be directed to Scott Riegel at seafire124@aol.com.

LI Express Masters

Long Island Express Swimming is proud to announce the addition of our new team – Express Masters! Express is a member club of USA Swimming, training at the Hofstra University Swim Center. Now in its 25th year we have become a member of US Masters Swimming as well, and have a program for adults. Just as our youth program, we offer professional instruction for the novice swimmer as well as the National caliber athlete. 10% off for all Jones Beach Lifeguards! Visit us online at www.liexpressmasters.com



Paradise Pic-Cards....a new App created by our very own Natalie Sokol

Former Jones Beach Lifeguard Natalie Sokol has launched at new app called “Paradise Pic-Cards”. Inspired by the beauty of her every day surroundings you can quickly upload and personalize a picture card. Proceeds from this are being donated to several different charities. You can download the app from the Apple App Store online or visit paradisepiccards.webs.com



U.S. Masters Swimming Certificate of Club Membership

Club Number: 62-031

Club Name: *Long Island Express Masters - LIEM*

Is Registered With the: *Metropolitan Local Masters Swim Committee*

For the Year: 2012



Natalie Sokol
U.S. Masters Swimming President

NYS LIFEGUARD CORPS



A Message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for the 2012 season and bring you up to speed as to what the union has been doing to represent you.

The fall started out with our bi-annual representative assembly meeting held at Danfords Hotel in Port Jefferson N.Y. We approved the suggested revisions to our by-laws and the 2012 budget. Matthew Hout was appointed to the Second Vice-President position to fill the vacancy until the next election. Matt has been a chief lifeguard in the Niagara Region for over twenty years. The Executive Board is pleased to welcome Matt and have direct input from that region. We plan on holding our next Executive Board meeting this summer. The New York State Lifeguard Corps will hold a Representative and Executive Board election this September. You must be a registered member in order to vote in the election, and on the contract. Membership applications are available on the web site nyslifeguards.org or directly through NYSUT / UUP membership services 800-342-9810.

Negotiations have been an ongoing process for the entire fall and winter. Our negotiating team met with the Governors Office of Employee Relations and the Chief Negotiator in November to discuss our retroactive agreement. There was no closure at that time and we look to continue negotiations soon. In addition, the team met with the UUP Negotiator on a

frequent basis to firm up our requests for contractual language. We are committed to continue negotiations until we can offer our members a settlement that reflects the superior job we all do. UUP is currently negotiating a prospective agreement from 2011 moving forward.

As president of the NYSLC, I was invited to give testimony to the New York State Legislative Committee for Public Safety. This was an oversight analysis and investigation committee as it applies to the budget. I addressed the need to maintain lifeguard staffing and the need to complete negotiations.

The TLC (Train, Learn, Compete) program had a very successful start last summer. Eight recipients from multiple regions across the state visited the Long Island region. This year the program will expand to a grant application process. Applications will be available on-line through our website nyslifeguards.org and can be filed electronically. We are looking to give members the opportunity to apply for financial aid for advance training, certifications and equipment.

If you need further information or wish to discuss Union issues I can be reached at Brucemeiro@yahoo.com

I look forward to meeting you on the beach this summer.

In solidarity
Bruce Meiorowitz

JBLC Invitational

The Jones Beach Lifeguard Corp is proud to announce the 1st Annual JBLC Invitational Lifeguard Tournament! Despite numerous efforts to revive the JBLC inter-beach race tradition, attendance over the last few years has been extremely poor so with summer of 2012 about to begin we have decided it is time to try something new. The JBLC invitational will be an exciting one day lifeguard tournament which will invite local teams from LI, as well as New Jersey, Delaware & Maryland will be held at the East Bathhouse Ocean on July 17th. We are currently working on the structure for setting up the best tournament possible for both our invited guests as well as our own lifeguards. As you can imagine, it takes a very large group of lifeguard volunteers to run such an event. That said, we have set up committees to help us thin out the amount of work that needs to get done and we are asking for your help. If you want to get involved...NOW is the time! If you are interested in being on a committee, please email tournament director Cary Epstein at jonesbeachguard@gmail.com. We will of course keep you posted on our progress and how to register to compete.



Lifeguard Competitions & Joining the United States Lifesaving Association



The USLA has been working hard this winter to schedule the summer of 2012 Lifeguard Competition Circuit. If you still haven't been to a lifeguard tournament you are missing out on some great fun! Try something new this summer & join us! This year's Regional Lifeguard Championships will be taking place on July 11 (non-craft) back in Rehoboth Beach, DE & July 18- Regional Championships (craft events) in Long Branch, NJ. July 25- All-Women's Tournament will take place in Sandy Hook, NJ, & finally August 9-11- National Lifeguard Championships in Cape May, NJ. In order to compete in any of these tournaments you must

you must first become a member of the JB chapter of the USLA. Membership is \$40. You can register online today at www.usla.org and click the "membership & benefits" link. \$30 will get charged to your credit card and your \$10 chapter dues should be paid to Cary Epstein USLA JB Chapter President. If you have any questions regarding membership you can contact jonesbeachguard@gmail.com. Members receive a subscription to American Lifeguard Magazine as well as receive discount on sunglasses, swim fins, car rentals & many other items.