



SOUND BEACH POLICE REPORTS

Taken from the original reports made by security staff patrolling the East & West beaches between July, 1971 and October, 1972

The entries were taken verbatim from the original reports.

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7/21/1971: Tag #5288 turned in by boy on beach at East Ramp. (List does not show tag numbers?)

Small pick-up truck – belongs to Rulau Lumber driven by Wayne Rulau causes disturbances at West Ramp. And through streets of Sound beach.

Complaints from bather that water skiers come to close to shore. (Attn Mr. Hafner)

8/9/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents at East Ramp.

8/10/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents at East Ramp.

8/12/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents at East Ramp.

8/13/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents at East Ramp.

8/14/1971: A. Gillman – Rails torn off at West Ramp.

8-15-1971: A. Gillman – There were two beach parties at the West Ramp last night, came down around 11:00 PM. They were drunk and made a mess around with beer bottles, cans and trash.

One party had 10 the other 8. They slept on the beach all night. The one party of 10 parked two cars in the entrance against the chains. They refused to come up and move the vehicles. I called down on the bullhorn twice and the third time I told them I would get in touch with the Brookhaven police if they did not come up and move their cars. They finally came up. They were not members. The car numbers were 1346-KH (NY), green Volkswagen and the other plate was GP-6679 (NY) black Volkswagen. The party of eight had no car.

8/16/1971: J.A. Gerity – West beach

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8/17/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents.

8/18/1971: A. Gillman – Reported step broken on East Ramp to Gerry Lawrence.

8/18/1971: J.A. Gerity – No Incidents – East Beach. S. Trocchio lost 2 tags. Islip Drive.

8/19/1971: J.A. Gerity – West beach

8/19/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/20/1971: J.A. Gerity – East beach – Lost glasses received – No incidents.

8/20/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/21/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/22/1971: A. Gillman

8/23/1971: J.A. Gerity – Ramp light repaired.

8/24/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/25/1971: J.A. Gerity – Signs at Thomas Rd. damaged. Repaired by John Buhler.

8/25/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/26/1971: J.A. Gerity – No Incidents.

8/26/1971: A. Gillman – Dogs coming down bank west end of West ramp.

8/27/1971: J.A. Gerity – (Rain) Roof of lookout shed is off at West beach.

8/27/1971: A. Gillman - Non-members coming along beach from both ends, Woodhull landing & Pickwick development.

8/28/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents.

8/29/1971: A. Gillman - No incidents. (Mr. Hafner, The list you gave the members does not have the tag numbers on it so you cannot reconcile same with the proper members. This tag was never claimed so do not know the owner.)

8/29/1971: V. Walters – No incidents.

8/30/1971: V. Walters – No incidents.

8/30/1971: J.A. Gerity - East beach. No Incidents.

8/31/1971: V. Walters – Barrel Buoy missing from ropes at West Ramp.

8/31/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents.

9/1/1971: A. Gillman - East beach. No Incidents.

9/1/1971: J.A. Gerity – West Beach. At 4:00PM, a girl Nancy LePre was injured falling off a moving VW bug near Thomas road. VW ID# HY-77-93 Owner: Donna Boarste. Driver unknown.

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9/2/1971: V. Walters – 5 children visiting Coleman on Floral Rd. playing on dunes. Carol Johnson's 3 children playing on dunes up from beach between ramps.

9/2/1971: A. Gillman – West beach – I had three youngsters pull the roof for the shed in and put in on the bank.

9/2/1971: J.A. Gerity - East beach. No Incidents.

9/3/1971: V. Walters – No incidents.

9/3/1971: A. Gillman – This morning the piece of plywood for the roof of the shed was out in the water again.

9/3/1971: J.A. Gerity - East beach. No Incidents.

9/4/1971: A. Gillman – No incidents.

9/5/1971: V. Walters - Parked at S.B. Blvd and Shore Rd. – Red Ford (5081 00), Dark Chevy II (6280), Green VW (1346-KH), Green VW GP6679. All New York plates.

9/6/1971: V. Walters – Black falcon parked by dunes (3715-VE) N.Y.

