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**AND THE

UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

2018 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET

FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2019 @ 6:00PM

AT THE

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Annual awards banquet here at the Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort. We appreciate member agency's commitment to travel to this event and share in our celebration.

The Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association and the United States Lifesaving Association, Southeast Region cordially invite you to the **twenty-fifth Annual** Lifesaving Awards and Banquet dinner. Come celebrate our 2018 accomplishments with food, fun music and camaraderie.

Tonight's Itinerary

6:00 PM	CHECK IN
6:00 PM	COCKTAIL TIME / POOLSIDE RECEPTION
6:45 PM - 7:00 PM	WELCOME
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	BANQUET DINNER
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	AWARDS PRESENTATION
10:00 PM	CLOSING THOUGHTS

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Juniors – Chris Nowviskie

Membership– Karissa Ickes

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2018 FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS

- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A 2017 - 2018 Executive Officers**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+, 40+, 50+ Year Lifesaving Service Awards**
- ♦ **In Memory of ...**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. National Junior Lifeguard of The Year Award**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Joan Falconer Memorial Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A Heroic Act Award**
- ♦ **U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Special Recognition Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A President's Award**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award**
- ♦ **National Competitors - Recognition**
 - U.S.L.A. S.E.R. International Surf Lifesaving Challenge Team Members**
 - U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Regional - Team Male/Female High point winners**
- ♦ **F.B.P.C.A. Lifetime Achievement**
- ♦ **Florida's "Lifeguard of The Year" Past and Present – Recognition**
- ♦ **Florida's "Beach Patrol of The Year" Past and Present – Recognition**

F.B.P.C.A 2017 - 2018 Executive Officers- Recognition

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U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ Year Lifesaving Service Awards

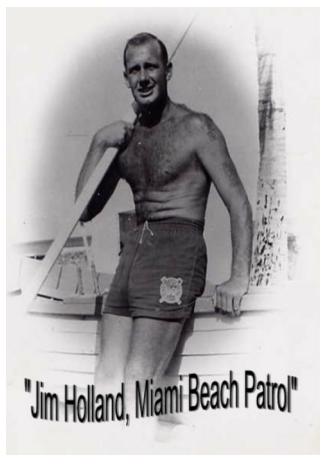
Harvey Baver - (Sarasota County)

Roy Routh - (Sarasota County)

Scot Ruberg - (Sarasota County)

Scott Montgomery - (Sarasota County)

In memory of: James Robert Holland



Jim was a lifeguard in Hallandale, Miami Beach and Dade County in the early years. He became the Chief of the Dade County Lifeguard Division in 1969 eventually becoming the Chief of Water Safety for Miami-Dade County which encompassed all the lifeguards as well as beach maintenance personnel. Jim was the first east coast liaison for the National Surf Lifesaving Association bringing the first Florida chapters into the NSLSA now USLA. Jim was a great swimmer; competing in masters swimming competitions until his late seventies. He taught his children and many others how to swim at young ages. He thought nothing was more important than getting kids to swim early.

Elisabeth "Libby" Michelini



Libby Michelini

Libby grew up in Port Orange and was involved with swimming long before she worked many summers for Volusia County. She attended Tulane where she earned a masters degree in Literature in 2007. She accomplished this 6 year degree in only 4 years, a testament to Libby's work ethic & passion for everything she did. She taught literacy to underprivileged children until 2015 when she contracted viral encephalitis. Libby died at the young age of 34 from complications of her disease. She is remembered for putting her heart & soul into everything she did.

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. National Junior Lifeguard of The Year Awards

Isabella Taylor



Isabella Taylor is a member of the Pompano juniors. She was chosen to represent the United States on the Under 19 team for the international surf Rescue Challenge in New Zealand. She's not only a fierce competitor but a mentor to the younger kids coming up through the program. As well rounded as they come, in her spare time she volunteers at Broward County Animal adoption center and Anne Kolb nature center.

