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Fall CSLSA 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

October 7-8, LA County Lakes
Location: Castaic Lake

Fall USLA 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

October 21-23 ONLINE MEETING
Location: Zoom

CSLSA 2022 Regional Jr. Lifeguard/Lifeguard Championships July 22-23, 2022

Location: TBD

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October 7-8, Encinitas Lifeguards
Location: Encinitas

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October 21-23, TBD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gus Avila, Interim President
California Surf Lifesaving Association

Dear California Lifeguards and friends,

It is time to reflect on passing of another season. The summer of 2021 saw record numbers of visitors at beaches and open water areas of California, after a near shut-down in many areas the previous summer.

Just when we thought that things were getting back to normal, reports started coming in that the COVID-19 infection rate, which had come down to controllable levels, was again increasing and that new strains and variants were increasing at incredible rates. In many areas we were instructed to again wear facemasks and personal protective equipment when going out in public, or when dining indoors. For all of us, this was very frustrating.

Regardless of what was happening, lifeguards continued to carry out their duties and provide safety to the visiting public to the best of their ability. There were many reports throughout the nation of the extraordinary efforts that were made by lifeguards in making rescues and com-

ing to the aid of those in need. I congratulate everyone for going above and beyond what is expected of you while you are performing your job.

The Junior and adult lifeguard competitors showed off their training and fitness levels. The California Surf Lifesaving Championships took place at Huntington State Beach in July. While the number of participants was not as high as in some years passed, there was still a good turnout. This event was a warm up to the Jersey Mike's USLA National Lifeguard Championships, which took place in South Padre Island, TX. Congratulations to all of the competitors at both events.

At this time, I would like to welcome back the CSLSA President, Bill Humphreys, from his leave of absence. I have been honored to try to fill his shoes in his absence. I have tried to represent our Region to the best of my ability. I thank everyone who has assisted me in my efforts in this endeavor. Take care of your friends and family. Let's make it our goal to make our time productive and positive. I look forward to a great 2022.

Yours in lifesaving,

Gustavo S. Avila
CSLSA President Interim



*As open-water lifesavers, our **MISSION** is to promote beach safety awareness and professional lifeguard standards through public education, training programs, exchange programs, junior lifeguard programs, competition, and other means. The ultimate goal is to prevent and reduce aquatic injuries, accidents, and death at open-water beaches in the Southwest Region of the United States Lifesaving Association.*

Congratulations to the Following Award Recipient:



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Michael A. Eich – Huntington City Beach



**Huntington
Beach City
Marine Safety
Legend - Re-
tires at 50
Years of Ser-
vice**

By: Bill Richardson,
Chairman of the Special
Awards & Presentations
Committee

Michael Anthony Eich, the current leader of the Huntington Beach City Junior Lifeguard Program, is retiring after 50 years of service to the City of Huntington Beach. He is a legendary Lifeguard, Waterman and renowned Junior Guard leader in California.

Mike was born in the state of Virginia, June 14, 1955, and began his Huntington Beach lifeguarding career in 1972 when he came out of the City's Junior Lifeguard Program and took the Recurrent Ocean Lifeguard exam. Because of his participation in the HBJG program, his lifesaving and aquatic skills made him a prime lifeguard candidate. Eich's mentor, coach and friend Raymond Bray had had a major impact on him and his desire to become a lifeguard in Huntington Beach.

Eventually Eich would not only work with Bray in the HBJG Program, but they would share their coaching and aquatic teaching skills in the Fountain Valley High School aquatics program. Mike also taught in the Visual Arts Program at FVHS, another of his favorite and skilled attributes.

In 1975 Eich was promoted to a Senior Guard position and became a key instructor in the City's Recurrent Lifeguard Training Program, a position he maintained for many years.

In 1976, he shifted his focus to the Junior Lifeguard Program. Eich also earned an International Training Officer's Certification from the National Surf Lifesaving Association (currently the United States Lifesaving Association) that year. He would soon utilize this ITO certification as part of the three-man team from Huntington Beach that lead the inaugural Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard International Exchange to New Zealand. That exchange program has continued since that time and has only been interrupted by the pandemic that has had such a major impact on all our lives this past couple of years.



