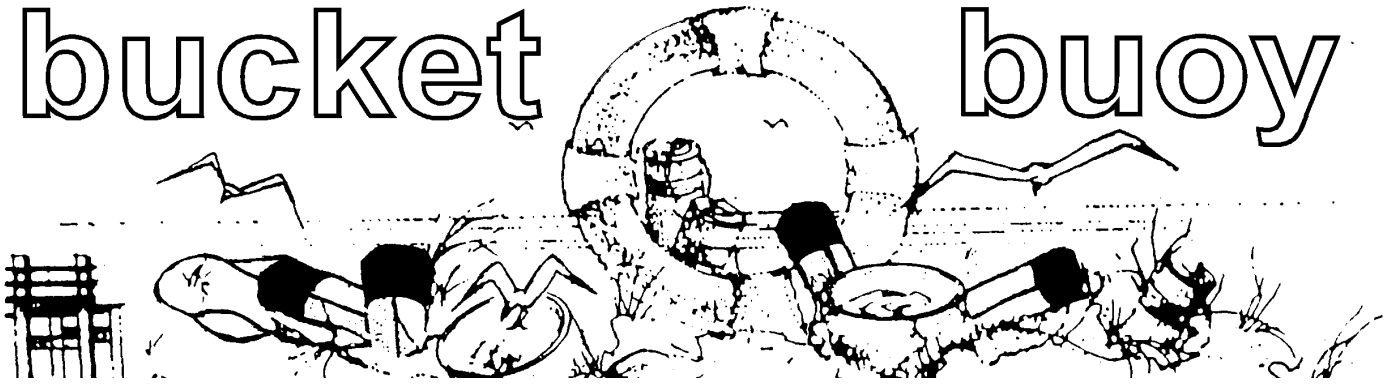


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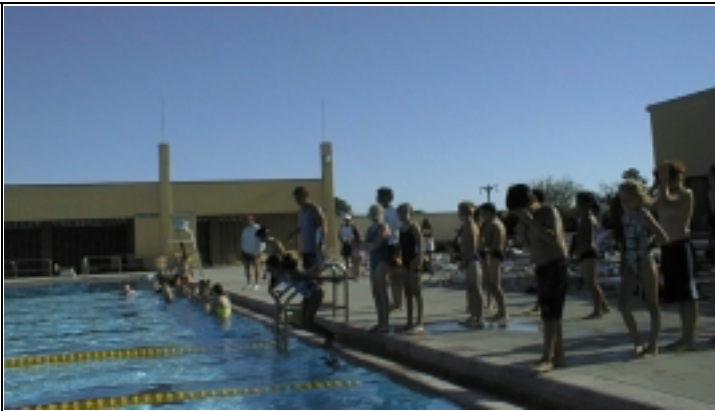
Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

July 11, 1999

Well we are finally over the July 4th weekend and are now coasting nicely through the summer. What a weekend it was! The heat last week was ridiculous and the crowds gave the holiday it's own special flavor. The fireworks display, unfortunately, didn't live up to it's usual greatness, mostly due to the lackluster music and the absence of one barge. The public didn't seem to mind though.

July 5th found 175,000 people at Jones Beach and even with a full staff the lifeguards felt the crunch of the crowds. By Wednesday the heat started to break and everybody started getting in a better mood.

The weather pattern we have been experiencing has been beneficial for those of us who live in Long Beach. We have had waves almost every morning, (as long as you don't mind going out at 6:30 am). The water is warm (73 degrees at the LI Buoy) and Jellies and Dolphins are starting to appear. Any day now a tropical weather system should start making it's way north and then the real fun will start. To quote the Scouts, "Be prepared"!



Jr. LG, now up to 33, do their laps under Scott's watch

JB-RM LIFEGUARD RACE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 12th at RM2 - Surf Rescue 5:00 pm - One Man Line Pull 5:30 pm - Two Man Line Pull 6:00 pm - Beach Flags (All Groups) (Prelim.) 6:00 pm (Finals) 7:00 pm - Run-Swim-Run 6:30 pm - **Friday, August 13th at JB- EBHO** - Iron Man 5:00 pm - Rescue Board Relay 5:30 pm - Surfboat Race 6:00 pm - Individual Paddle Ski Race 6:15 pm - 2 Mi. Beach Run 6:30 pm - 10 Man Ocean Relay 7:00 pm - **Saturday, August 14th at JB-EBHO** - Paddle Ski Relay 5:15 pm - Surf Swim 6:00 pm - 10 Guard Run Relay 6:15 pm - Alumni, 100 & 50 yd. Pool Race 6:45 pm - Pool Relay 7:30 pm - **The "PARTY of The SUMMER" follows immediately afterwards!**

STEWARDS MEETING

Saturday, July 10th was the first Shop Stewards meeting of the summer. In attendance were Stewards, Jay Liegey (EBHP), Terry Hirten (WBH), Steve Rosenbluth (Fld. 2), Mike Defina (Fld. 1), Grace Walsh (WEII), Matt Lindbom (Fld. 6), Bill Mall (CM), Ed Costigan (CM) and Frank Salino (RM4/5). In atten-

dance for the Executive Board were Bob Lenti, Ed Peters, Jim Dirico, Jay Lieberfarb and Roy Lester.

The first topic discussed was the date for the lifeguard races. Keeping with tradition it was decided that this year's races would start on August 12th at RM2 and end with the party at EBHP on the 14th of August. Again keeping with tradition it was decided to keep the events the same although there was a suggestion that a *Cobra Strike* Surf contest be added as an event. Due to the logistics involved with such an event it was decided not to hold it as part of the races.

The next issue discussed was the difficulty that the new lifeguards have been experiencing getting new equipment. Due to an oversight the new rookies are getting the old non-waterproof uniforms and no raingear. The Executive Board promised they would fix this problem as soon as they have an opportunity to talk to the State. The same was said about the problem of having people from beaches other than Jones Beach having to pick-up uniforms at the storehouse in person. This procedure not only strips a beach of manpower but also acts as a great inconvenience for many. This too was promised to be addressed.



The Shop Stewards and the Executive Board meet

While on the topic of equipment, it was also decided that we will ask the State to forego ordering 3 new *Hobie* kayaks and instead order just one *Hobie* and 2 or 3 new *Cobra Strikes*. RM5 offered to give up their *Hobie* for another *Cobra* and it was brought up that RM4 doesn't have any *Cobras* right now. This too is a topic we have to discuss with the State when we meet.

There were also suggestions for procurement of paddle leashes for the kayaks and for more beach front equipment shacks. Again a topic to be discussed with the State.

Roy Lester then informed the Stewards that Mike Scanlon and Christian Bernard have resigned their Trustee positions with the Executive Board. Jim Dirico was appointed Trustee from RM (since he is now stationed at RM) and it was asked that the Shop Stewards take back to the beaches the fact that there are two open Trustee positions (one of which must be filled with a JB person) so that interested people can contact the Executive Board.

Jay Liegey suggested that due to the shortage of Lifeguards we give another test this year and try to "recruit" lifeguards from other Town run facilities. This was met with approval and many innovative ways were suggested for advertising such a test. Again a topic to bring up to the State.

Seniority too was an issue and Roy Lester asked that we finally bring to a vote, this summer, the proposed changes in the seniority rules. Hopefully within a week or two these proposed changes can be carried in the *Bucket & Buoy* for comments and a vote can be had!

Other issues were: An agreement that Shop Stewards meetings will be every two weeks on Saturday at 3:30 pm unless the