9/6/1971: J.A. Gerity - East beach. No Incidents. West side of ropes are missing.

9/7/1971: V. Walters – No incidents.

9/11/1971: A. Gillman – Car bearing license plate # 8660 NY had 6 people no beach passes. I would not let them down on the beach. They would not give their names. I turned away 10 non-members today at the East beach.

9/12/1971: A. Gillman – Rained all day. The life ropes were cut at both East & West Ramps. Harvey Edelestein, 124 Douglaston lost tags #551.

1972

6/28/1972: A. Gerity – Stopped 3 kids from going down by Murphy's – East beach.

6/29/1972: A. Gerity - Day off.

6/30/1972: A. Gerity - Day off. Rainj. On stand by.

7/1/1972: A. Gerity – East beach. Gave out 6 applications for membership.

7/2/1972: A. Gerity - West beach, no incident.

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7/3/1972: A.Gerity – Day off.

7/3/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

7/4/1972: H. Freudenthal – Fire cracker throwing from the cliff to the beach; an elderly lady made the Complaint, refused to give her name to avoid further trouble. I suggested to call the Suffolk Police, but she said let it go this time

7/4/1972: A. Gerity – East Beach. Pump at beach not working. Repaired by J. Buhler. Look for lost beach tags #47, #346, # 268.

7/5/1972: V. Walters - Sanitation truck backed into & destroyed garbage can and split barricade post at West Ramp.

7/5/1972: A. Gerity – Rain. Garbage not collected.

7/6/1972: A. Gerity – West beach, no incident.

7/6/1972: V. Walter – West Ramp, no incidents.

7/7/1972: A. Gerity – East Beach. Garbage not collected. Called M & P.

7/8/1972: A. Gerity - Day off.

7/8/1972: V. Walter – East ramp, no incidents.

7/9/1972: A.Gerity – Gave out 2 applications.

7/10/1972 A. Gerity – Day off.

7/10/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

7/11/1972: A. Gerity – East beach. Garbage not collected.

7/12/1972: V. Walters – Larkins dog followed boy down to beach who gave me his name as Phil Loughran.

7/13/1972: A. Gerity – East beach. Rain. Stand by.

7/13/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

7/14/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

7/14/1972: East Beach. No incident.

7/15/1972: J. Bonfiglio – West ramp, no incidents.

7/15/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

7/15/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.

7/15/1972: Member report to V. Walter – Had problem with German shepherd dog on leach. No owner. Got info and contacted same owner who picked up dog at 4:45 PM Owner's name; DeStefano, Valley & Queens drive.
Received 2 lost tags - # 230.

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- 7/16/1972: J. Bonfiglio – East ramp, no incidents.
7/16/1972: A. Gerity – Radio found on beach by Andrea DiMarco, 71 Coldspring Rd. Tag # 145.
- 7/17/1972: A. Gerity - Day off.
7/17/1972: V. Walters – East Ramp – No incidents.
- 7/18/1972: A. Gerity - West beach, no incident.
- 7/19/1972: V. Walters - West beach, no incident.
7/19/1972: A. Gerity - East beach, no incident.
- 7/20/1972: J. Bonfiglio – East ramp, no incidents.
7/20/1972: V. Walters – Had trouble with Suelzner family over bringing dog to ramp & wanting to Follow them to beach. Tag # 446.
7/20/1972: A. Gerity - West beach, no incident.
- 7/21/1972: V. Walters – West Ramp, no incidents.
7/21/1972: A. Gerity - East beach, no incident.
- 7/22/1972: V. Walters – East Ramp, no incidents.
7/22/1972: A. Gerity - Day off.
- 7/23/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, no incidents.
7/23/1972: A. Gerity - West beach, no incident.
- 7/24/1972: J. Bonfiglio, West ramp. Argument with woman about her dog making mess near stairway to beach I warned her I would refuse her admission to beach if incident occurred again.
7/24/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
7/24/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.
- 7/25/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
7/25/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.
- 7/26/1972: V. Walters – Westt ramp, no incidents.
7/26/1972: A. Gerity – East Beach – Gave first aid for cut on foot & toe.
- 7/27/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, no incidents.
7/27/1972: A. Gerity – West beach.
- 7/28/1972: A. Gerity – West beach. 2 boys lost, called 911. I found boys on beach before police came.
- 7/29/1972: A. Gerity – East beach.
- 7/30/1972: A. Gerity - West beach.

