

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 COUNTY
2014
JESSICA EARL – ST. JOHNS COUNTY
2015
CRYSTAL HAIRE – FORT LAUDERDALE
2016
LAWRENCE RUSSELL – PALM BEACH COUNTY

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
2012
ST. JOHNS COUNTY
2013
BREVARD COUNTY
2014
OKALOOSA COUNTY
2015
VOLUSIA COUNTY
2016
PALM BEACH COUNTY

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND OCEAN RESCUE AGENCIES WHO HELPED US OFFICIATE OUR SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE 2015 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.

Awards Brochure Editor - Bob Maler

THE



**FLORIDA
BEACH PATROL
CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

AND THE



**UNITED STATES
LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION
SOUTHEAST REGION**

PRESENT THE

**2016 LIFESAVING AWARDS BANQUET
FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2017 @ 5:45PM**

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**MORIKAMI MUSEUM AND JAPANESE GARDENS
4000 MORIKAMI PARK ROAD
DELRAY BEACH, FL. 33446**

HONORING THE

"LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR"

"BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR"

**LAWRENCE RUSSELL
PALM BEACH COUNTY
OCEAN RESCUE**

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OCEAN RESCUE**

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

F.B.P.C.A. LIFE MEMBER AWARD & U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFE MEMBER AWARD

RECIPIENT: Bob Maler – *(Miami-Dade County) - Retirement: May 31, 2016*

On my second to last day at work, I walked the shoreline at Haulover Beach at dawn and reminisce about all the good times I have had during my career and how I will genuinely miss this job. On my last day at work, I sat on the beach at Crandon Park at dusk as the sun sets on yet another chapter in my life and reflect on how lucky I was to have been employed at a place that I actually enjoyed coming to every day. I don't know how many people can say that and really mean it. Everyone loves to visit the beach, but I was blessed and fortunate enough to have spent my life/career, working at two great beaches. Retirement will be bitter sweet. Every day has been - ***“just another day in paradise.”*** There were lots of good times (and a few, not so good) but how many people can truly say they loved their job (and get this) - got paid to work at the beach!

I remember my first beach day like it was yesterday. That day, Friday May 26, 1978, I realized what my career choice would be. I knew that I would spend the rest of my life at / on / in the water and by the ocean. My goals were to become the Beach Patrol Chief, to make a difference (every day) in the lives of the patrons that came to the beach, to help develop and change the profession of surf lifesaving and aquatic rescue for the better and to be part of an ever-growing professional industry. I soon joined and dutifully served on the Executive Boards of each: Florida Beach Patrol Chiefs Association - (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Advisor) and the United States Lifesaving Association - (Advisor). Both Associations have helped make progressive changes in our profession by promoting public education and raising the standards of training and certification. From the individuals that came before us; to those that will follow, I believe **we** have accomplished that goal. **Together** we have made and will continue to make a huge difference in aquatics. From effecting rescues, to preventing accidents before they happen, by providing medical attention to the injured, by comforting those in need, by returning lost children to their parents, by answering patron questions, by protecting nature and the environment, by providing excellent customer service, by being public relations experts, by continuing aquatic safety education, by advocating for special risk status for all lifeguards, by making improvements to infrastructure, by continuing to develop our future through junior lifeguard programming, by making legislative change, etc., and ultimately ----- the saving of many lives.

During my time as an Ocean Lifeguard, I have seen people in their darkest hour as they have watched in horror/disbelief and with great sadness as we tried to save a friend or family member. I have also been part of their greatest joy as we saved their loved ones from the grasp of an unforgiving ocean. I can't think of too many things that provide such an incredible feeling of personal satisfaction; where making a positive difference in the way people live is viewed by us (public servants) as just a “part of the job.” What could be more rewarding?

I thought this would be a good opportunity to thank the many aquatic professionals that I have met throughout the county, state, country and world, which I have had the pleasure to work with during the last 41 years. While working at pools and on the beach, at Park and Recreation and at Fire Rescue, I have met and worked with a lot of good people. Some of you have been true inspirations as well as mentors in my life. Most of you, I have grown to like and respect and there are several of you that I truly care for. Thank you for the ‘good times’ but most importantly, thank you for everything you have taught me, including the mantra -- Lifeguards for Life !!

