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Our Mission

The Ocean City Museum Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich natural and cultural history of this coastal community through memorabilia collections, rotating exhibits, educational programs and area research. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum presents:

1. The history of the United States Life-Saving Service on the Delmarva Peninsula
2. The past lifestyles and culture of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland
3. The local ancestral records and artifact collections through its internet service.

AN OCEAN CITY MEMORY
WORKING FOR THE TRIMPER'S, 1970
 BY DENISE MCDERMOTT

My favorite memory of Ocean City Maryland? How can I pick only one from so many? My most memorable, I suppose, was the year (1970) that I had the opportunity to work and room at the Trimper's for the ENTIRE SUMMER!!!

I came down from Baltimore Highlands, right after my last day of classes from high school. I didn't even wait for graduation day! I just wanted to get down here to the ocean and start

working. I had been coming to Ocean City, MD as far back as I could remember with my family. A few years prior to 1970, we would stay at the Trimper's Inlet Lodge for our vacation weeks, so I already knew Miss Joanne, Jr., their children, and the folks who worked for them.

The summer of 1970, I met new friends, most of whom I've lost contact with, but they touched my life. I would get up early to start my day. Air conditioning was still not a big thing back then, so the windows to the rooms would be open to the sounds of the seagulls, and the sweet smell of salt water would fill the air. I would often hear the foghorn that was out at the end of the jetty early in the mornings, its long mournful tones warning boaters to beware of the rocks. There were also no buildings south of the Lodge to obstruct your view of the inlet itself. What a great view it was!!

I'd begin my day by sweeping the back porch floors of the hotel and I would set out the umbrellas to the tables and wipe things down, getting them ready for the

hotel guests. After that, I would sweep the floors to the snack bar and bar areas. On to servicing and cleaning rooms until after lunch, then, it was out to the booth to sell tickets for the rides. Some evenings, I would operate the rides, the loop-o-plane, tilt-a-whirl, or merry mixer. I'd get a kick

out of how excited all the kids would be, and take notice of their parents as they would watch their children with that faraway look in their eyes as they remembered their own happy summers at the ocean.



The Inlet Lodge circa 1950

For me, it was a summer I will never forget. It was my first summer away from home. I had new friends, had a great job working for a warm and caring family, and I learned the hard way that I couldn't work all day and stay up all night hanging out with friends for three weeks straight. Even at 18, there is a point when your body says, "Enough!! I need rest!!" I was so sick, that I couldn't get out of bed and Joanne kept a motherly eye on me until I was better. After that, I made sure I got my proper sleep.... at least most of the time.

When storms would come up suddenly, whether I was "on the clock" or not, I'd help Joanne get the umbrellas in and all the room windows closed so the rain wouldn't soak the floors or the guest's beds or belongings. I didn't mind helping out...it was just the right thing to do. The Trimper's were always so good to me.

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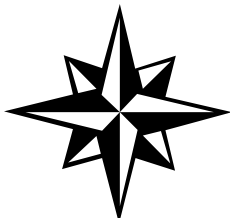
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FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS BEGIN JULY 2ND

Families looking for an enjoyable morning activity in Ocean City can head to the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum. Nestled on the Boardwalk by the Inlet, the museum offers free programs six mornings a week, with topics ranging from knot tying to "All About Sharks."

At 10:30 a.m. each day except Sundays, chairs are set up in front of the famous shark display at the southern end of the Boardwalk where all are welcome to enjoy the entertaining and educational shows.

On Mondays the Ocean City Beach Patrol takes the spotlight and demonstrates the newest techniques in lifesaving. Along with teaching beach safety and advising guests on beach law, the beach patrol displays various pieces of equipment used on the beach. From the iconic red buoy that has saved countless lives to the official beach patrol jet ski, learn about the tools and techniques the beach patrol uses to safeguard the surf.

Tuesdays Museum Curator, Suzanne Hurley gives an in-depth look at the history of Ocean City with a program entitled "O.C.B.C.- Ocean City Before Condominiums." Hurley, an Ocean City native, regales the audience on how Ocean City was transformed from a quiet fishing village into the premier beach resort of the East Coast, giving special focus on the many women that helped craft the city.

Wednesdays the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary gives hands-on instruction to participants on how to tie all kinds of nautical knots. From a sheepshank to the bowline, the auxiliary will demonstrate the particulars and provide rope to tie with. This pro-

gram can be especially informative for prospective boaters of all ages.

Thursdays are devoted to sharks. Learn all about one of the most misunderstood creatures of the sea as Sandy Hurley, Assistant Curator of the Museum, unravels the myths and mysteries behind these underwater predators. Find out how sharks are able to detect electric currents in the water, or how fast the fastest shark swims. Hurley also tells the stories of the trophy fishes displayed in front of the museum.



