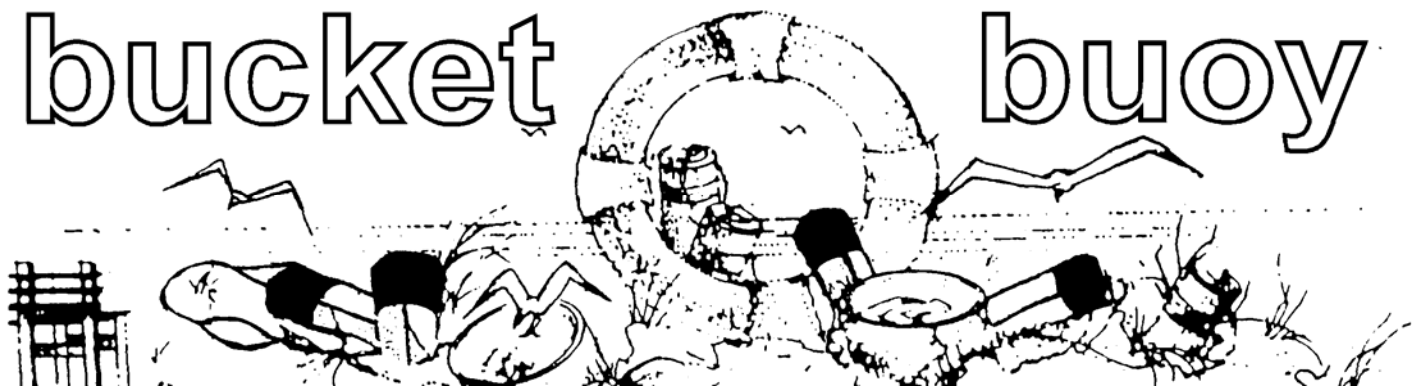


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Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

June 24, 2007

Last night Ed Peters hosted a party honoring departing Captain Jay Lieberfarb. It was a bitter sweet affair paying homage to Jay (who many consider the father of our Union) and his 49 years of service, cut short this year by a two tenth of a second discrepancy between a Coordinator's watch and the official Captain timer's watch. (The Captain had Jay under 1:20 and the Coordinator had him over – whose watch do you think the State took?)

Scores of Jay's friends showed up and watched as Ed Peters and Bob Lenti presented Jay with a plaque acknowledging him as the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps' "**Most Senior Captain**".

After a few minutes of speechlessness (a once in a 49 year occurrence for Jay) Jay then gave a speech about his love for the Lifeguard Corps and the need for the Union to stick together during these trying and difficult days. The talk could not have been more relevant or timelier.

This week has not been a good one for the members of our Union. We have seen a Captain writing up a Lieutenant (and former Union President) for disagreeing with the Captain (that's being a good Union man, Bob) another Captain forcing the removal from his beach of another lifeguard (the current acting Union President) supposedly because he "hurt his feelings" by something he wrote in the "**Bucket & Buoy**" and an eight year lifeguard not being allowed to come back to work this year and losing his beach spot all because he came to the rehire late due to the recent death of his grandmother.

As management's arbitrary and capricious decisions start to affect more and more lifeguards the message is starting to come across. You could be next! And without a Union to protect you there is nothing you can do about it. Yet lifeguards pay almost \$300,000.00 a year in dues to the paper tiger NYSCOPBA.

Many lifeguards have questioned my decision to stand up to managements' whimsical rules. That decision has cost me the beach in what would have been my fortieth year. It has cost me a job I have held dearer than any job I have had in my life. The only explanation I can give was put into words many years ago by a Mexican freedom fighter Emiliano Zapata. When asked why he carried on a fight against what appeared to be such overwhelming odds he simply stated "**I would rather die on my feet, than live on my knees.**" I think he had something there. We only get to go around once in this life. And in my book doing that go around "**on your knees**" sucks.



Jay Lieberfarb and his "Most Senior Captain" Plaque

JR. LGS. 2007 – AND YOU

By Steve Levy

Since its inception in the late 1990's, our Junior Lifeguard Program has become one of the preeminent programs in the country. This year, some 250 girls and boys will participate in the once-a-week program beginning today, 8-10 AM at the EBHO.

To refresh your memories, the program offers real lifeguard training for 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15-16 year olds. However, we cannot continue to deliver the same level of top-notch training without the presence of lifeguard leadership. The program runs for eight weeks and includes several local and regional junior lifeguard

competitions culminating with the Nationals (*for which Bob Adler's financial and time commitment cannot be underestimated*). But we are in dire need of more lifeguards to work the program on Sunday mornings – **in pay status**. The only requirement is that you be able to make 75% of the training days and be there on time.