Aaron Blanco



Photo:
Chris Thompson

Aaron Blanco's first year competing in surf-lifesaving tournaments began in 2014 as a member of the City of Hollywood's Jr. Lifeguard program. In 2014 the SER Board of Directors voted to allow U19 competitors to compete in selected events at the professional tournament. Aaron's first professional lifeguard tournament was the 2014 Palm Beach County Peanut Island paddle and the Juno Pier Classic. Since 2014, Aaron has competed in dozens of surf Lifesaving tournaments both as a Jr. and alongside the professional men and women of the United States Lifesaving Association.

U.S.L A. S.E.R. Joan Falconer Memorial Associate Member Award

Beth Puttick (Momma Puttick)



Beth is the mother of 2 St. John's County Marine Rescue (SJCMR) Lifeguards and an ongoing Associate Member of the St. Augustine Lifesaving Association (SALA). Emily and Josh, two of her four children started participating in Jr Guards in 2008 before Emily aged into professional lifeguard status in 2013 and Josh in 2018. Since their beginnings in 2008 Beth has been present and motivated to support our marine rescue agency and lifeguard association.

Beth is a participant and contributor to every SALA public outreach, fundraiser, competition, and training that her busy schedule can allow; even annually traveling to regional and national competition events lending a hand and rooting on the crew. Amongst our crew Beth is referred to as Momma Puttick and universally knows as the "Lifeguard Mom." She is also our in house photographer, taking great action shots at our events; some of which decorate our marine rescue headquarters. Momma Puttick is a great supporter and asset to our association and the lifesaving community; and a model for selfless volunteering earning her this recognition!



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F.B.P.C.A. Heroic Act Award

Jean-Claude Bedard

On October 27, 2018 at Jensen Public Beach, off-duty Port St. Lucie Police Sergeant Terri Dennis and her boyfriend's daughter were enjoying a weekend at the beach. Sgt. Dennis was in the water with 2 surfboards, one for the daughter and one for herself. Unexpectedly, Sgt. Dennis experienced a syncopal episode in the water, causing her to drown. When she lost consciousness, Mr. Jean-Claude Bedard happened to be walking the shoreline and witnessed her face down with the 2 surfboards. Mr. Bedard, without hesitation, entered the water to come to her aid. He was the first to recover Sgt. Dennis in the water and begin pulling her to shore. Martin County Ocean Rescue lifeguards met Mr. Bedard on the shoreline, determined Sgt. Dennis to be pulseless and apneic, and began resuscitative efforts. When she was turned over to Martin County Fire Rescue for further care, she had regained a strong pulse. We would like to commend the keen observation of Mr. Bedard from the shoreline to assist in the rescue of Sgt. Dennis; his heroic actions were a direct result of Sergeant Dennis's full recovery.



U.S.L.A. S.E.R. Special Recognition Award

Steve Bean



Steve Bean of Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue is another impactful historian to the “yearbook of our lives in surf lifesaving”. Steve started lifeguarding in Pompano Beach in 1991 where he worked for 2 years before moving onto his current agency, Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue. He's been full time there since 1994 and is one of their senior guards. Steve has taken photos for decades, at one point posting thousands of images on his website. He currently shoots videos more than stills and posts them on his Facebook page or YouTube channel, floridalifevideos.com or rescueraces.com.

Images and videos of surf lifesaving not only help to educate the public but also to remind us all of how great we can be. Steve Bean is a valuable asset to our profession and an invaluable historian of the work we do.

F.B.P.C.A. President's Award



Delray Beach Ocean Rescue

Delray Beach Ocean Rescue has a long standing tradition of exceptional lifeguarding. This is shown as they have received multiple accolades and have been awarded Beach Patrol of the Year in 1995, 1999, 2001, and 2008. In addition, they did an excellent job of hosting the 2017 USLA Regional Junior and Professional Competition. Their long standing tradition of professionalism is only highlighted by the most recent advancements including a rebranding of the division, 800 mhz radio upgrades, and the addition of their state of the art lifeguard towers which include solar panels equipped with fans.