Huntington beach lifeguard coordinator Michael Eich addresses lifeguard candidates about rough ocean conditions during the day of the tryouts. www.kcrw.com Photo credit: Saul Gonzalez

Around 1982, Mike promoted to Group Leader status in the HBJG Program. From this new position he took a leadership role in the development of young men and women who were interested in becoming lifeguards in the future. His input and training has since resulted in Huntington Beach's Junior Lifeguards accounting for approximately 85% of the recurrent personnel currently working the City's beaches. Many of the permanent personnel currently supervising the Marine Safety Division were part of that "Eich influenced" group as well.

Eich became the Assistant Junior Lifeguard Program Coordinator in 1990, aiding in developing the City's program into one of the leading JG programs in the nation.

Mike's supervisor Dave Simcox stated, "Mike has done tremendous service for the Junior Lifeguard Program, as well as the City's Marine Safety Service."

To say that Eich has been an asset to the city is a serious understatement of his aquatic and marine safety contributions.

Congratulations to Michael Eich for his 50 years' service to the City of Huntington Beach and the lifesaving community in general.

In honor of his 50 years of exemplary service Mr. Eich has received the **CSLSA Distinguished Honor Roll Award and the USLA Award for Distinguished Service.**

Spencer and the Seabass...



Spencer Gilbert in his element

Photo: Barbara Lastelic

By Ed Vodrazka

"PREDATOR AND PREY"

"You don't become a star the day you become famous. You become a star the day you let your light do all the talking."

—Matshona Dliwayo

While the roles of predator and prey are often in flux within the ocean environment, the roles of rescuers and victims rarely change. The lifeguards are the rescuers, and virtually everyone else falls into the category of potential victims. It's extremely rare when lifeguards become victims themselves, but it is certainly not unheard of. When the surf gets huge, even the strongest of the lifeguards can be pushed past their limits. But it would be almost unheard of for a

lifeguard to become a victim on an otherwise calm and sunny day with no surf at all.

And yet that's exactly what happened to Los Angeles County Lifeguard Spencer Gilbert on the most auspicious of calendar days, the 4th of July, back in 2017. In my career I have met some incredible lifeguard personalities, but none more fascinating than the benevolent and gregarious Spencer Gilbert. He was a Lifeguard for Laguna and LA County in addition to being a State Parks Ranger and a Fish and Game Warden. He is an avid free-diver and incredible waterman. He even owns a home on a remote island in New Zealand. But it's his personality that truly sets him apart. I can only assume that he must have been some kind of spiritual master in a previous lifetime, as the guy seems to devote his entire life to seeking out opportunities to do good deeds and to help people out. As a result of his good karma, Spencer is, without equal, the most popular lifeguard I have ever met.

You could be on the most remote back-island in the Marquesas, and some local fisherman, upon finding out that you were lifeguard, would exclaim, "Do you know Spencer?!" Spencer is also the unofficial social chairperson of the Catalina Ocean Swim Club. The diverse gathering of hearty souls meets every morning of the year at the Dive Park and they swim as a scattered group along the shoreline for varying distances, depending on their age, stamina, and motivation on that particular day. Afterwards, they rinse off with a gallon jug of fresh water (there are no showers there), and catch up the "goings on" among the members. One day Spencer was met there by one of the dive masters who reported seeing a large black sea bass swimming around the south end. She told him she was "spooked out" by the huge fish, but Spencer assured her they are absolutely harmless, and in fact "as gentle as cows."

The woman seemed relieved. The following day, one of the swim club members mentioned to Spencer she had seen a collection of fishing line tangled in the kelp at the south end of the dive park. She asked the off-duty lifeguard if he could remove it so no one would get tangled in it. "Sure," he said in his baritone voice. Then he grabbed his goggles and swam out to find the discarded line. The line had collected about 20 feet below the surface. It was an easy dive for

Spencer, who had honed his skills as a free-diver for many years.

