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13 7:08	7:33	12:56	12:51
14 8:00	8:21	1:47	1:42
15 8:48	9:06	2:35	2:31
16 9:33	9:48	3:19	3:17
17 10:16	10:28	4:01	4:02
18 10:57	11:08	4:41	4:46
19 11:38	11:48	5:19	5:30
20 12:20	5:57	6:16	

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Lifeguard championships slated for August

By **CAIN CHAMBERLIN**
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Around 1,500 lifeguards will be involved in the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) National Lifeguard Championships, which will be held from Aug. 3-6.

According to Ed Zebrowski, who is a USLA coordinator for the championships, hundreds of rooms have already been booked for lifeguard teams and families. At last week's city council meeting, it was said that the competition should bring in more tourism, as well as good public relations. The event is

expected to draw competitors from as far as Hawaii, but most will be coming from around New Jersey and neighboring states like Delaware.

Capt. Harry "Buzz" Mogck previously told the Star and Wave, the lifeguard championships attract more people to Cape May than any other event.

"When held in Cape May, it was the biggest event," he said. "No one beat our numbers."

Zebrowski said they were aware of 200 rooms already reserved, but competitors from the local region and nearby states may not stay for



the entire four days. They will simply find a room somewhere, but the large groups of lifeguards and their families from far away will have the biggest impact. He said groups from places such as Los Angeles County and the Hamptons on Long Island

have already rented out blocks of hotel rooms.

This is the fifth time in 23 years, the championships have been held in Cape May, according to Mayor Ed Mahaney. He said in the past the competition has given the city a great deal of media attention, but considering it will be held on the first week of August, it won't have a major economic impact. Mahaney said that particular week is the "peak week" of summer and Cape May wouldn't have had any trouble renting out those rooms even if the event weren't held.

"While this event is not a

major economic development package for the city – what it does do for the city is generate tremendous national and international publicity," Mahaney said.

Looking at how the city was affected by the event in past years, Mahaney said the publicity from the championship competition would lead to more tourism in the months ahead. When the lifeguard championships were held in 2003, the competition was covered by ESPN, Sports Illustrated and other numerous other media outlets, which led to an upsurge in

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Porgy IV party boat assists injured boater

By **CAIN CHAMBERLIN**
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CAPE MAY – Good Samaritans aboard the Porgy IV fishing boat helped get a fisherman back to port, last Tuesday, after he was injured aboard his 24-foot boat near Indian River, Del.

Capt. Paul Thompson of the 77-foot Porgy IV said at around 3:45 p.m., he saw the boat not far from his location and heard a "may-day call" over the radio.

"He had trouble spitting out his location so we knew he needed help," Thompson said. "He was cut bad and lost a lot of blood."

Thompson said the man was trying to reel in a shark and the strong test line pinched his forearm when the fish was fighting back. Marty Overline, a crewmember of the Porgy IV climbed aboard the injured man's boat and brought it back to shore while a 47-foot Motor Life Boat crew from Coast Guard Station Indian River came to help. The boat was reported eight miles east of the base when the injury occurred.

Thompson said they wrapped the man's wound and waited for the Coast

Guard to arrive on scene for medical assistance. He said given the man's incapacitated state, it was too dangerous for anyone aboard to Porgy IV to give much more medical attention than that.

"The guy was lucky we were going by," he said. "We kept pressure on the cut and let the Coast Guard take care of him when they got there."

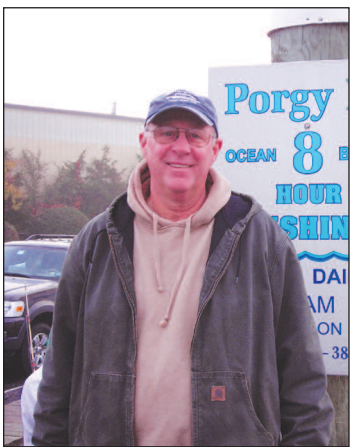
He said it was late in the day, when many fishing vessels were starting to head back to shore, so the man was fortunate someone heard his distress call.

"It was not a normal fishing trip, that's for sure," Thompson said. "He probably would have died if we weren't there – he lost a lot of blood."