Mission Statement of Delray Beach Ocean Rescue:

The Delray Beach Fire Department Ocean Rescue Division will provide the highest quality emergency services to the residents and visitors of our community; effectively mitigating incidents threatening life or property; educating the public in specific aspects of health and safety to assure a superior quality of life.

Delray's exemplary display of lifesaving and professionalism is the reason why they have been chosen for the 2018 FBPCA Presidents Award.



F.B.P.C.A. Special Recognition Award

Matt Dunn



Matt was a competitive swimmer for 13 years. Having swam for the Gator Swim Club, he broke several National and Junior Olympic records. At Florida State University, he finished his career on FSU's All-time Top 10 List swimming the 500 Freestyle, 1,000 Freestyle, 1,650 Freestyle and the 800 Free Relay.

Matt is a 23 year veteran of the tourism and sports tourism industries. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Palm Coast and the Flagler Beaches, the destination marketing organization for Flagler County. He is also a Board member of the National Association of Sports Commissions.

Matt was the host of the 2015 and 2018 USLA Southeast Regional Championships. Following the 2015 Championships, Matt recognized opportunities that abound the sport of surf racing. From there he put a plan in place to create a multi sport beach festival, branded the Coquina Cup. It is the only surf racing event in Florida, and beyond, to be timed and scored using transponders. Outside of USLA competition, his plan will lift the Coquina Cup into the premier surf racing event in the United States.





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U.S.L.A. National Team Members

Professional

Hallie Petersohn	Volusia
Casey Francis	FLOR
Shannon Snell	FLOR
April O’Gorman	Volusia
Chase Robertson	PB Co.

(Adelaide, Australia):

U19

Gwen Bencie	FLOR
Malcolm Wilkie	Hollywood
Mark Modzelewski	Hollywood

Professional Coach:

Tom McGibney	Volusia
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National Competitors

Recognition

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL - Team / Male & Female

2018 USLA SER Regional Top 10 team results:

1	Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue	451.25
2	Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue	425.75
3	Volusia Surf Lifesaving Association	413.25
4	Miami Beach Ocean Rescue	284.5
5	Boca Raton Ocean Rescue	267.25
6	St. Augustine Lifesaving Association	171.5
7	Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue	161.5
8	Clearwater Beach Patrol	152.0
9	Brevard County Ocean Rescue	134.5
10	Hollywood Beach Safety	121.75

2018 USLA SER Regional Top 10 Male overall points:

1	A.J. Miller	Volusia	97.5
2	Chase Robertson	PB Co.	89.5
3	Boki Corsovic	Hollywood	62.75
4	Levi Parson	Volusia	48.5
5	Ivo Pavlov	Volusia	39.5
6	Matt Lynskey	PB Co.	36.75
7	Danny Repass	Boca Raton	36.5
8	Mike Vasta	Dania Beach	35.5
9	Anthony Cali	Deerfield	34.5
10	Bruce Wilkie	Hollywood	34.0
10	Pete Fournier	Dania Beach	34.0

2018 USLA SER Regional Top 10 Female overall points:

1	Jennifer Noonan	FLOR	110.25
2	Stephanie Eisenring	Deerfield	88.5
3	Alexandre O’Connor	FLOR	80.25
4	April O’Gorman	Volusia	71.5
5	Jessica Ventura	PB Co.	64.0
6	Tiffany LaCasse-Johnson	PB Co.	60.75
7	Sherry Griffith	Boca Raton	53.75
8	Jillian Kenney	FLOR	50.5
9	Casey Francis	FLOR	48.75
10	Lesley Shahan	Pompano	46.75

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F.B.P.C.A. Lifetime Achievement Award

Rex Beach, Manatee County



Rex's 39-year career began with Manatee County in 1976 as a beach lifeguard. He retired as a lieutenant in 2016. In 1971, Rex got his lifeguard certification in Indiana, where he lifeguarded pools. On a motorcycle trip from Kokomo, Ind., when he was 21, Rex stopped in Manatee County to visit a relative and has been here ever since.

