Two-tenths of a second decides women’s title
Wildwood Crest nips Ocean City in final race at Longport Women’s Invitational

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LONGPORT — One point determined by two-tenths of a second in the surf dash determined the outcome of the 2019 Longport Women’s Lifeguard Invitational.

The Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol was the last team in the water as they were battling it out on a warm July night in competition. That earned them a second place finish and a win in the competition.

Eleven beach patrols competed for the title at the 33rd Avenue Wildwood Crest Beach, which was third in the paddle board and fourth in the doubles row.

For Wildwood Crest, the team was in first place in the singles row, second in the doubles row, third in the paddle board, and fourth in the doubles row.

Amanda Auble was seventh in 5:11. Margareta Miteson was eighth in 5:11. Wildwood Crest’s Adrienne Bilello was third in Wildwood in 5:09.

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Kristine Auble won with a time of 10 minutes and 55 seconds.

Wildwood Crest, whose team included Christmas Carolus, Paige Dunham, Bridget Tannerowski, and Christina Adams, was third in 5:40.3 and Ocean City was fourth in 5:40.5. Compliments of each after the doubles row, determined the outcome of the competition.

Conditions were windy and there were some waves. The team also got turned before the race start.

Coming in to shore, Hauck, who also rowed the competition, said she felt good.

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Coming to the competition 24,” Amanda Auble said. “That’s more of my competitive side, going right at the wall, pressing and doing whatever it takes to be with the waves and in the wall,” she said.

For Bilello, the “bumpy” waves were an advantage.

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