



THE
**FLORIDA
BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

AND THE



**UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

**2011 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET
FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2012 – 6:45PM TO 11:00PM**

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**MIAMI MARRIOTT – BISCAYNE BAY
1633 N. Bayshore Drive
Miami, Fl. 33132**

HONORING THE

“LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR”

“BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR”

**CYNTHIA AGUILAR
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
OCEAN RESCUE**

THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL LIFESAVING AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. COME CELEBRATE OUR 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND CAMARADERIE.

PROGRAM

6:45 PM - 7:45 PM COCKTAIL HOUR / RECEPTION

7:45 PM WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

8:00 PM - 8:30 PM AWARDS PRESENTATION

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM BUFFET / BANQUET DINNER

9:30 PM - 10:00 PM AWARDS PRESENTATION

10:00 PM CLOSING THOUGHTS

10:00 PM - 11:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR / CONVERSATION & DANCING

FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS
2011 - 2012 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT - BRECK BALOU
V. PRESIDENT (N) - ANDREW RITCHIE
V. PRESIDENT (C) - TOM MAHADY
V. PRESIDENT (S) - SCOTT RENOLDS
V. PRESIDENT (W) - VACANT
V. PRESIDENT (P) - JOE D'AGOSTINO
TREASURER - JOHN FRAZIER
SECRETARY - ANDREW RITCHIE
ADVISOR - BOB MALER

U.S.L.A. SOUTHEAST REGION
2012 - 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT - GERRY FALCONER
VICE PRESIDENT - JO WAGENHAUS
TREASURER - BOB MALER
SECRETARY - ERIK SCHWARZ
ADVISOR - JOE McMANUS
1ST EXEC DELEGATE - JIM McCRADY
2ND EXEC DELEGATE - JOE D'AGOSTINO
3RD EXEC DELEGATE - GARY WISE
4TH EXEC DELEGATE - CHRIS NOWVISKIE
COMPETITION - JIM McCRADY
JUNIOR LG'S - CHRIS HOCH
MEMBERSHIP - KATHY SHULZINSKY
PUBLIC ED. CHAIR - MIKE MAMMEN

FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS - 2011

- **2011 F.B.P.C.A. & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. PRESIDENTS AWARD**
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING:
RECIPIENT: *St. Johns County Fire Rescue*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2010 - 2011 OFFICERS AWARDS**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS**
RECIPIENTS: *Scott Demarest - Delray Beach // Aaron Levy - Indian River County // Jim McCrady - Ft. Lauderdale*
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Lee Magnuson*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**
RECIPIENTS: *David Thorn - Palm Beach County & Rich Connell - Delray Beach*
- **F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD**
RECIPIENTS: *Joe McManus, Dennis Ward, Helena Khoshnevis*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL = TEAM / MALE & FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS**
- **F.B.P.C.A. LIFEMEMBER AWARD**
RECIPIENT: *Rob Caldwell*
- **NATIONAL COMPETITORS – RECOGNITION**
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2011 SPRINT SERIES TEAM AWARD WINNERS**
RECIPIENT: *To be announced*
- **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2011 WINTER SERIES COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS**
- **FLORIDAS “LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT - RECOGNITION**
- **FLORIDAS “BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT - RECOGNITION**



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION

LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR - 2011

Recipient: Cynthia Aguilar

Nominees:

Luis Andrade – Miami-Dade County
Tiegh Collins – St. John's County
Mike Huck – Pompano Beach
Mike Mammen – Martin County
Kris Neuschaefer – Ft. Lauderdale

Miami Beach Lifeguard I (L1), Cynthia Aguilar is an accomplished lifeguard in her swimming, paddling and water skills. The 27 year old has been employed with Miami Beach Ocean Rescue for nine years. Lifeguard Aguilar is currently enrolled in EMT classes and is a fully certified SSI diver.

