

beaches are too busy, in which case they will be postponed for an hour or more. It was also brought out that part-timers who work locally would be allowed to come down to the beach and catch a couple of hours of work in the afternoon when the need arises (those triple H days). This must be cleared with your Captain, who has to clear it with the coordinator's office. The meeting was then adjourned till the 24th of July.



TOMMY TOOBS aka *Tommy Meehan in real life*

TOMMY TOOBS ONLINE

Long Beach Biathlon, Sunday July 25th. I CHALLENGE YOU TO A RUN-SWIM-(RUN)!!! (3 mile Run - 300 yd. Swim - 25yd. Run to finish) - A competition for all age groups and gender, the Run-Swim-Run is one of the most popular events in any summer athletic event. For the past 2 years The Long Beach Patrol (80 guards) has maintained their dominance of this hometown event. Considering the depth of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps. (450 guards), I strongly believe that our competitive talents in a Run-Swim-Run event greatly out perform most Lifeguard organizations, as was demonstrated by Greg Solnick winning this event in Long Beach Lifeguard Races. In past years I have tried to encourage our most elite competitors to represent Jones Beach Lifeguards in this event. This year is no different!!! Qualifications for the 1st Team: run a sub 6 min./mi. and swim a sub 1min./100yds. There will be six members per Team. I will be submitting a Women's Team as well. Otherwise I encourage you to compete as an individual. Age groups are 10 year intervals. If you are interested in entering as part of a Team please contact me no later than Sunday July 18th. (tmeehan361@aol.com, or (516) 221-3425) In the near future an application will be available on our web site.

USLA Memberships: USLA (United States Lifeguard Association) Membership applications are available on our web site, "www.jonesbeach.com" The cost per membership is \$30. Otherwise, just mail me a check made payable to USLA/Jones Beach Chapter including the following information, Name, Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone#, Date of Birth, Social Security#, and Gender. Just send end it to Tom Meehan, USLA Jones Beach Chapter Rep., 1862 Washington Ave., Seaford, NY 11783. Please keep in mind that if you plan to compete in USLA competitions (Mid-Atlantic Regionals and National Championships) you must join through the Jones Beach Chapter. A small percentage of your membership fee goes toward our Chapter for a future USLA Tournament at Jones Beach. In brief, the USLA is a Worldwide Lifeguard Association linking lifeguards and bathing facilities around the world sharing each their own experiences. I encourage you to access the USLA web site, usla.org .

More Upcoming Events: Saturday, July 24th - New York Empire 1 Mile Open Water Swim, Pt. Lookout, NY. 8am Start
 Saturday, July 24th Point-to-Point 1 Mile Open Water Swim, Westport, CT. 9am Start
 Sunday, July 25th Long Beach Biathlon 3 Mile Run - 300yd. Swim - 25yd. Run to Finish 9am Start
 Saturday, July 31st The Tobay Dory Race 5:30pm Start
Next week TT's Surf and Weather Web Sites

SHOP STEWARDS MEETING
SATURDAY - JULY 24, 1999
WBH Meeting Room 3:30 PM

THE TOURNAMENT TOUR

by Paul Franco

As the summer swings into full gear, the lifeguard tournament season officially started on July 7th with the Long Beach Invita-

tional. Jones Beach put together a very talented "rag-tag" group which walked away with a third place finish overall.

Among the spectacular finishes, Greg Solnick put on an impressive display with a win in the Run-Swim-Run and a second place in the ever tough Iron-Man event. In the women's Run-Swim-Run, Danielle Schoen (in her own quiet way) swam to a great 3rd place finish for our women's team. Jim Ramika and Ed Costigan "fought it out" with Long Beach in the Doubles Row and scored a third place after a "bang up" job. Ed Costigan and Brad Hepworth pulled Kelly Bleakney and Paul Franco to a close 2nd place finish in the Double Line Pull. The American Iron-Woman was taken on by Val Nellen who swam, paddled and ran to a 3rd place finish.

True to the lifeguard rescue, Chris Nellen and Kelly Bleakney picked up a 3rd place finish in the Can Rescue event. Tough event! The swim relay team of S. Wallace, C. Nellen, K. Bleakney and V. Nellen also raced hard against the field, finishing 3rd.

In the Paddleboard Pick-up Relay, Paul Franco swam out to the flag and signaled Bobby Kiefer who then paddled out, picked him up and then both paddled in, finishing 2nd to Long Beach. The paddleboard relay team of Paul Franco, Kelly Bleakney, Val Nellen, and Jim Ronnie took a 3rd place spot in a close battle the whole way. The Tauplin relayed paired swimmer Sean Wallace, paddlers Bob Kiefer and Val Nellen in surf skies against some tough competitors.

New-comers, Carey "Baywatch" Epstein, Lee David, Kim Ortiz and veteran all placed quite impressively in Beach Flags. In close battles for the flag, both the men's and women's field had over 10 competitors each making this event very tough. However, in the end, Carey finished 6th and Lee David, fighting his way to the very end, placed 3rd place to some very experienced guards. Danielle Schoen scored a 3rd place with her very quick starts, and Kim Ortiz, brand new to J.B., streaked to 1st place overall in a final show down, in which elbows were thrown and shoves exchanged to the final flag. Great job all!

Concluding the long day with a party at Long Beaches' 'Bogarts', the teams came together for a nice meal and some good "conversation". Special thanks to Joe Casselli of Field 2 for organizing the team and to Ed Costigan for firing up everyone's interest in the tournaments. If you are interested in competing call Paul Franco, Fld. 6, ext. 618 or Joe Casselli, Fld. 2, ext. 616.

The next tournaments re as follows:

July 14 Rehoboth Beach / Delaware USLA Regionals
August 4 & 5 Newport Beach, RI
August 6 & 7 Cape May, NJ, USLA Nationals



Donny cleaning the CM water cooler - How cool!

THE COMICS

It was a large party and the hostess had just served a guest a cup of punch. "Be careful, it's spiked." she warned him in a low voice. Next she served some to the local minister with the same warning. In a loud voice he exclaimed, "I would rather commit adultery than allow liquor to pass my lips!" Hearing this the first man poured his punch back telling the hostess, "And I wasn't even aware that we had a choice!"

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The beautiful woman lion tamer had the big cats under such control that they would take a lump of sugar from her lips on command. "Big deal!" yelled a drunk from the audience, "Anyone could do that!" The ringmaster came over to him and asked, "Would you like to try it?" "Sure," replied the drunk, "but first get those crazy lions out of there!"

Till next time - Roy Lester - E-Mail BucketBuoy@AOL.Com