He dove down and soon found the line. Judging by its color and strength, almost immediately he realized it was Spectra, advertised to be “World’s Strongest Fishing Line.” Knowing how expensive it was, and ever the recycler, for a moment he actually considered trying to gingerly gather it up and take it home. In the course of an evening, he might be able to sit back with a beer, untangle the massive puzzle of line, and pass it on to one of his many fishing friends.

But it was hopelessly clumped together, interwoven and tangled in a complex bird’s nest, and too far gone to save. So he started pulling it free from the kelp, slowly untangling it in a series of dives. As he freed the line, he began gathering it and coiling it around his left hand. It was a tedious job, but doable. Eventually, he had most of it wrapped up, but the leading end of the line trailed over the edge of the rocks, descending down into the unseen depths. Hoping that the hook was not caught on the bottom, he gave the line a tug. Instantly the line exploded to life and shot tight with a BOOM!

Owing to the substantial torque on the line, Spencer realized immediately that it was hooked in the mouth of the black sea bass, who, by sea bass standards was an adolescent, weighing roughly in the neighborhood of 200 pounds. Before he could think to let go, the clump of line in his hand cinched tightly into an insanely complex, multi-wrapped constriction knot around the base of his left thumb.

The fish, now spooked, started to run, bolting down to the depths of safer water, and dragging Spencer down by his thumb. Had that massive jolt occurred on land, his thumb would likely have been torn off completely, but there, underwater, the impact was buffered just enough to slice through the flesh and cinch tightly around the bone like a perfect snare knot. The terrified fish bolted deeper, dragging the helpless lifeguard down to 25 feet, then 30 feet, and then 40.

The tangled line was wrapped around Spencer’s thumb 20 loops or more, and was outrageously tight and hopelessly knotted. Now panicked, he feverishly tried to release the line, but the knot was impossibly bound. Like an animal in a trap, he tried barbarically

to chew the leading end of the taut line free with his teeth, but the “World’s Strongest Line” lived up to the hype. There was no way his teeth could chew through it. Ironically, Spencer, a retired Fish and Game Warden was now securely tied to a massive fish with the roles of predator and prey juxtaposed such that the prey was now very much in control. Like a “human fish” being reeled down by an unseen benthic angler, Spencer was pulled down to the depths of the ocean.

At 50 feet the pain in his ears was profound and he cleared the pressure with his right hand. And still the sea bass descended. At 60 feet the ambient light began to dim. In this most unlikely of circumstances, the ultimate gravity of his predicament exploded into the lifeguard’s mind. His very life was now at the mercy of this powerful fish. In the midst of his bizarre and precarious predicament being pulled toward his potential death by this great fish, Spencer’s mind actually drifted to thoughts about all of the citations he had written for poaching, some of which had been issued to unscrupulous fishermen who had illegally taken the brethren of this massive black sea bass.

He wondered if perhaps, just this one time, he deserved a bit of return karma for the years of service he had invested in protecting these great pelagic warriors. He tried to stay calm, to preserve the residual oxygen in his last breath, but it seemed pointless. His options were spent.

There was no way to free himself. By all accounts the huge fish would soon deliver him to his death. But although the line on Spencer’s end proved too strong to break, he had not considered the line on the fish’s end. Apparently the unknown angler who initially rigged the set up ran a short leader of clear monofilament from the Spectra to the hook. At some point the fish made a sharp turn around a ledge of rocks, and with Spencer serving as 180-pounds of unwitting ballast, the line caught on the sharp rock ledge