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- 7/31/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.
- 7/31/1972 Herman Freudenthal – 7/31/1972 to 8/6/1972: Police commissioner from SBPOA checking situation on the West ramp. He parked his car by the gate. Meanwhile, a group of teenagers annoyed his family which remained in his car, with nasty and filthy remarks. Mr. Heffner pick out the hero (Gregory Belmonte) and made him apologize. 8/5/1972 3:45PM.
- 7/31/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, no incidents.
- 8/1/1972: J. Bonfiglio – East Ramp, no incidents.
- 8/1/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/1/1972: A. Gerity – West beach. Pump broken told J. Buhler, Jr.
- 8/2/1972: A. Gerity – 200 ft. boat sign down.
- 8/2/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
- 8/3/1972: A. Gerity – West beach.
- 8/3/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/4/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
- 8/4/1972: A. Gerity – East beach. Rope anchor broke loose. My wife found watch, returned to owner.
- 8/5/1972: J. Bonfiglio – Incident occurred while Mr. Hefner was present, report of problem will be turned in by Herman (Freudemthal)..
- 8/5/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.
- 8/5/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/6/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, stopped 6 young men from going down bulldozed gully at about 1:00 PM. Then later 2 of our young teenaged “swains” at same spot.
- 8/6/1972: A. Gerity – Child cut foot, Gave bandage and pad.
- 8/7/1972: A. Gerity – West beach. Complaint about dog.
- 8/8/1972: V. Walters – East Ramp, no incidents.
- 8/9/1972: V. Walters – West
- 8/9/1972: Castellano – West end stairway 7:00 PM check all for pass. 6 little boys and girls climbing & sliding on hill. Instructed them to use stairway. 8:00 PM got to East stairway, 2 little boys digging holes in side of hill, instructed them to play near water. One man objected to pass check after 7:00 PM. I was informed by member of board that this man was his neighbor and he did not belong to the SBPOA. All were glad to see night patrol. 8:30 PM back to West stairway – are too far apart to keep good check, will patrol West beach after pass Check at East and West. Check at 9:30 & 11:30 PM. All OK.
- 8/9/1972: A. Gerity – East beach.

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- 8/10/1972: Castellano – 7:00 PM patrol beach from West end to East stairway. No one on beaches. Check 8:30 PM West end, a few Stholers (sic) all well. 11:30 PM check, all well. Last check.
- 8/10/1972: A. Gerity – West beach.
- 8/11/1972: Castellano – 8:30 PM check pass West beach and East end stair way, all pass OK. 16 ft. cruiser boat & small tow boat # CT9676 R mn Sanisll, 40 Salem Walk, Milford, Conn, staying overnight. Instructed them to clean up when they finish. Instructed them to get pass on their next stay over from the SBPOA for their part of 7. Beach patrol complete 9:35 PM. Last check 11:30 PM West end stair OK overnight beach party very good. Put out very large unattended fire at East end. Stair way rest OK.
- 8/11/1972: V. Walters – East & West Ramp, no incidents.
- 8/11/1972: A. Gerity – East beach. #304 lost 3 tags.
- 8/12/1972: Castellano – 7:00 AM burial of 35 lb. raccoon that washed ashore at West end stairway. 7:30 PM patrol West end to East end stairway. Hardly, no one on beach. All OK. 11:30 PM check, all OK.
- 8/12/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
- 8/12/1972: A. Gerity – Day off.
- 8/13/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
- 8/13/1972: Castellano – 5:00 PM check with 2 patrolmen at West end stair way. 8:30 PM patrol beach – large party west of West stair way. Asked if they would be all night, said yes. Instructed them not to leave any bottles on beach and to quiet down after 10:30 PM or there will be no more party time on beaches. Party went to 30 – they were all very good.
- 8/13/1972: A. Gerity – West beach.
- 8/14/1972: Castellano – Patrol beach, extreme west end to east end stair way. All OK. 9:30 PM, Four men walking beach, check them out. They were Air Force men. I told them since they were walking along beach I was sure they would be more than welcome. 11:00 PM check, all OK.
- 8/14/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, no incidents.
- 8/15/1972: Castellano – (This was taken care of by Mr. Hafner) Mr. John Buhler, nephew assured me there is no pass check after 6:00 PM. I request Mr. John A. Buhler (744-3718) Oceanside Rd. Sound Beach, be given notice. All OK. 10:00 PM check West to East, all OK.
- 8/15/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/16/1972: Castellano – 7:30 PM, 6 teenage boys & girls, East end stair way, large fire 200 ft. from bulkhead. All had pass. Very good and clean area. 10:30 PM check West to East end, teenage very good. Instructed them to put out fire before leaving. West end stari way beach, there were several 20 year old polite couples from Sound Beach. Instructed them to have pass next time on beach. Beach very quiet. This is last patrol of night.
- 8/16/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.

