

BEACH COMMISSIONER REPORT 8-18-18

It has been a successful year for both the East and West Beach. 18 Beach guards and 4 Lifeguards have been supervised by myself and two other team members, Patrice Perreca and Corinne Milmoe, using Deputy Workforce Management online which allowed for flexible scheduling, easy communication and accountability. Beach guard shifts started on Memorial Day weekend and will continue through Labor Day. Shifts have been adjusted throughout the summer based on the member traffic at each beach and sunset times. Lifeguards have been on the West Beach on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

We were very pleased to have encouraged one of our own young members to obtain Lifeguard Certification through the incentive of graduated reimbursement of training fees. This concept was developed by Will and Anna Fris and Corinne Milmoe, and was approved by the Board and was available to two young members upon application. We are proud that Alex Samuilov took advantage of this opportunity and is now a Certified Open Water Lifeguard and is continuing to use this training to the benefit of the SBPOA.

There have been many water quality status issues this season. In the beginning of the season we made sure that Nancy B. Pierson, Senior Public Health Sanitarian at the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Environmental Quality, Office of Ecology, was aware of our East Beach location and how to contact us for notifications. Our procedure for communicating changes in water quality status has been to notify the Beach Guards and Lifeguards, and to post signs at the affected beaches. Often the East Beach was OPEN FOR SWIMMING when the West Beach was not, and we were thankful that our members had that alternative, and posted that information as well.