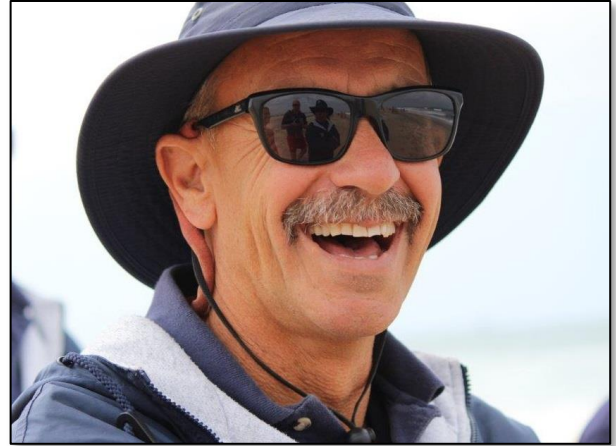
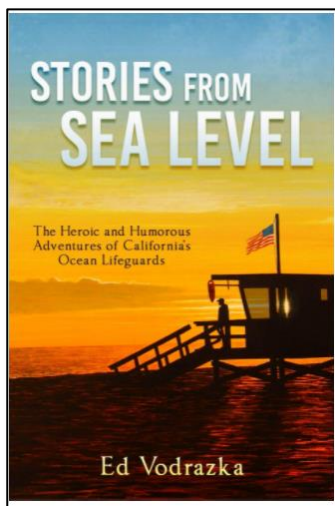
Spencer Gilbert – 5th
of July party circa 1985
– Photo: Jon Drucker

and the 20-pound test monofilament snapped, mercifully freeing Spencer from the fish. Already feeling the effects of hypoxia, and seeing stars, he began his long ascent to the surface, with the loose tangled mass of Spectra trailing behind him. Trying to stay calm to conserve the last bit of oxygen in his bloodstream, he kicked on, slowly but purposefully, through the water table. He could see the light on the surface and prayed to reach it before he blacked out. With 10 feet to go, his body began convulsing with air hunger, but with the last few kicks of his fins, his face broke the surface and he gasped in the life giving air.

He rolled onto his back, staring at the open sky with his mouth agape and his chest heaving in hyperventilation. It took several minutes to calm his breathing. It would take months for his psyche to recover from the event. With the fate of his life now reestablished, only then did he feel the throbbing in his left thumb. He lifted his hand above the surface of the water and removed his goggles to scrutinize the massive, tangled mess of line still hopelessly snared around his hand. He kicked over to the exit stairs and climbed out, dragging the jumble of line behind him.

The members of his dive team were long gone by then. In fact there was no one there to share in the story of his ordeal or to help him unravel the line from his thumb. Sitting alone on the seawall, and limited to the use of his right hand alone, he began the slow and tedious process of untangling the mess of line from his hand. Thankfully, he would not lose his thumb. Like a tattoo reminder from the event, there exists a thin white permanent scar at the base of Spencer Gilbert's left thumb. The scar will forever serve as a reminder to him that no matter how strong you are, there is always someone bigger and stronger out there who can take you for a ride.

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CA State Lifeguard Ed Vodrazka retires
after 45 years
By Mike Brouard

Ed Vodrazka, a State Lifeguard who retired from service in June, 2021, has completed one of the most diverse and accomplished careers ever by a California Lifesaver.

While playing water polo in 1975 at Pierce College, Ed was schooled in the wonders of ocean lifesaving by the legendary Steve Snyder (at this writing, a 50-year LA County Lifeguard). Snyder encouraged his players to take the State Parks Lifeguard test as a warmup for the County test. Ed showed up at Huntington with some of his polo buddies and made the cut. He attended State Training in the Spring of 1976, finishing mid-pack. From that day forth, Ed found himself on an extraordinary voyage. His life would never be the same.

His first summer was spent at Lake Perris State Recreation Area, but longing for the ocean, he transferred to San Clemente State Beach where he worked for the next 24 seasons. He worked San Onofre, San Clemente and Doheny State Parks, but gravitated to San Onofre, where he became a seasonal supervisor and the unofficial liaison with the nudist community that occupied a part of the park. Ed became a CPR and First Aid Instructor in 1979 and began a long run of training lifeguards to be their best.