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- 8/17/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach patrol 8:10 PM started extreme West end of beach West stair. Some older people fishing. All ok. Put out large fire, unattended. It looks like they are trying to burn old poles from bulk heads. ¾ hour to put out large fire. Location of fire 3/4 way from West stairs to East stairs. I would like to catch this arson. Beach is too long to cover. Patrol complete at 10:30 PM. All OK.
- 8/17/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/18/1972: Castellano – 7:00 PM older people fishing West end stairway. Teenage hangout top of stairway, mostly in street on south side Sound Beach railing. East end stair, all OK. Older people fishing. 10:30 PM, older teenage hangout in street south side of Sound Beach railing, top West end stair way. All OK. East end stairway & beach OK. Patrol Complete 11:30 PM.
- 8/19/1972: Castellano – No patrol, away this weekend
- 8/19/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/20/1972: Castellano – No patrol, away this weekend
- 8/20/1972: V. Walters – West ramp. Teenage boy & girl, slid down bank by old abandoned house. Upon coming up stairs, boy had tag # 1181, girl none. Both refused to give names.
- 8/21/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach Patrol – 8:00 PM. West end stairway, young lady walking dog on beach, OK. South end stairway, people fishing. 7 to 14 year old campfire out for five hours. Instructed them to put sand wall 1 foot high around fire & put out same when done. They were very good. I put out a fire 300 feet west of them. Someone had left 11:00 PM. Check all OK. West end stairway street teenage hang out, all OK.
- 8/21/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/22/1972: Castellano - 7:00 PM Sound Beach Patrol West end, OK. Lot of teenagers on beach. There was an old timer on beach fishing with family. He told me there was a fire close to East end of beach midway on hill. He believed residence were burning wood – all OK. Party at West end stairway. 10:30 PM I decided to check top side of hill, SBPOA area with car. Found a man in his 30s walking along logs on side of hill. I told him of my patrol asking him if all was OK. He said yes and walked away. As I walked over to check along hill for fire, all was OK. He came back and told me he has not been to any SBPOA meeting and he did not vote for any night patrol. He said not a thing has happened on the beach for 18 years. He said his name was Barry. He will also go SBPOA and have my job. I told him I have a job now and if he liked a better view of the beach, SBPOA East stairway was the best and they even have benches to relax on. He said he wanted no pass check so everyone could have their fires and drink their beer and have a good time and hang out on the beach and not in the streets. At least they are not taking any needles. End of chat.
- 8/22/1972: V. Walters – East ramp, no incidents.