Cynthia is a former USLA-Southeast Region (SER) champion and was the first winner of the SER paddles series and held that title for the next five consecutive years. She has used her paddling skills to paddle from Bimini to Florida (58 miles); C2C paddle (22 miles); Catalina Paddle (32 miles); Molokai Paddle (32 miles) and Cuba to Key West (103 miles)! She also created the **Annual Chick Challenge**, a swim, paddle, surf ski event for female lifeguards.

Aside from her competitive accolades, Lifeguard Aguilar has used her water & paddling skills to take the message of community involvement to all that will listen. She has organized competitive events across the State of Florida that has raised monies for charitable causes. In 2011, her Cuba to Key West solo paddle raised a large amount of money for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation**.

From her daily lifeguard duties, to competitive paddling, to community activism, Miami Beach Lifeguard Cynthia Aguilar is truly the concept of the total all-around lifeguard. A Lifeguard of the Year!

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BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2011

City of Miami Beach, Ocean Rescue

Nominees: Destin County // Martin County // Okaloosa County // Palm Beach County // Pompano Beach // St. John's County

Since 1926 residents, visitors and tourist coming to Miami Beach have been protected by the Miami Beach Ocean Rescue Division. Annual statistics from the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) estimate the probability of drowning on a beach under lifeguard protection is 1 in 18 million. As a USLA certified agency, Miami Beach Ocean Rescue is proud of the record of providing a safe and protected beach environment for all those that "...live, work and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."

As a division of the Miami Beach Fire Department, Miami Beach Ocean Rescue covers approximately 8 miles of ocean beach. Under the direction of the Operations Supervisor, there are 29 lifeguard towers that are staffed by First Responder, EMT and Paramedic trained lifeguards 365 days of the year. Divided into four (4) zones, each Zone is staffed by a Zone Lieutenant, Lifeguard II Supervisors and Full & Temporary Lifeguard 1. Each Zone has a headquarter location and is equipped with a Rescue PWC, a BLS fully equipped Lieutenant vehicle, ATV vehicles at Lifeguard towers with BLS capabilities. All Lifeguard towers are first aid stations with oxygen available. Assisting offshore is Ocean Rescue's rescue boat. A 27 foot Boston Whaler with twin 225hp motors, it has a top speed near 50mph with a side cut-out door for bringing victims aboard.

In 2011, Miami Beach's beach attendance was estimated at over 14 million. During that time, Miami Beach Ocean Rescue lifeguards made over 1000 rescues, 300,000 preventative actions, 128 major medical responses and 18,000 ordinance enforcements.

Committed to excellence, Miami Beach Ocean Rescue's motto is:
PRIDE – in the job we do!
PROFESSIONALISM – in our duties!
PERFORMANCE – Saving lives! Just do it!

F.B.P.C.A. // U.S.L.A. S.E.R. – AWARDS

PRESIDENTS AWARD for OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OCEAN LIFESAVING **RECIPIENT: ST. JOHNS COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE**

The St. Johns County Fire Rescue (SJCFR) Marine Rescue Division is responsible for all aquatic related emergencies occurring in St. Johns County including 42 miles of coastline, the inter coastal waterway and the St. Johns River. The primary objective of this first response emergency service is to provide the highest level of skilled and efficient response to all people or situations requiring any aquatic or marine intervention. SJCFR Marine Rescue is a United States Lifesaving Association Advanced Certified Agency established in 1933. During peak season, 60 seasonal guards are employed to staff 21 lifeguard towers and seven patrol vehicles. The daily structure consists of: Zone Supervisors, Driver Operators and Tower Lifeguards. Throughout the year, the Marine Rescue Division is staffed with 4 full-time Fire Rescue Officers supplemented by trained Fire Rescue Responders located at strategically oriented Fire Stations throughout St. Johns County. St. Johns lifeguards have cross-training firefighters at 24/7 stations to respond to aquatic emergencies. To date, over 90 certified firefighters have achieved certifications for completing this rigorous training program.