In 1988, he enrolled in the Nursing Program at Sacramento State University. After graduating, he worked in the cardiac ICU's at Sacramento area hospitals, always arranging his schedule so he could lifeguard

during the summers. After working in that capacity for several years, he contacted the lifeguard supervisor at Salt Point State Park to see if he could work on the Sonoma Coast. Ed was surprised when the supervisor hired him sight unseen. On patrol there, Ed quickly realized that the turnover rate at Salt Point was very high because the venue was so challenging; big surf, cold water and a rocky coastline. As Ed remarked years later, "All the years I worked in Southern California, I saw 20-foot surf once. The first year I worked Salt Point, there were 20 days of 20-foot surf, and several days of 30-foot surf." Ed worked the Sonoma Coast for 7 seasons during the off-season months and participated in many lifesaving rescues. But he always returned to San Clemente for the summers.

In 2001, at 43 years old, Ed tested to become an LA County Lifeguard and made the cut. Just as he was preparing to start their training in the Spring of 2002, he found that he'd been accepted to the State Parks Peace Officer Academy in Monterey. Ed had a choice to make – he had to get his days at the County in the summer of '02, but he wanted to do the Police Academy as well. He decided to do both. In that same summer, Ed attended the Police Academy in Monterey, and on Friday night he would jump in his car and drive to Zuma, where he'd work Saturday and Sunday. He'd jump in his car and drive back to Monterey for Class Monday morning. And he secured his status at both agencies.

Ed became a State Park Lifeguard Academy instructor in 1997, and when the County realized he was a State instructor and a Registered Nurse to boot, they gave him a test drive as an instructor for their own academy. Impressed with his skills, they offered him a captain's position to assist with their training program – Ed stayed with State Parks because he had been assigned to Torrey Pines State Reserve as a lifeguard peace officer, and was living in the enchanted Guy Fleming house, a State Park employee residence that you'd have to see to believe. Ed is still an LA County Lifeguard currently assigned to Avalon, and remains an instructor in their EMT/First Responder Programs.

Ed's reputation grew, and he was approached by the San Diego City Lifeguards in 2008 to teach First Responder classes to their staff and trainees, a position he held until 2015. Ed still gives the keynote speech

to trainees at the San Diego Lifeguard Academy every year.

As a State Park Lifeguard, Ed gave instruction to about 4000 State Lifeguards and Park Rangers during his 40-year tenure as an instructor. He became an Associate Professor at both Southwestern and Miramar Colleges where he taught EMT classes from 2010 until he retired in 2021.

In 2020, he was named the California Emergency Medical Services Agency's "California Educator of the Year." He is the only employee of the State of California ever to be so honored.

And if all of that isn't enough, during his last year, during spare time, he wrote a book on lifeguarding called "Stories from Sea Level: The Heroic and Sometimes Humorous Tales of Ocean Lifeguards," a series of short stories that shares anecdotes from many of California's Lifeguard Services. It's been an instant lifeguard classic.

Ed Vodrazka is the rare man that can pack two lifetimes into one career. He seems never to run out of energy. He is a man who has an amazing ability to connect with people. He treats everyone he meets like they're special. He is a man of character, a good family man.

He is one of lifesavings greats.

Many of us are proud to call him our friend.

Ed has moved out of the Fleming house and lives now

in a regular home like the rest of us, in Carmel Valley, CA. with his wife Jennifer and children Jade and Charlie. Be well in your retirement, old friend. You are one of a kind.



Mike Brouard is a retired 43-year veteran-lifeguard from the California State Parks and served at Huntington and San Clemente State Beaches. He retired from service in 2013 and is the author of "[Warm Winds and Following Seas: Reflections of a Lifeguard in Paradise](#)," which was published in 2018.

**USLA NATIONALS
IN SAN PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS**



**LA County Surf Lifesaving
Association Wins 2021
Jersey Mike's USA National
Lifeguard Championships**

By Adam Sandler

Photos by Joel Gitelson

*It was hot and humid in the Gulf —
and the L.A. County team **was on
fire!***



The L.A. County Surf Life Saving Association (LA-CoSLSA) scored a decisive win at the 2021 Jersey Mike's United States Lifesaving Association (USLA)

National Lifeguard Championships held August 4-7, 2021, in South Padre Island, Texas.

The win marks the 45th time the LA County team has taken home the Howard Lee Trophy, the National Lifeguard Championship's top award.