In return, what you'll find is how much fun it is offering your experience to the Juniors. Years of experience are far less important than being excited about imparting your knowledge about lifeguarding and the ocean to our future generations of lifeguards.

So please stop by the EBHO on Sunday mornings or contact the following to become part of the training team: Scott Riegel (516-698-8104) at F6, Bob Adler (516-672-1050) at whatever field he is banished to, or Steve Levy (203-216-6226) at F6.



Last years' Juniors learning the art of Beach Flags

RISING SEAS = NO BEACHES

By Andrea Thompson – Posted on AOL: 2007-06-22 22:07:00

(June 22) - You may have to kiss that summer trip to the beach goodbye later this century, thanks to rising sea levels and more intense tropical storms, scientists predict.

A new study of the potential sand losses to North Carolina beaches reports that a 1-foot rise in sea level in the next 25 to 75 years (which is at the lower end of the range predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) would cause the coast to move inland by 2,000 to 10,000 feet and could cost an estimated \$223 million in lost recreational value by 2080 to beach-goers in that state alone.

Predicting exactly how much beaches will shrink is impossible because beach erosion rates are highly variable, even between points that are only a few miles apart. The make-up of each beach's sand, the absence or presence of jetties and other man-made structures meant to retain sand, and offshore topography (which influences wave formation), all affect erosion rates.

But even with all the uncertainty, scientists say the future of our beloved sandy havens doesn't look good.

"We have no way of predicting what sea level rise will do to erosion rates, except to say that they will increase," said Duke University geologist Orrin Pilkey.

Hurricanes pose a particular threat to beaches because the floods of ocean water they can push onshore, called storm surge, can wash away large amounts of sand. Typically the sand returns to the beaches (so there's plenty available to build that sandcastle). But if global warming intensifies hurricanes as some have predicted (either by increasing their frequency or the strength of individual storms), it may also impair beaches' ability to recover.

For North Carolina's beaches, the report says, even if hurricanes strike with their current frequency and intensity, sea level rise will make the effects of the storms worse. Sea level rise is another ominous potential eroding force, at least for beaches that are highly developed. When seas rise, undeveloped beaches can simply shift further inland, but because roads, buildings and other man-made structures act as a barrier, the sand at developed beaches cannot migrate backward. Effectively, relentless waves will wear away the sand and these beaches will shrink until there's simply no sand left for sunbathing or seaside strolls.

"We create the [beach erosion] problem," Pilkey said. In fact, Pilkey says, the building of jetties and sea walls may be doing the

most damage for now, because while they preserve a small portion of the shoreline near the structure, they actually result in more coastal erosion further from the structure than would have occurred naturally. "I suspect that may be more important than sea level rise," he told LiveScience, but that trend will eventually change later, with global warming's forces surpassing the impact of sea walls and jetties.

For West Coast U.S. beaches, erosion from sea level rise and storms is less of a threat than on the East Coast, because the "left" coastline tends to be higher and steeper, but that doesn't mean beach-goers there are in the clear. One of the main sources of sand for these beaches is river transport, but dams built along western rivers block this sand, which causes the beaches to erode.

More Crowded Beaches: With beaches slowly vanishing from the coasts, vacationers might have to find some other way to entertain themselves and soak up the sun in the summer in the coming decades. "I'm predicting that they [will take] fewer beach trips," said lead author of the North Carolina study John Whitehead of Appalachian State University in North Carolina. The report was funded by the National Commission on Energy Policy, a bipartisan, non-profit group of energy experts.

By surveying beach-goers, Whitehead found that people prefer wider beaches, which provide more room for throwing Frisbees etc. By determining how far people will drive to these roomier beaches and calculating the cost of those drives, Whitehead estimated the millions of dollars that would be lost to vacationers. And for those for whom the allure of a vacation at the beach is simply irresistible, few options will be left, as the only beaches to survive would likely be the ones that are undeveloped now.

"People would have more limited beach options," sociologist Maureen Harrington of Griffith University in Australia said in an email interview. "[They] would have to go to beaches that are able to migrate, that are not urbanized ... so these beaches would be more crowded."



Back to the 70's with Terry, Al and Jay at last night's affair

CPR/AED UPDATE/INFORMATION

by Frank Salino

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer has been updated for 2007. This years classes will be new material, new video, new written tests, new skills. You must come for the full three hours or you will be turned away. Make sure that you schedule yourself to allow for travel time, finding a parking space and signing in. Expect that it will take the full three hours to complete the course. All classes start at 7pm.