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- 8/23/1972: Castellano – 7:30 PM Sound Beach Patrol West end stairway. Lots of people out fishing. A few teenage boys fishing East end stair way the same. All OK. 11:30 PM check of all beaches, all OK.
- 8/23/1972: V. Walters – West ramp, no incidents.
- 8/24/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach Patrol 8:30 PM. Check of West end stair way with some people fishing East end stair way check, 3 fishing. Teenage couple camping out a few hours. Instructed them to put out fire before leaving, all OK. 11:00 PM check, all OK. West end stair way, check.
- 8/24/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/25/1972: Castellano – No patrol on 8/25/72 or 8/26/72. Not at home, been away.
- 8/26/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/27/1972: V. Walters – No incidents.
- 8/28/1972: Castellano – 7:30 PM. Patrol. Large party at extreme West end of beach. Instructed them to pick up all broken bottles from their past party and move closer to stair way where trash containers are available and to quiet down at 11:00 PM. They did. They had a ball. Patrol 11:00 PM, all OK.
- 8/28/1972: V. Walters – Roof blown off rest at West ramp.
- 8/29/1972: Castellano – 8:00 PM, West end stair way, no one there. East end stair way approach 12 year old boy and girl at fire 100 feet east. Another 12 year old boy with fire and (unintelligible). I told them to put out the fire when they leave, not to stay late. 10:30 PM patrol – 2 college boys a girl to camp out west of West stair way. 3 boys with fire east of West stairway. East end stairway, OK. On way back, 3 boys put out fire and ran. They said someone was stoning them from the top of the hill. I went to the top of the West end stair way and a lot of 20 year old boys with 5 cars parked facing beach against SBPOA railing. I told them no parking on railing. Plate no. ES-6921, BJ-7013, DE-2008, SO-7933, and 8844-GY. They did not like this very much. All OK. End of patrol.
- 8/30/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach Patrol – 8:00 PM West end stair way some men and boys fishing, same at East beach stairway, all OK. 10:30 PM Boys, girls at top of West beach stair way. No one on beach on East stairway. End of patrol.
- 8/31/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach Patrol. 8:30 PM West end stair way. Boys & girls at top of Stairway, no one on beach. East end stair way, no one on beach.
- 9/1/1972: Castellano – No night patrols. High tide 2 feet high on bulk head.
- 9/2/1972: Castellano – No night patrols. High tide 2 feet high on bulk head.
- 9/3/1972: Castellano - Sound Beach patrol. 8:30 PM Some people fishing, some walking dogs at West beach stair way. East stair way man with 2 boys fishing, all OK. 10:00 PM boys & girls at top of West end stairs, all ok. East end, no one on beach, patrol ends.

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- 9/4/1972: Castellano – No patrols.
- 9/5/1972: Castellano – No patrols from 9/5 thru 9/7/197 because of death in family.
- 9/8/1972: Castellano – 4:30 PM 2 men with double barrel shotguns having target practice on West end beach, west of West stairway. I told them this was not a target range. New law states no gun to be used from 500 to 1000 feet from any house. Night patrol, all OK.
- 9/9/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/10/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/11/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/12/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/13/1972: Castellano- Boys shooting fire crackers 9:00 PM West end stair way on beach.
- 9/14/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/15/1972: Castellano – 2 patrols each night, all OK.
- 9/16/1972: Castellano – 8:00 PM West end stair way beach, OK. East end stairway had to put out large fire. No one there looks like they tore out 1/3 Pickwick stairway railing and burned them in front of Sound Beach stair way.
- 9/17/1972: Castellano – Sound Beach Patrol. Very good night, all OK on East & West end.
- 9/18/1972: Castellano – 8:00 PM West end. A 16 ft boat was anchored with stones on beach. East end, all OK. Burned wood all over beach on return water washed away stones, I had to pull out boat, it was starting to float away. Go it beached OK. Had to help a man look for his lost large dog with my lights. From West to East, completed patrols at 10:30 PM.
- 9/19/1972: Castellano – 8:00 PM from West stairway to East stairway, all OK.
- 9/20/1972: Castellano – Water up to bulk head, could not patrol.
- 9/21/1972: Castellano – Water up to bulk head, could not patrol.
- 9/23/1972: Castellano – Water up to bulk head, could not patrol.
- 9/24/1972: Castellano – Water up to bulk head, could not patrol.
- 9/25/1972: Castellano – Water up to bulk head, could not patrol. From West Ramp to East stairway not to many around weekend fisherman. Patrol very bad, high tide water so high, breakers splash over top of 6 ft. bulk head. Patrol at low tide 8 to 10 PM.

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10/2/1972: Castellano – 10/2/1972 to 10/16/1972. Weather a little colder out. Not too many out. Stopped some boys pulling old bulk heading for fire at East end and rest of patrol, OK.

END