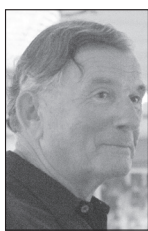


# Cape May Beach Patrol's 'Buzz' Mogck retires

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CAPE MAY — Cape May honored Harry "Buzz" Mogck on the occasion of his retirement as chief of the Cape May Beach Patrol.

Mayor Chuck Lear read a proclamation during a virtual City Council meeting June 2 highlighting Mogck's long career with the beach patrol: "Harry 'Buzz' Mogck, whose family owned and operated the Cape May Boat Works and the marine railway in the Schel-



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lenger's Landing area, is a hometown boy who grew up enjoying the Cape May beaches, one of which was named in his honor in 2012; and whereas, Buzz's dedication to serving the city of Cape May is, in some measure, a legacy of his father, Harry Mogck Sr., who was a member of the City Council.

"Buzz was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1967 and returned to Cape May, where he eventually became a full-time member of the Cape May Beach Patrol. He served on the

Beach Patrol during the tenure of the revered Beach Patrol Capt. 'Clete' Cannone and eventually succeeded him as captain of the Beach Patrol, a position he held until 2017 when he became chief of the Beach Patrol.

"Buzz was instrumental in streamlining and growing the Cape May Beach Patrol to one of the country's nationally recognized and most respected beach patrol and lifeguarding organizations; and in the course of his beach patrol service, Buzz instituted numerous training and service innovations including first aid and CPR certification for all Beach

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Patrol members; EMT certification for all Beach Patrol officers and others; availability and use of defibrillators; an after-hours rescue program; surf chairs for those with special needs; use of rescue paddle boards and rescue cans (the orange torpedoes), rescue chains, land and sea rescue vehicles.

"In 1992, Buzz established the Cape May Junior

Lifeguard Program and assigned Lt. Harry Back and then-lieutenant, now captain, Geoff Rife to develop the program that has become a model for other beach communities and a training ground for future lifeguards. In recognition of his knowledge, skill, experience and dedication, Buzz's professional colleagues at the United States Lifesaving Association value his

service, demonstrated by convening the national lifeguard competition in Cape May on six occasions.

"In his spare time, Buzz has traveled from Cape May to Florida in unusual ways — once he rowed a boat and another time he rode a bike, two feats unmatched by most Florida visitors. Cape May Beach Patrol members value Chief Mogck as a dedicated, loyal, hardworking mentor and the longest-tenured beach patrol officer in the city's history."

Lear recognized Mogck for his exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication and manifest integrity.

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## Alcohol

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such as sealed pouches. The capacity of cups cannot exceed 16 ounces.

Persons consuming alcoholic beverages in public must limit themselves to a single drink; kegs and coolers are not permitted. The resolution expires Nov. 1.

Sheehan said she was against the open container resolution and did not see it as a financial boost for restaurants. She warned of large crowds gathering on the Washington Street Mall, preventing people from "casually walking the mall and the boardwalk."

She said those who drink are more likely to litter and use foul language.

"I don't feel it's something the city wants as a family atmosphere," Sheehan said.

Persons drinking on the beach after lifeguards go off duty after 5 p.m. would create a hazard, she said.

City Manager Jerry Inderwies said it was the responsibility of a bar owner

to make sure no one leaves the premises with a bottle. City solicitor Frank Corrado said if an establishment sells a customer a beer in a bottle and allows the customer to leave with the bottle, they have violated state law.

Mullock said his family owns a bar and restaurant in Cape May and he fully understands the difficulties businesses are experiencing. He said some members of the public asked how he could consider adding alcohol to a national pandemic.

Mullock said he also heard from business owners who were struggling. He said he was in favor of allowing more seating for restaurants and bars outdoors.

"I don't necessarily think that mobilizing alcohol is the best way to do this," Mullock said.

He said he abstained from the vote because his family's bar and restaurant would be affected by the resolution.

Meier said if council did not help businesses, some of them would not be here next year.

Hendricks said one of the hardest-hit portions of Cape May's economy has been restaurants. She said it is unknown when operation of restaurants would return to normal.

"We must find as many ways as possible for these businesses to operate, hence the outdoor seating

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—Al Beale, Cape May resident

plans, but there is also another reality and that is many of our restaurants do in fact make their profits from the sale of alcohol and alcohol is an amenity that consumers expect," Hendricks said.

She said she is well aware of reservations from the community on open consumption. Hendricks said in normal circumstances, she would agree that open consumption is not a part of Cape May's character.

"But these circumstances are not normal," she said.

Hendricks said she thought long and hard about what Cape May would be without a vibrant restaurant community.

Lear said one of the reasons he was in favor of the resolution was to ensure Cape May's tourism economy, built up over years, was not lost to other shore communities that are marketing attractive vacation packages.

Prior to council's vote, City Clerk Erin Burke and Deputy City Clerk Emily Dillon read a number of emails of public comment on open consumption of alcohol in the city. An email from the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May

endorsed the resolution.

The general manager of the Cape May Fish Market restaurant stated a number of layoffs have occurred in restaurants and bars in the city.

"By allowing the portability of alcohol, it gives businesses a fighting chance to rehire staff, start ordering products and services, employ local vendors such as farmers, clambers, fishermen and many other small local businesses," she stated in an email.

Michael Slawek, owner of the Ugly Mug and Delaney's, stated a number of other towns had approved open container resolutions. He stated his businesses employed 250 persons, many of who were the sole wage earners in their household. Slawek stated without permitting open consumption, some business could close forever.

In an email, Jeff Gernitis, owner of Peter Shields Inn and FiNS, Bar & Grille stated he supported the resolution. He stated Cape May would not turn into a "wild west drunken frontier town" because of this four and half month temporary resolution.

"This resolution is about delivering a good guest experience to our visitors during very trying times," Gernitis stated. "The money to be made will be a pittance compared to what was made when restaurants were fully operational."

Residents Larry and Marilyn Reed stated they opposed the resolution.

"We are not Wildwood and Sea Isle City," they stated in an email. "What sets us apart is our character and rules of law that perpetuate family living."

The board of directors of the Taxpayers Association of Cape May stated in an email its opposition to the resolution.

In an email, resident Al Beale stated "keep the lid on." He stated open consumption would change the brand of Cape May.

"It is not who we are," Beale stated. "Cape May is a caring, giving, quiet, quaint and, above all, a family-centered community with the best restaurants on the New Jersey shore."

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