We are known by many titles - Lifeguard / Lifesaver / Beach Patrol / Beach & Marine Safety / Ocean Rescue. Remember: not everyone can do this job; not everyone can swim like us -- not everyone can be a Lifeguard. Very few can go into a dangerous environment and risk their life to save another. Less than 1% of the population can do what we do. Be proud, feel honored and important about what you do. Don't ever let anyone put you down by saying, “oh, you are just a lifeguard.” You are much more than that, **you are a saver of lives** !

In closing, I ask a few things of you. Most importantly, always be truthful with the person that looks back at you in the mirror. Stand up for others when you should and do the right thing even if it makes your peers uncomfortable. **Remember, there is no right way to do the wrong thing.** When you come to work bring your best. **Make a difference – everyday!** The people we proudly serve deserve nothing less, not to mention those that work by our side. For those of you that have made the choice to be officers, be a leader; not just the boss.

Finally, I want to say **“THANK YOU”** to all of my supporters. We've been through tough times together, but we made it. Keep up the good work and continue the principals **we** built together, moving forward. I will treasure the times we had. As I say farewell, an old lyric comes to mind - Na Na Na Na, Hey Hey Hey, Goodbye. It's time to celebrate.☺

FLORIDA OCEAN LIFESAVING AWARDS – 2016

• F.B.P.C.A. 2015 - 2016 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS – RECOGNITION

• U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS

• 2016 - IN MEMORY OF:

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

RECIPIENTS: Rob Rogerson - *Palm Beach County*

• U.S.L.A. S.E.R. JOAN FALCONER MEMORIAL AWARD

RECIPIENT: Lee Olsen - *Waldo's Beachside Bar and Restaurant - Vero Beach*

• F.B.P.C.A. HEROIC ACT AWARD

RECIPIENT: Gregory Larson - *Miami-Dade County*

RECIPIENT: Christina Gillin-Theiss - *Palm Beach County*

• NATIONAL COMPETITORS - RECOGNITION

• U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2014-15 WINTER SERIES COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

• U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL - TEAM / MALE & FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS

• F.B.P.C.A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

RECIPIENT: Gerry Falconer - *(Miami Beach)*

• F.B.P.C.A. MERITORIOUS ACT AWARD

RECIPIENT: Mike Rosenberg - *St. Johns County*

• F.B.P.C.A. LIFE MEMBER AWARD

• U.S.L.A. S.E.R. LIFE MEMBER AWARD

RECIPIENT: Bob Maler - *Miami-Dade County*

• FLORIDAS “LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT – RECOGNITION

• FLORIDAS “BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR” PAST / PRESENT – RECOGNITION

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

F.B.P.C.A. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

RECIPIENT: Gerry Falconer - *(Miami Beach)*

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

F.B.P.C.A. HERIOC ACT AWARDS

RECIPIENT: Gregory Larson - *(Miami-Dade County)*

On 06/06/2016 at 19:20 hours, off-duty Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, Ocean Rescue Lifeguard Gregory Larson arrived home from work and began to unwind in his living room. Looking out his balcony over a lake next to his condo, he noticed something in the water. Upon further investigation, he realized it was a person. Since the lake is full of alligators, he thought it was strange to see someone in the water and went outside with a flotation device and verbally advised the person to get out of the water because it was dangerous. The woman stated that no one loved her and hoped that the alligators would eat her. Mr. Larson called 911 and told his neighbors that he was going to try to help her.

Without hesitation, he entered the water and swam nearly 200+ yards to get to her. She stated that she did not want to live and told him not to touch her because she was trying to drown herself. Mr. Larson continued talking to the woman, never leaving her side while trying to have her grab the buoy. After 30 minutes of dealing with the woman, back up arrived in the water on the scene. Mr. Larson and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department rescue divers were able to bring the woman back to shore with great difficulty because she was constantly struggling. The woman was transported to the hospital to receive care.

Off duty Lifeguard Gregory Larson showed compassion for others by risking his own life to save another.

RECIPIENT: Christina Gillin-Theiss - *(Palm Beach County)*

It was Mother's Day, May 8, 2016 and a perfect day to celebrate with family and friends at the beach. Singer Island would be the perfect setting. While walking along the beach with her 4-year-old son, Brandon, a family friend was capturing the moment with a photograph. Her friend noticed (2) heads bobbing in the surf behind them and alerted Christina.