The first class went very well. Over 90 people were there and we have a new big screen to watch the video with. We could not find the speakers for the first night, but I have them for the rest of the classes. Even though it was a little hot and hard to hear, most said it went well. Thank you first class of '07.

All classes are dated 7/11/07-7/11/08. You must have a 7/11/07 or later expiration date for your current card to take these classes. If you have an earlier expiration date – YOU MUST GET THE COURSE ON YOUR OWN. We will not be giving any make-up classes this season. SO, IF YOU DID NOT TAKE THE CLASS WITH US LAST SEASON_ YOU CAN NOT TAKE OUR CLASS THIS SEASON UNLESS YOUR EXPIRATION DATE IS 7/11/07 OR LATER. Don't ask the coordinators if you can slip into a class. You will have a gap in certification and will not be allowed to work during that gap. Apparently some of you received wrong information and are confused. I hope that this ends the confusion.

Dates/Locations for CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

June 26	Tuesday	JB West Bathhouse
June 28	Thursday	Robert Moses - location TBA
June 30	Saturday	JB West Bathhouse
July 7	Saturday	JB West Bathhouse
July 9	Monday	Sunken Meadow - location TBA

10 STEPS TO A HAPPY CPR/AED EXPERIENCE

1. ALL CLASSES BEGIN AT 7PM AND END AT 10PM.
2. THE COST THIS YEAR IS \$10 CASH ONLY
3. PARK IN DESIGNATED SPOTS ONLY
4. SIGN IN WITH FRANK SALINO/SIGN OUT WITH FRANK SALINO

-Till next time - Roy J. Lester - e-mailhe BucketBuoy@AOL.Com

5. WATCH THE NEW VIDEO

6. TAKE THE NEW WRITTEN TEST

7. PERFORM THE SIX NEW SKILL TESTS

8. IF YOU ARRIVE LATE OR DO NOT COOPERATE YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

9. DO NOT CALL OR EMAIL TO RESERVE A SPOT-JUST SHOW UP ON TIME

10. BE SMART AND TAKE THE CLASS WITH US EVEN IF YOU HAVE OTHER CERTIFICATION SO THAT YOU CAN BE ON OUR 7/11 CYCLE AND YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GAPS IN CERTIFICATION.



Lifeguards, young and old coming out to honor Jay

COMPETITION TEAM TRYOUTS

There will be tryouts for the lifeguard competition team competing at Smiths Point and the Newport Beach Lifeguard Tournaments on Saturday June 30th at the EBHO at 8am. We are looking for swimmers, paddlers, beach flaggers, pullers, rowers, distance and sprint runners. All are welcome and we encourage you to attend!! If you have any questions you can contact Gregg Solnick or Mike Scanlon at RM2 or Cary Epstein and Brad Hepworth at the Central Mall.

FOR SALE: Surfboard. 9'0" Donald Takayama. Mint condition. 2+1 fin. Pin tail. Tuflite by Surftech. Contact John Aurrichio at 631-748-5301 or Field 6 Lifeguard Shack.

VOLLEYBALL JUNKIES

By Scott Davern

There will be an additional Jones Beach Lifeguard volleyball tournament this year at Robert Moses Field 4 on Wednesday, July 18th (rain date Thursday, July 19th). Start time is promptly at 9:00 AM. It has been dubbed "The First Annual Volleyball Mixer".

Why "Mixer" you ask? Because your partner for the day is drawn from a hat. The fee is only **\$10** and that **includes a T-shirt** and some prizes. What a steal!

You must pay the fee to Scott Davern at RM Field #3 in order to hold your spot. First come, first served. Limited to first 40 players that pay – so HURRY UP and BUCK UP! Please note – you must have the day off in order to play in this tournament (that includes the rain date). Also, this is a **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD, BEVERAGE, AND ICE EVENT**. A barbecue will be available. Please do not bring any guests (unless they are in the JBLC).

Questions? Contact me at scottdavern@yahoo.com. This tournament is reserved for JB Lifeguard Corp lifeguards only.



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THE COMICS

Sent to us by CFW86@Aol.com

A driver is stuck in a traffic jam on US 95 south, just outside of Washington, DC. Nothing is moving north or south.

Suddenly a man knocks on his window. The driver rolls down his window and asks, "What happened? What's the hold up?"

"Terrorists have kidnapped President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh and Anne Coulter. They are demanding a \$100 million ransom. Otherwise, they are going to douse them with gasoline and set them on fire. We are going from car to car, taking up a collection."

The driver asks, "On average how much is everyone giving?"
"About a gallon."