When he started at the beach, there was minimal training and no emergency radio system. His first aid kit included a dime taped to the top of the inside lid to send someone to the pay phone to call for an ambulance. Rex has participated in many of our Divisions advancements over the years and he was implacable in the creation of our Personal Rescue Craft (PRC) training to include PRC Operator, PRC Surf Operator and Rescuer levels. In 1991, Rex was one of the first lifeguards to obtain the first Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification on the west coast of Florida, which inevitably helped us to achieve our special risk retirement status to which he avidly worked on. Throughout his career, he never quit learning and sharing his knowledge of what it took to be a consummate waterman. He had a passion for mentoring rookie lifeguards into seasoned, rescue tested professionals. Always continuing the promotion of lifeguard safety, he worked within the division to develop our all-terrain vehicle training course and our operational training manual. Rex was a United State Coast Guard Captain and held multiple certifications for dive rescue and swift water technical rescue. He was instrumental in the design and implementation of our water search and rescue response team. This team's capabilities include activating for weather emergencies such as tropical storms, hurricanes, and responses to river flooding.



Rex has made an everlasting impression on our lifeguarding community. From the many lives he saved, to raising the bar of those that he had the pleasure to work with, he never expected what he wouldn't do himself.

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

2012

MITCH McCRADY – FORT LAUDERDALE

2013

JOHNATHAN BILLINGS – INDIAN RIVER

2014

JESSICA EARL – ST. JOHNS COUNTY

2015

CRYSTAL HAIRE – FORT LAUDERDALE

2016

LAWRENCE RUSSELL – PALM BEACH COUNTY

2017

ALEXANDRE O'CONNER - FORT LAUDERDALE

2018

ROMAN STROHMENGER – DEERFIELD BEACH

2018 Lifeguard of the Year Nominees

Richard Walde (Delray Beach)

Tiffany LaCasse Johnson (Palm Beach County)

Lesley Shahan (Pompano Beach)

2018 Beach Patrol of the Year Nominees

Delray Beach Ocean Rescue

Brevard County Ocean Rescue



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION 2018 LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR



Roman Strohenger Deerfield Ocean Rescue



Roman is the definition of an Ocean Lifeguard who performs his job with pride and dignity representing the City in which he grew up in. Roman was raised one block from the beach in Deerfield where he grew up surfing and spending all of his time on the beach. Living with his mother and younger brother he was always mature and responsible, stepping up as the man of the house at a young age. He attended our local schools and when turned 18 he began his career as an Ocean Lifeguard.

Roman earned his certification as a State Paramedic & Firefighter but decided his passion was to continue to work as an Ocean Rescue lifeguard. Roman leads by example in his work ethic and continually trains to perfect all waterman skills. He was promoted in 2016 into our Specialist position and continues to contribute to our city and profession through his dedication. He is now married with two children, who are often found at our local USLA competitions cheering him on. This award is to show appreciation for all his great work and commitment.





FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

2018 BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR



Recipient: Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue

Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue has 9 Lifeguard towers patrolling an area just under a mile long. One Lifeguard tower is located north of our 900+ foot fishing pier, towers #2 through #6 are located on our main beach, and the remaining 3 towers are located on our south beach. Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue has a staff of 1 Chief, 2 Lieutenants, 3 Lifeguard Specialists, 13 Full-Time, 4 Part-Time, and 30 Will-Call Ocean Lifeguards. The beaches' annual visitor population has more than doubled in the last ten years and it is a very popular beach destination.

The City of Deerfield Beach provides quality service and innovative leadership to enhance the lives of our residents, businesses, and visitors beyond their expectations. It shall be the policy of Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue that all Lifeguards will be required to pass a 500-meter swim in ten minutes or less, annually in a measured ocean course at a scheduled date, time and location. In addition to the USLA required 500-meter swim, Lifeguards must perform a timed run/swim/run and 500-meter soft sand run in three minutes or less.

Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue currently holds the certification as a Certified Lifesaving Agency from the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA). We train on all rescue scenarios and follow the USLA manual. In addition to water rescues, Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue trains and follows Broward Sheriff Organization Fire Rescue's BLS medical protocols. Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue has given lectures in ocean safety to the public, local schools, community organizations, elderly homes, and for business and government officials. We hold several special events throughout the year, including, Fourth of July Celebration, Pioneer Days, Surfers for Autism, Gnarly Charley Surfing Festival, Dunn's 5k Run, Ranse Jones Volleyball Tournament, Navy Seal Ryan Owen 4-Mile Run, Ocean Way Holiday Lighting, Snow Globe Skim Board /Contest, Festival of the Arts, Foot Volley Tournament, Surf Camp, Ocean Brews and Blues Event, Boots and Bourbon Event, Special Olympic Surf Event, and Pier Clean-up and world record dives. These events bring very large crowds. Deerfield Beach Ocean Rescue is also proud of its Junior Lifeguard Program, which is one of the largest in the area. Ocean Rescue contributes to the profession by continuing to be a Certified Lifesaving Agency from the USLA and a current member of the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association. Ocean Rescue has been made into its own stand-alone department in 2017, leaving the Parks and Recreation Department. Progressive changes have included the addition of 3 Lifeguard Specialists (supervisory positions), 3 Full-Time, and 3 Will-Call positions. A new Zodiac boat has been purchased and used to patrol outer reefs and inlets, with plans to form a dive rescue team. Budgeted this year is a new tower to the north for more coverage, and new architectural designs to rebuild the current the ones. We also gained one full time position, which will be budgeted in the next fiscal year due to the new tower that is currently budgeted.

Deerfield Beach has been a multiple Blue Wave Award recipient and Ocean Rescue was the 1997 winner of the Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association's Beach Patrol of the Year. We also have our own Lifeguard of the Year Award, which is given each year to the top Lifeguard for excellent service performing his/her duties. This tradition has been going on for more than thirty years.



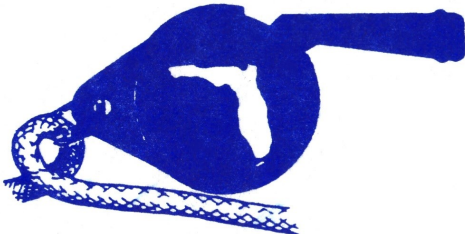
FLORIDA'S BEACH PATROLS OF THE YEAR

1993
 TOWN OF LANTANA
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 CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
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 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
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 CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH
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 CITY OF BOCA RATON
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 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
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 CITY OF HOLLYWOOD
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 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH
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 CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
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 CLEARWATER BEACH
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 SARASOTA COUNTY
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 CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

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 ST. JOHNS COUNTY
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 BREVARD COUNTY
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 OKALOOSA COUNTY
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 VOLUSIA COUNTY
2016
 PALM BEACH COUNTY
2017
 MANATEE COUNTY
2018
 CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

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 the standards of training and certification. The Lifeguard of The Year and The 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

The 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.



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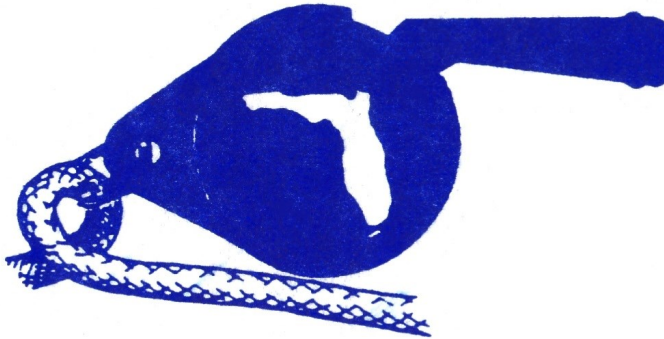
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would like to say “THANK YOU” for the many years of support!



A special “THANKS” to all of the individuals and Ocean Rescue agencies who helped us officiate our special events throughout the 2018 Lifeguard competition season. As well as , all of those individuals (past and present) that have continued to work tirelessly for the inclusion of “Special Risk Retirement” for all of Florida’s Ocean Lifeguards.

A **Special Thanks** for the following who contributed to make this event special:
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United States Lifesaving Association Southeast Region

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