The four-day event boasted stellar performances from a number of California-based Ocean Lifeguards, including a potent group of U-19 and Junior Lifeguards. Just over 350 lifeguards from 41 agencies across the nation registered for the competition.



Ben Brewer

Notable individual accomplishments included Ben Brewer, of the California State Lifeguard Association, who landed first place in the Open Men's overall points, while Kelsey Cummings of LACoSLSA earned second place in the Open Women's overall points. Casey Francis, of Ft. Lauderdale Ocean Rescue (FLOR), was the Open Women's overall points winner.

Of the top three team tallies, LACoSLSA earned 1,197.750 points, while second place finishers from Sussex County, Del., scored 717.750 points. Hampton, N.Y., Lifeguard Association claimed third with 533.254 points. "This year's event was perhaps most remarkable for its many 'firsts,'" said Gus Avila, President of the USLA and Vice President of the CSLSA. "It was the first Nationals to be held in South Padre Island, the first after not being able to compete in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the first to adhere to COVID-19 protocols. The many event volunteers stepped-up to ensure it was a successful, well-run event, and our competitors





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demonstrated remarkable resilience with impressive athletic performances, teamwork and camaraderie that you'd expect from the best lifeguards in the country."

Brewer nabbed his first place in Open Men with a total of 124.750 points, while teammate James Bray came in third with 92.750 points. Riis Park's Thomas O'Neill landed second place with 110.250 points. Also in the Open Top-10 were LACoSLSA's Brian Murphy in fifth place with 77.500 points, and Jake Miller in sixth with 60.000 points. Brewer ran, swam, and paddled to numerous first place finishes. Brewer won the Ironman, surf race, board race and board rescue, the latter event won by partnering with Bray. The Cal State team scored 461.375 points and earned fifth place.

"It was exciting to have won, but it also was a relief," said Brewer. "I had a goal of winning something after so many second-place finishes at previous Nationals but wasn't sure I would. And since I'm going into the Coast Guard, I was thinking I'd probably never do a Nationals again, so I set a goal of getting a first place in something. Everything just aligned, and I was able to win a few events."



For the Open Women, it was a paddle battle for first place between Cummings and Francis throughout the final day of events. Francis, whose points total was buoyed by a first-place finish in the American Ironwoman race and a third in the surfboat race — events in which Cummings didn't compete — eventually scored 151.000 points for the overall win, followed by Cummings at 135.500 points.

"Winning was not something I expected," said Francis. "Anything can happen depending upon the conditions, like the weather or surf, so sometimes luck is a big a part of it as is skill. I used to race against Kelsey when she swam for Michigan, and I swam for Penn State. She is an awesome friend and an awesome competitor. It was fun."



Kelsey Cummings

Cummings nabbed first place finishes in the surf race, Ironwoman, run-swim-run, and surf-ski events. The trio of Cummings, Coral Kemp and Holly Maine also won the board relay, which after being an exhibition event in 2019, became an official points-earning race this year.

Kemp and Maine joined Cummings in the Top-10 of Open Women by coming in sixth with 75.500 points, and seventh with 74.250 points, respectively. (Kemp also earned 14 points competing in Age Group events). Leah Timmerman just missed entering the Open Top-



Joel Gitelson

10, landing at 11th place with 54.000 points.

And it wasn't just LACoSLSA's under-30 crowd of competitors adding to the team totals. Several Age-Group athletes also showed their mettle. On the Age Group men's roster LACoSLSA held the top-four slots, filled by Merrill Riley, Joel Gitelson, Mark Montgomery and Jo Ji Abasolo, respectively.



83-year-old John Matesich with Joel Gitelson

The oldest competitor at Nationals, 83-year-old John Matesich, finished in ninth place, giving LACoSLSA five slots in the Age Group top-ten scorers.

LACoSLSA's women held three of the Top-Ten spots in the Age Group list, with Chris Linkletter leading the charge by finishing second in a tie with Monmouth's Michelle Davidson. Ann Finley and Tandis Morgan placed sixth and seventh, respectively. "Our Califor-



nia contingent again brought their A-game to the National Lifeguard Championships," said Jay Butki, CSLSA Lifesaving Sport Chair.

