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April 11-12, 2019

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April 25- 27, 2019

Regional CSLSA Lifeguard Championships
Carpinteria, CA July 26-27, 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Humphreys, President
California Surf Lifesaving Association

Hello fellow lifeguards and welcome to spring!

This is my favorite time of year as a lifeguard. The time of year when new lifeguard recruits are in training, starting down a wonderful, exciting, and sometimes even, a scary path. A path leading to one of the most rewarding careers anyone could ever want. Where else can you serve others in need, truly save lives, and do it in such a wonderful and exciting environment? And as a side benefit, get paid for doing it!

Spring is the time for the new rookies to start getting some experience. Those still in training may not realize yet what a gem they have in their hand. Not yet anyway, but they soon will. One rescue, one assist, one lost child returned to their parents - and it will all become very real for them. At that point, they will become *Lifeguards for Life!*

Spring is also a time for the experienced guards to get their annual training. Refreshing themselves on some of the basics such as first aid, unit operations, or law enforcement. But also getting refreshers on tricky rescue situations, taking victims through piers, out of rocks, onto rescue boats, and a variety of other situations

unique to the aquatic environment. This is also the time of year that many of these “refreshers” are also real-life experiences since the spring break crowds are frequenting your beaches in large numbers. The water may be a little cold and the visitors may be out of practice in the ocean, but that isn’t stopping them. And, it doesn’t stop you. Just like the new rookie, you too are a *Lifeguard for Life!*

Finally, spring is a time when lifeguard administrators are also getting excited. There’s a certain “buzz” around headquarters as new and eager faces appear and old friends start to return from their winter adventures. This is an exciting time for all as we prepare for the “big show” of summer crowds, warmer water, and increased activity for everyone.

As you get caught up in this buzz, please keep in mind how special you are, what a unique job you’re performing, and what a noble club you’ve joined. As lifeguards, you have unique skills that 99% of the rest of the world doesn’t possess.

Beyond physical skills and knowledge of the aquatic environment, you have the mental aptitude and fortitude to keep watch for hours on end, identify trouble before it happens, and to respond on a moment’s notice to any variety of emergency situations, often with minimal equipment and resources. You are also expected to be a professional ambassador for your agency, a public relations expert, a counselor to those in distress, and a peacemaker - all while maintaining a professional demeanor and while not neglecting your primary mission of watching the water.

Although these skills are unique in themselves, there’s another quality you possess that surpasses them all. You have a desire to use your skills and talents to benefit others. For that, you should be commended.

For me, spring is the best time of year. A time full of hope and anticipation. A time of me being

reminded of the service we provide and the wonderful people I am blessed to work with. I know it is for many of you as well.

As you prepare for summer, and regardless of whether you're retired or a rookie in training, remember that you're a *Lifeguard for Life!* Enjoy this season of anticipation and excitement as spring comes to bloom and summer quickly approaches. Enjoy the reward that comes from helping to save lives.

Count your blessings that you have been given an opportunity to serve others in such a noble profession. Count your blessings that you have been given a mind, body, and heart to serve others. And, count your blessings that you are able to work in this glorious environment. I know that I do.

Once again, I want to say how proud I am to work alongside each and every one of you. It is a noble profession and one that I am so proud to serve in. Thanks to all of you. You are true heroes. You are *Lifeguards for Life!*

Bill Humphreys
CSLSA President
Chief, San Clemente Lifeguards



By Chris Colajezzi
California State Parks - Angeles District.

On the north end of Malibu, the Angeles District State Park Lifeguards patrol approximately 15 miles of coastline. For over 40 years, men and woman have patrolled the coast and protected all who want to enjoy the ocean from El Matador Beach to Point Mugu. In that span of time, there have been many hardships for the community of Malibu as well as the

surrounding areas, and recently the Woolsey Fire has tested everyone once again. Sweeping through several counties and burning over 96 thousand acres, the blaze swept through northern Malibu the night of November 9th all the way to the ocean in some areas.