According to Petty Officer Crystal Kneen of Coast Guard Station Indian River, the man was transported from the base to the Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Del. It was reported the patient was around 60 years old but his name could not be disclosed.

Thompson has been in the charter and party boat business for the past 40 years, and has in the past come

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Capt. Paul Thompson



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Former police chief Joseph Marker pins the chief's badge on his son, acting Police Chief Brian Marker in a ceremony held at Lower Township Hall, July 6. The acting designation will be dropped once a contract is formalized.

Marker named LT Police Chief

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Captain Brian Marker of the Lower Township Police Department had his new Chief of Police badge pinned on by his father, former Police Chief Joe Marker.

For Brian Marker, the road to continuing this tradition of law enforcement began at 13. A lifelong resident, Marker joined the LTPD's Police Explorers. After graduating Lower Cape May Regional High School, he became a Special Police Officer (Class II) and then a Communication Operator.

He was hired as a full time police officer in 1986 and was promoted to sergeant in 1998. He was subsequently promoted to lieutenant in 2002, and captain in 2006.

Marker has performed various functions in the LTPD, serving in the department's Tactical Patrol Squad, and heading up the Community Policing Unit. Marker was instrumental in developing and participating in the School Resource Officer program in the Lower Cape May Regional School District. He has also served with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Uniformed Drug Interdiction Unit.

As a command officer Chief Marker has been responsible for the Administrative Services Division overseeing many areas of the department.

Marker said the assignment that meant the most to him personally was School Resource Officer.

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Point Commissioner builds boats for fun

By **CAIN CHAMBERLIN**
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CAPE MAY POINT – Although he doesn't consider himself an expert, John Henderson has spent the better part of 30 years hand-crafting beautiful small wooden boats such as kayaks and double-paddle deck canoes.

Henderson, who is also a Cape May Point commissioner, began his hobby of building wooden boats during the early 1980s. Since that time, he has built around 12 of different styles and shapes, inspired by some of his favorite builders and designs. He most recently donated one of his boats to the Cape May Point Civic Club's silent auction and it went for \$1,100.

"I was pleased," he said. "There were two or three people bidding on it and the price went up fast."

He said the boat was designed to be sailed because of its style and the rudder he



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Above, John Henderson (in hat) explains his boat to a visitor to the Cape May Point Civic Club Bazaar, July 2. Henderson donated the boat, which drew \$1,100 in a silent auction.

put on it, but given its narrow structure, it was hard to keep

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Witnesses sought after cyclist hit

By **CHRISTOPHER SOUTH**
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CAPE MAY – The family of a girl struck by a car while riding her bike home from work, July 4, is looking for witnesses to the accident.

Diana Bernal-Silva said her younger sister, Kathryn Bernal-Silva, 19, was riding home from her summer job as a hostess at the Blue Pig Tavern Restaurant. As the girl got to the intersection of Mount Vernon and Broadway, at around 10:06 p.m., some cars stopped to allow her to cross. According to the sister, Kathryn pulled out when she was struck by a car making a left-hand turn on Mount Vernon. Diana Bernal-Silva said the car's

driver allegedly pulled into the opposite lane of traffic and passed stopped cars in order to make the turn, struck her sister and knocked her down. According to Bernal-Silva, the driver continued down Mount Vernon, and was chased by pedestrians who told him he had hit a cyclist.

Bernal-Silva said the driver returned to the intersection on foot and asked if her sister was OK. She said her sister was mostly shaken up and said, "I just want to go home, I just want to go home."

Kathryn, who is a student at Hobart-William Smith in Lake Geneva, N.Y., then went to the home of her grandfather Fred Soule, where she is staying for the summer.

Lt. Chuck Lear of the Cape May Police Department said a report was filed about 30 minutes after the incident. He said the incident is being investigated by Officer Joe Walker, but they did not have any leads or license information.

The family is looking for anyone who might have witnessed the accident and who can provide information about the car or driver.

"We just want to know who he is," Diana Bernal-Silva said. "My sister is ok, but who knows about the next person?"

Bernal-Silva can be contacted at 1-973-939-3171 ext. 570.



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