Don Schaefer of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Scout Master, Jeff Sauer with Cub Scouts after "Knot Tying" program
Photo by Joe Britvch

Friday mornings, Museum Society member Tom Wimbrow focuses on "Storm Warriors," a program geared for children ages 8 to 14 years. Experience what it was like to serve in the United States Life-Saving Service (today's Coast Guard), especially during stormy weather. Learn what skills you had to have to be successful. Complete your experience by applying to be a "Junior Surfman."

Saturday guests are invited into the Museum's Aquarium Room to watch the marine critters eat their morning meal. While inside, learn about local marine life. After the programs guests are encouraged to tour the museum and view the collections of Life Saving Service artifacts, antique bathing suits, Ocean City history and much more.

Admission to the museum is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under are admitted free. For more information, stop by the museum at the southern end of the Boardwalk by the Inlet, or call 410-289-4991. The museum can also be reached via email at sandy@ocmuseum.org

PINE WOOD SAILORS A BOAT LOAD OF FUN

Thanks to some enthusiastic volunteers, perfect weather, and the generosity of the Town of Ocean City, the first Pinewood Sailors Event hosted by The Ocean City Museum Society was a big hit!

Museum members Tom and Betty Wimbrow implemented the program using ideas and materials furnished by Seaworthy Small Ships of Prince Frederick, MD. Member George Hurley pitched in by donating his time and talents to build the portable pond which was used to sail the small wooden boats after they were constructed.



Pine Wood sailors at SPRINGFEST

Over 100 boat kits were assembled and sailed by the happy participants.

Volunteers from Stephen Decatur High School were also on hand to help with the festivities. They served as "Pond Monitors" and also assisted some of the children that needed a little extra help putting their boats together.

The SDHS volunteers included; Alex Clagett, Leslie Hurley, Phylcia Kimmel, Zachary Knopp, Dillon Lucas, and Christy Stutzle.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the volunteers!

The President and Board of Directors take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

SUPPORTING (Surfman 2)

*Spencer & Terry Rowe
Ocean City, MD*

FAMILY (Surfman 3)

*Louise Gulyas
Ocean City, MD*

*Robert T. Harbaugh
Ocean City, MD*

*Bonny Woods
Waldorf, MD*

COUPLE (Surfman 4)

*Lois & Charles Smith
Selbyville, DE*

INDIVIDUAL (Surfman 5)

*Charlene Clark
Baltimore, MD*

*Bryan Haas
Arnold, MD*

TRIMPER'S... *CONTINUED*

On my day off, I would go with the girls up the coast to where the dunes were (around where condo row now is), to get out of town and onto the beach, away from the crowds. Or we'd go to Trader Lee's for a bottle of thick, rich chocolate milk, and then on to Salisbury, via as many back roads as we could possibly find, to our ultimate destination of the Park, where we would swing on the swing sets, or just talk and relax our day away. In the pier building, where Ripley's Believe It or Not, is now housed, was still holding dances back in 1970. I actually got to dance on that old Pier Ballroom floor, but it was to the new beat of rock and roll. What fun it was!! Oh how I wish we had a grand space like that, now that I enjoy real Ballroom Dancing!

When my folks, Frank and Helen Knight, were down for their vacation, I would visit with them on one of the Inlet Lodge's back porches, and catch up on the goings on back home. Dad would get out his banjo and I would accompany him on my guitar. We would play the old songs that he and Mom use to sing in their younger days for

hours into the night. I miss their silvery voices and the sounds of Dad's old banjo. Perhaps someone reading this will remember them playing music and singing in the old Irish House bar, or the old Cork bar, or even at the bar at the Inlet Lodge years ago.

I hated to see that summer come to an end. Slowly, businesses were closing down for the season. Workers began leaving to go back home, to school, to winter jobs, to families. I wanted to stay on and find work so I wouldn't have to leave my beloved ocean! Eventually I too left to go back over, west of the Bay Bridge. I vowed to return and STAY. We have come to the ocean faithfully over the years for vacations and visits. Last year I was able to honor my vow, when my husband Dennis and I became full time Eastern Shore residents, and Ocean City is now only a few minutes away.

My parents have long since gone and Miss Joanne too, but the memories I have of that special summer at Trimper's, will forever live on in my heart.

Congratulations to member Suzy Hazel of Onancock, VA.! Her suggestion; *"The Times and Tides of Ocean City, Maryland"* was chosen as our new catch phrase.

Thanks to everyone who contributed. We had a difficult time deciding since there were so many creative entries.

Local Art Teacher, Kathy Mumford recently donated a beautiful floral arrangement she made while attending a floristry class at Wor-Wic Community College.

Using materials found in her own back yard such as the lid of a crab basket, conch shells and crab pot floats she has put together a truly Eastern Shore inspired decoration.

“ We are delighted to accept this creative piece and we plan on using it as a centerpiece during functions held at the Museum” says Sue Hurley, Museum Curator.



On behalf of The Ocean City Museum Society, member Dot Boenzli accepts the gift of an Eastern Shore floral arrangement from Kathy Mumford



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