F.B.P.C.A. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RECIPIENT: LEE MAGNUSON

Lee Magnuson was born in Hamilton, Ohio and moved to Deerfield Beach at the age of five. He graduated from the local high school and began working for the City as a lifeguard in January 1976. In 1977, he became a Lieutenant and for the past 32 years he has served as the Captain. After 35 years of dedicated service shared career accomplishments including no drownings in the guarded areas, expanding the surf area and the addition of more volleyball courts. Lee believes he was successful because he surrounded himself with dedicated professional men and women.

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RECIPIENT: RICH CONNELL // DAVID THORN

Rich Connell retired from the City of Delray Beach in 2005 as the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation but devoted the vast majority of his career to leading and developing the Ocean Rescue profession in Florida. Rich started his career as an Ocean Lifeguard in 1972 with the City of Deerfield Beach before coming to Delray Beach in 1973. Rich Connell held several titles which included Lieutenant, Beach Supervisor and Ocean Rescue Superintendent. Under his direction, Rich pioneered higher standards for lifesaving in Florida as he set the EMT requirement for all Delray Ocean Rescue employees. This standard was indicative of a career of accomplishments for the benefit of Delray Beach. Some contributions included: procuring the first modern Ocean Rescue Headquarters for Delray Ocean Rescue, starting the Delray Beach Lifeguard Competition and BLS teams and modernizing record keeping with the introduction of computers.

David Thorn worked as an ocean lifeguard for 37 years, 14 with Boca Raton Marine Safety and 23 years with Palm Beach County (PBC). During his career in Public Safety he performed hundreds of rescues and major first aids, thousands of minor first aids, and countless preventative actions. He retired from PBOR in March 2011 at age of 69 and at the time was still out performing many of his peers half his age in semi-annual physical testing. David petitioned his employer and the state of Florida to have PBC Ocean Lifeguard EMT's be given SPECIAL RISK retirement benefits mandated by law. After a 3 year battle, and despite great effort and expense, the case was denied by the 4th District Court of Appeals on the basis of a technicality. Throughout his career David mentored hundreds of young lifeguards. Because of his honesty, integrity, and desire to educate and help those who are drawn to the shore, David became known as "the Gentleman Lifeguard."

F.B.P.C.A. / U.S.L.A. S.E.R. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

RECIPIENTS: JOE MCMANUS, DENNIS WARD & HELENA KHOSHNEVIS

USLA-SER Special Recognition Award is presented to individuals who have contributed to the goals, values and purpose of the United State Lifesaving Association, Southeast Region.

F.B.P.C.A. LIFEMEMBER AWARD

RECIPIENT: ROB CALDWELL

Rob Caldwell grew up in Georgia loving the water, fishing and boating as much as possible. He moved to Florida in 1973 to attend school and took a part time job as an ocean lifeguard at Lantana. He then moved into a full time position and completed his EMT training and shortly after was promoted to Lieutenant. In 1986, Rob was selected as the first FBPCA Lifeguard of the Year. He was then promoted to Captain in the late 80's and assembled the first Marine Patrol vessel for the Town. Rob later became a boating safety and PWC instructor, providing training to other Departments. In 1992, Rob became Manager of the Marine Safety Department, joined the FBPCA in 1993 and served as vice-President from '94-'96, President from '96-'98 and '00-'02 and Advisor from '98-'00 and '02-'06. He was a member of the USLA most of his career. Rob started and directed the junior lifeguard program at Lantana and coordinated sea turtle monitoring for that area. Over the years, he has officiated at many local, regional and national lifeguard and junior lifeguard events.

**FLORIDA BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

THE BEACH "CHIEFS" FORMED IN 1983 TO PROMOTE PROFESSIONALISM WITHIN FLORIDA'S OCEAN LIFESAVING AGENCIES. THE FOUNDING MEMBERS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR INCREASED COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG FLORIDA'S PROFESSIONAL OCEAN LIFEGUARDS.

