

SOUTH BETHANY BEACH PATROL
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Our lifeguards have had a busy season!

Captain Ryan Dacey, who has been with us for 13 years, responsibly managed 33 full and part time lifeguards, many of whom returned from prior seasons of service.

In addition to their expert patrol of our beach to ensure safety of our beachgoers, the South Bethany Beach Patrol had six of its lifeguards attend the USLA National Lifeguard Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA in August. While competing in their individual events, and competing for Sussex County as a whole, all guards earned high points in their races, giving Sussex County a 5th place overall finish in the nation.

Ben Chandlee, competing for his age group, had three 1st place finishes in the paddle board race, the 2K beach run, and the Ironman race.

Caroline Hamilton had an overall 9th place finish in the nation in the women's open surf race.

Tyler Dorsey, Ruslan Kopunek, Phil Kopunek, and Claudia Guay all competed together in the open landline rescue race, finishing 1st overall in the nation.

All guards did an amazing job representing themselves and the South Bethany Beach Patrol. Congratulations to all!

The Beach Patrol also participated in a bicycle safety program with our Police Department on Route 1 to help educate attendees on the importance of safety practices and procedures.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done, all!

Last night our Fenwick Chamber presented Town Manager Melvin Cusick with a \$500 check to the Town to supplement lifeguards on duty after Labor Day. The event was well attended with our neighboring towns and our legislators Senator Gerald Hocker and Representative Ron Gray. Senator Hocker once again generously donated food for this event.

South Bethany Beach Patrol members named Ruslan Kopunek the Lifeguard of the Year for 2016. Ruslan is proud of this achievement and says, "I love just helping people when we finally get to do our job."

Town Manager Melvin Cusick presented Ruslan with a \$250 check from the Town. This should come in handy as he prepares to embark on law school studies this fall.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done, Ruslan!

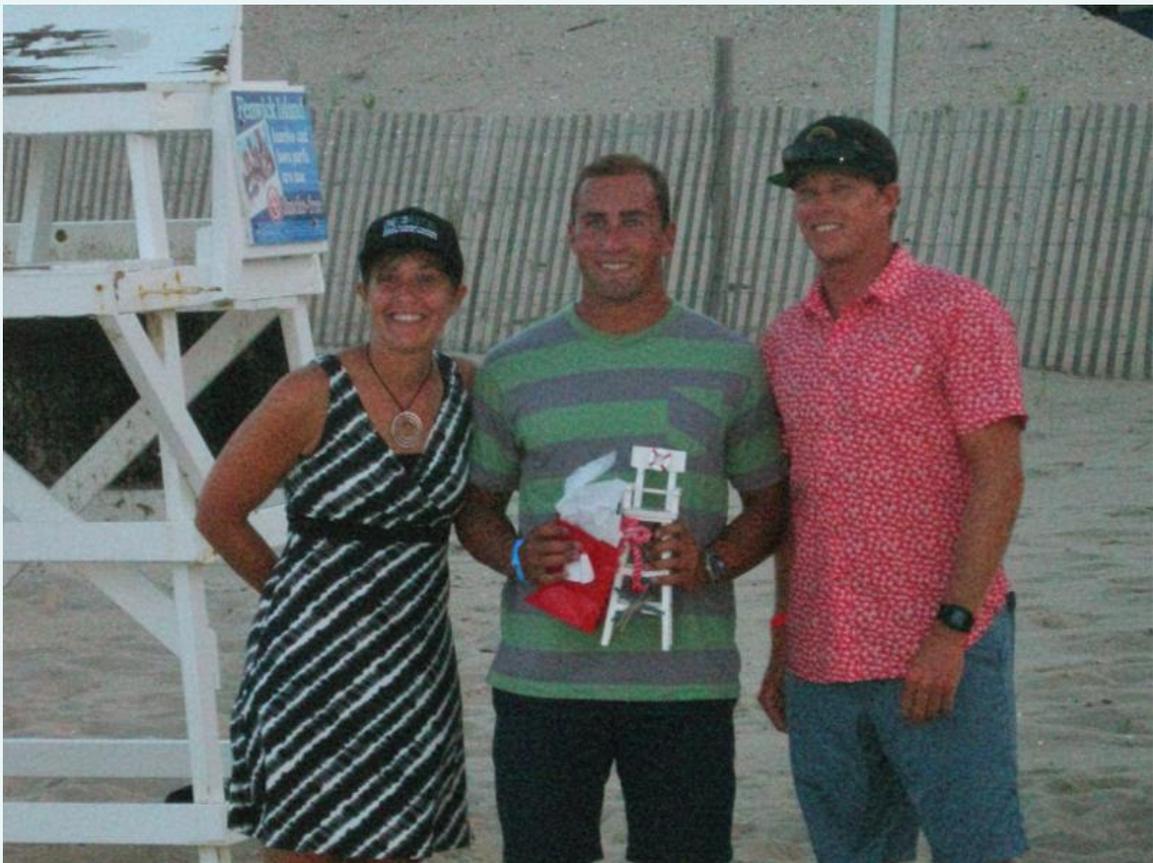
As we wind down yet another wonderful summer season in our memory making environment, let's offer thanks and appreciation to the beach patrol who keep a watchful eye and stay ready for rapid response to assist our beachgoers. They shoulder a heavy responsibility of safety and must remain ever mindful of this.



USLA National Lifeguard Championships in Hermosa Beach, CA



SB Lifeguard of the Year Ruslan Kopunek (middle)







Bicycle Safety Checkpoint



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