"From Ben Brewer's first-place finish to the many lifeguards from smaller agencies who put points on the board — and with LACoSLSA's decisive win over larger teams from Sussex and Hampton — it all illustrates that we have both the most talented athletes and the toughest lifeguards across all age-groups in the country."

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CHAPTER OVERALL POINTS

Place	Chapter	Total Registered	Total Points
1	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	35	1198.500
2	Sussex County	43	717.750
3	Hampton Lifeguard Assoc.	49	533.250
4	Monmouth County	21	464.750
5	California State Lifeguard Assoc	15	461.000
6	Palm Beach County	6	346.000
7	Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue	5	247.000
8	Volusia Surf Lifesaving Association	3	164.250
9	Destin	7	147.750
10	Hollywood Beach	5	144.625

MEN'S OVERALL POINTS

Place	Name	Chapter	Total Points
1	Ben Brewer	California State Lifeguard Assoc	124.750
2	Thomas O'Neill	Riis Park	110.250
3	James Bray	California State Lifeguard Assoc	92.750
4	Pat Kilgallen	Riis Park	82.250
5	Brian Murphy	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	77.500
6	Jake Miller	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	60.000
7	Zane Booth	Santa Barbara Lifeguard Assoc	52.500
8	Chase Robertson	Palm Beach County	50.875
9	Ryan Matthews	Monmouth County	50.750
10	Peter Ebert	Riis Park	47.500

WOMEN'S OVERALL POINTS

Place	Name	Chapter	Total Points
1	Casey Francis	Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue	151.000
2	Kelsey Cummings	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	135.500
3	Alexandra Santer	Sussex County	115.750
4	Hallie Petersohn	Palm Beach County	104.000
5	April O'Gorman	Volusia Surf Lifesaving Association	90.000
6	Coral Kemp	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	75.500
7	Holly Maine	LA County Surf Life Saving Assoc	74.250
8	Alice Henley	Dania Beach	67.875
9	Lucy Noble (LG)	Volusia Surf Lifesaving Association	57.250
10	Alexandre O'Connor	Fort Lauderdale Ocean Rescue	54.125



Ben Brewer and James Bray

Junior Lifeguard's Corner



CSLSA Grants for Junior Lifeguard Programs

Grant money is available for qualifying Junior Lifeguard programs.

See cslsa.org/juniorguards for more information.



A Quick Look at the

Los Angeles County Lake Lifeguards

Host of the Fall 2020 CSLSA BOD Meeting
The Los Angeles County Lifeguard Association (LACOLA) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization that seeks to promote beach and ocean safety awareness while maintaining professional open water lifesaving standards.

Affiliated Agencies:

County of Los Angeles Dept of Parks & Recreation
- Lake Lifeguard Division

- **Creation:** 1931
- **Shoreline Guarded:** 39.5 Miles
- **Permanent Lifeguards:** 26
- **Seasonal Lifeguards:** 250
- **Beach Attendance 2019:** 1.1 million
- **Rescues 2019:** 124
- **Junior Lifeguards: approx.** 446 per year

Lake Lifeguards have endeavored to keep the lakes safe for more than 80 years and are one of the most multi-faceted, dynamic employee units serving the County of Los Angeles. The permanent staff are trained and equipped to: enforce state and local boating laws; execute open-water rescues; provide emergency medical services to lake visitors; perform underwater rescue and recovery operations; conduct swift water (river) rescues. respond to and investigate boating accidents; assist disabled vessels; extinguish vessel fires and enforce Fish & Game regulations. The Department provides Lake Lifeguard services at 3 Lakes & 4 Beaches, using a cache of 12 towers, 14 LG vehicles & 18 rescue boats.

In addition, The Lake Lifeguard Division operates the **Underwater Unit** which issues the public **LA County SCUBA Certificate** and offers many advanced certifications as well as instructor training (UICC).

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