Immediately, she realized that the (2) teenagers needed assistance. Palm Beach County Lifeguards were on duty at a nearby county park but this situation could not wait for a call for assistance. Christina had been a trained Ocean Lifeguard and worked many summers along the New Jersey shore. Ensuring her child's safety, and then attempting to locate any flotation device, she had no option but to willingly jeopardize her safety and assist the teens without the benefit of a rescue device. She contacted both struggling victims and brought them to a nearby coral rock formation. She was able maintain their heads above water until county lifeguards responded. Once safely on the beach, the teens were medically assessed and required no further medical attention.

Christina Gillin-Theiss is to be commended for her quick action which directly averted tragic consequences.

NATIONAL COMPETITORS - RECOGNITION

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 2015-16 WINTER SERIES COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. REGIONAL - TEAM / MALE & FEMALE HIGH POINT WINNERS

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

F.B.P.C.A. 2015 - 2016 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS - RECOGNITION

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. 25+ YEAR LIFESAVING SERVICE AWARDS

RECIPIENTS: Chris Thiel - (*Miami-Dade County*) // Joe Lain - (*Clearwater Beach*) // Sam Mahoney, John Handlen, Brad Beckett - (*Martin County*)

2016 - IN MEMORY OF:

Giles Most - (*Miami-Dade County*) // **Kris Neuschaefer** - (*Ft. Lauderdale*) // **Bryan Ferguson** - (*Hollywood Beach*)

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

RECIPIENTS: Rob Rogerson - (*Palm Beach County*)

Rob Rogerson has been the backbone of Ocean Rescue's success. He was a visionary and had a clear vision of where Ocean Rescue needed to focus and had the ability to bring staff together to accomplish these goals. He was involved in every facet of the operation.

He assisted the USLA Lifesaving Academy yearly with their Training Officer's Academy by overseeing the pier jump. At Ocean Rescue's annual Ocean Mile Swim he coordinated the staff that had the responsibility to supervise the participants in the safest manner, set up the course, coordinated the volunteers, purchased the refreshments, and provided awards for the ceremony. Rob has been involved with the Junior Lifeguard program for 25 years; he directed the instructors, volunteers, and ensured that the participants would have the best memorable week of their summer. He served on the Public Education team and conducted many beach and water safety presentations throughout the year at festivals and schools. He continued to be a fierce competitor and was a member of the competition team. He regularly transported the equipment to the events for the competitors.

Rob was the social coordinator for Ocean Rescue for numerous years. He coordinated the annual Holiday Bonfire party, designed event flyers, obtained the wood, organized food and decorations and assisted with cleanup. He has held numerous fund raisers for the USLA's Palm Beach County Chapter and designed the annual calendar assisting with the sales. Under his direction, Ocean Rescue collected used beach towels donating them to the Busch Wildlife Refuge and the Marine Life Center.

Rob remained reliable, always available to assist others, willing to accept any project, enthusiastic, and was always passionate about his agency and the Ocean Lifeguard profession.

U.S.L.A. S.E.R. JOAN FALCONER MEMORIAL AWARD

RECIPIENT: Lee Olsen – (*Vero Beach*)

Manager of Waldo's Beachside Bar and Restaurant, Lee has been instrumental in helping the Vero Beach Lifeguard Association raise and donate over \$30,000 worth of lifesaving equipment to the Vero Beach lifeguards to include a rescue boat and ATV.

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

F.B.P.C.A. MERITORIOUS ACT AWARD

RECIPIENT: Mike Rosenberg - (*St. Johns County*)

On the morning of May 30th Lifeguard Supervisor Mike Rosenberg was driving to his zone when a call was dispatched for a possible drowning in a pool. Mike was in the area and responded to the Condominium Complex. When Mike arrived, deputies were pulling the individual from the pool. Mike assessed the patient and began CPR while deputies prepared the AED. The AED was attached and one (1) shock was giving. Mike continued CPR for several minutes until Engine 6 and Marine Rescue Lieutenant V. Coursey arrived on scene. ALS care was initiated and the individual was transported to the hospital.

The Doctors that treated the patient indicated that CPR was what allowed her to make a full recovery. This is due to the quick actions of LG Supervisor Mike Rosenberg. To this day, the patient refers to Mike and the other responders as her "Guardian Angel".

Always Ready, Proud to Serve



LIFEGUARDS FOR LIFE !!



FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION – SOUTHEAST REGION



LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR - 2015

Recipient: LAWRENCE RUSSELL / Palm Beach County

Nominees:

- **William David Taylor - Palm Beach County**
- **Scott Demarest - Delray Beach**
- **Tony Landrua - Pompano Beach**

Larry Russell has been with Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue full-time for the past 13 years. He has also worked in other South Florida Ocean Rescue agencies for an additional 2 years. Combined with his seasonal ocean lifeguarding for 6 summers, along the Maryland shore, Larry is a well seasonal veteran. He graduated from Salisbury University, Maryland with a degree in Business Administration. Larry is also a certified State of Florida EMT.

He has always been active in the USLA's Palm Beach County Chapter. He served as chapter president for 3 years. Larry continues to serve as the chapter's advisor. In this capacity, he has worked tirelessly to have the Ocean Rescue staff recognized for fair compensation and increased retirement benefits. He has met with each Palm Beach County Commissioner individually, administration, and several department directors to educate them on the ocean lifeguard profession, its inherent hazards, and the importance and benefits of a quality Ocean Rescue operation. Although there has been no formal resolution, Larry remains determined.

This past year Larry was commended as part of a team that rescued a family caught in a large rip current 150 yards from shore. The father sent a letter of thanks to Larry and the other lifeguards involved in the rescue. Dr. Thomas Hernandez wrote, "It was the scariest moment of my adult life especially having one of my daughters on my back and losing sight of the others. We were very lucky, but without the lifeguards on the beach that day we could have been done! I can't thank the lifeguards enough. I cannot describe how grateful we are that these incredible people threw themselves into the rip current literally in harm's way to save my daughters and myself."

Larry epitomizes all the qualities of a professional ocean lifeguard. He is an outstanding lifeguard who is always willing to share his wealth of knowledge to new lifeguards and acts as a mentor. His coworkers take pride in acknowledging that Larry has been an important influence in the development of their careers. His commitment to the lifesaving profession is genuine and he has made a difference in improving his agency. Larry is a wise counselor, a standard bearer of integrity, and is worthy as the 2016 LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR.

BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR - 2015

Recipient: PALM BEACH COUNTY OCEAN RESCUE

Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue welcomes you to the FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION and the UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION annual awards banquet here at the world renowned Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens. We appreciate member agency's commitment to travel to this event and share in our celebration.

Palm Beach County Ocean Rescue provides a safe and enjoyable beach experience throughout the 47 miles of coastal beach. This is accomplished by providing visitors (11) ocean front parks and (3) intra-coastal parks. The professional, well trained, and dedicated Ocean Rescue staff accept this responsibility seriously.

The Ocean Rescue Agency has 66 full-time employees and 40 seasonal employees which includes, Ocean Rescue Lieutenants and Supervisory staff. The 3 ocean inlets in Palm Beach County have either an inflatable rescue boat or a rescue water craft that can respond to distressed boaters. Visitors to Palm Beach County beaches totaled 4.72 million. Staff initiated 93,710 preventative actions, responded to 201 water rescues, and provided medical treatment on 80 major medical responses.

The agency's Public Education outreach interacted with 9,000 children and families and participated in a total of 13 events throughout the year. Special events included the annual Junior Lifeguard Program, Lifeguard Competitions, Ocean Mile Swims, and supervision for the Loggerhead Triathlon which had 700 participants.

Selection for this prestigious award is based on a written nomination by each individual agency with adherence to the nomination criteria. These criteria involve: goals and objectives, public education outreach, sponsorship / participation in special events, and significant contributions to the profession of ocean lifesaving, just to name a few. The selection for this recognition is always difficult. Since all member agencies share in the goal of public safety, it is necessary to recognize the fine difference that separates the selected agency from the other nominees.

Palm Beach County is honored to be this year's recipient of BEACH PATROL OF THE YEAR and wish to thank all member agencies for their support.

THE FLORIDA BEACH PATROL CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION, SOUTHEAST REGION CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE TWENTYTHIRD ANNUAL LIFESAVING AWARDS AND DINNER BANQUET. COME CELEBRATE OUR 2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITH FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND CAMARADERIE.

PROGRAM

4:30 PM -	CHECK IN ON FRONT PATIO
4:45 PM - 5:45 PM	GUIDED TOUR and/or STROLL IN GARDENS
5:45 PM - 6:30 PM	COCKTAIL TIME / RECEPTION ON TERRACE
6:30 PM - 7:00 PM	WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS - CORNEL CAFE
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	BUFFET / BANQUET DINNER - CORNEL CAFE
8:00 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 2015 - 2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD

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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.