WORTHWHILE PROJECTS BEGAN TO EMERGE FROM THE "CHIEFS" INCLUDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, PROMOTING LEGISLATION RELATED TO OCEAN LIFESAVING AND RAISING STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION. THE LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR AND BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR AWARDS WERE CREATED TO HONOR THE BEST LIFEGUARDS AND LIFEGUARD AGENCIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.



**UNITED STATES LIFESAVING
ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

USLA IS AMERICA'S NON-PROFIT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BEACH LIFEGUARDS AND OPEN WATER RESCUERS. USLA WORKS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF DEATH AND INJURY IN THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION, NATIONAL LIFEGUARD STANDARDS, TRAINING PROGRAMS, PROMOTION OF HIGH LEVELS OF LIFEGUARD READINESS AND OTHER MEANS.

THERE ARE OVER 100 CHAPTERS OF USLA NATIONALLY. EACH IS AFFILIATED WITH A LIFESAVING SERVICE LOCATED WITHIN A GEOGRAPHICAL REGION. EACH USLA REGION HAS A PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY USLA HAS BEEN AN ORGANIZATION OF VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARDS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LIFESAVING PROFESSION AND PROTECTING THE BEACH-GOING PUBLIC.



LIFEGUARDS FOR LIFE



FLORIDA'S LIFEGUARDS OF THE YEAR

1986
ROB CALDWELL - LANTANA

1987
CHUCK PRICE - PALM BEACH COUNTY

1988
ERIK JERSTED - TOWN OF PALM BEACH

1989
KEN GUNTHER - PALM BEACH COUNTY

1990
BRIAN RICHARDSON - MARTIN COUNTY

1991
GERRY FALCONER - POMPANO BEACH

1992
JERRY HUTTON - PALM BEACH COUNTY

1993
NAJIM MUSTO - DEERFIELD BEACH

1994
PHIL MIRKIN - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

1995
VINCE WIERNICKI - ST. LUCIE COUNTY

1996
PHIL WOTTON - BOCA RATON

1997
JULIA LEO - PALM BEACH COUNTY

1998
ERICK BARBOSA - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

1999
STEVE ZICKL - DELRAY BEACH

2000
CHRISTINE McCRADY - FORT LAUDERDALE

2001
MIKE BROWN - DEERFIELD BEACH

2002
LUIZ MORIZOT- LEITE - MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

2003
PATRICK McGLAMERY - BOCA RATON

2004
JO WAGENHALS - DELRAY BEACH

2005
JIM McCRADY - FORT LAUDERDALE

2006
DENNIS WARD - PALM BEACH COUNTY

2007
GIOVANNI SERRANO - FORT LAUDERDALE

2008
MATTHEW PARNASS - FORT LAUDERDALE

2009
JEFFREY WEBB NOELL - DEERFIELD BEACH

2010
JOE McMANUS - INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

2011
CYNTHIA AGUILAR - CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

BEACH PATROLS OF THE YEAR

1993
TOWN OF LANTANA

1994
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

1995
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

1996
PALM BEACH COUNTY

1997
CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

1998
CITY OF BOCA RATON

1999
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

2000
CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

2001
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

2002
CITY OF POMPANO BEACH

2003
CLEARWATER BEACH

2004
SARASOTA COUNTY

2005
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

2006
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

2007
TOWN OF PALM BEACH

2008
CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

2009
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

2010
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

2011
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2011 LIFEGUARD COMPETITION SEASON.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS -- (PAST AND PRESENT) THAT HAVE WORKED SO TIRELESSLY ON THE "SPECIAL RISK" STATUS AND OCEAN LIFEGUARD INITIATIVE FOR FLORIDA'S OCEAN LIFESAVERS INCLUDING = JOE McMANUS, DENNIS WARD, KEN GUNTHER, BENNETT RICHARDSON & PAUL DRUCKER.