Leo Carrillo State Park was in its path, and the Lifeguarding Program was hit especially hard. Most of the facilities and storage for both the lifeguarding operation and Junior Lifeguard Programs were lost in the destruction. Many of the essential supplies and infrastructure for the daily operation of the lifeguard program were lost. Currently, the lifeguard operation is starting from scratch to piece together a program in time for summer, when peak season brings thousands of visitors to the unique stretch of coastline. Known across the state for its particularly resilient



and loyal staff, many lifeguards are ready to return with the crowds and provide the same high-quality service and protection to every visitor; but this year will be especially challenging.

On top of staffing the lifeguard towers with medical supplies and making sure there is lifesaving rescue

equipment for the more than fifty lifeguards on staff, housing the equipment both temporary and long term are proving to be a major concern.

Meanwhile, many items that improve the working-life of these lifeguards are going to take time to replace, such as uniform items and competitive equipment including rash guards, paddleboards and other surf crafts. The majority of the lost inventory was owned and handled by the Malibu Coast Lifesaving Association (MCSLA) while a few were personal items belonging to individual lifeguards. These items, which took years to accumulate, restore and maintain, were lost overnight.

The Leo Carrillo Junior Lifeguard Program is another group that was affected significantly. A staple to the surrounding community, the Junior Lifeguard Program hosts kids from the ages of 9 to 15 for 5 weeks in the summer and has been operating at Leo Carrillo State Beach since 1985.

The program is dedicated to teaching local youth the essentials of ocean safety and first aid as well as promoting teamwork and competition through paddle boarding, swimming and many other activities. There are many moving parts that that come together in order to make these memorable summers for the kids possible.

Many buoys, paddleboards, fins and other essential equipment acquired over the years through donations and purchases are now gone. It falls on the shoulders of the program to replace the necessary equipment in addition to building the facilities from which to run the JG operation. The community has already come together in a fundraising outcry to try and get the program back on its feet, but there is still much work to be done to be ready for summer.

The logo for Watchtower, featuring a stylized red and white tower icon to the left of the word "watchtower" in a bold, dark grey sans-serif font.

Custom Data Gathering for Lifeguard Agencies



HEROIC ACT AWARD

April 9, 2018 – Rescue from Dana Point Jetty

Victor Arellano, Diego Busatto, Emily Hagen, Derrick Laub, Malcolm McClung, Matt Sage & Kirk Schoonover

At approximately 1:30 PM on Monday, April 9th, 2018, a 16-foot sailboat anchored outside the west jetty of Dana Point Harbor with its sail raised. Due to the raised sail, the wind caused the anchor to come loose, allowing the vessel to drift onto the rocks in 3-5 foot surf, as the skipper apparently lay sleeping in the boat.

Upon collision with the rocks the skipper was awakened. He jumped into the water and swam onto the jetty to attempt to free the vessel and subsequently became trapped in the rocks himself, sustaining broken bones, a severe head injury, facial lacerations and water inhalation.

State Beach Lifeguards from San Clemente and Doheny heard the distress call from Orange County Harbor Patrol on Ch. 16 regarding a vessel on the rocks outside Dana Point Harbor.

Surf Watch V Boat Operator Kirk Schoonover and his deckhand, Seasonal Lifeguard Matt Sage responded and put out a call to other State Lifeguard personnel eliciting a response of five additional lifeguards from State Beach including Victor Arellano, Diego Busatto, Emily Hagen, Derrick Laub and Malcolm McClung.

Upon their arrival at the scene McClung and Laub entered the water from a US Tow Boat to "hook-up" the sailboat in order to remove it from the jetty and prevent it from injuring the remaining rescue personnel. Meanwhile the remaining rescue personnel were recovering the sailboat's skipper and rendering first aid. An OC fire Authority Paramedic was lowered from the Fire/Rescue Helicopter to further treat and assist in removing the victim. The boat's skipper was taken to Mission Hospital where he was admitted, treated and later released.

For his actions in this rescue Schoonover received the United States Lifesaving Association Meritorious

Act Award, and Lifeguards Arellano, Busatto, Hagen, Laub, McClung and Sage received the United States Lifesaving Association Heroic Act Award.



MERITORIOUS ACT AWARD

August 8, 2018 – Night Rescue at HB State Beach **Aaron Hoff and Killian Rose**

At approximately 10:15 PM on the night of August 3, 2018, State Beach Lifeguards Aaron Hoff and Killian Rose were dispatched to a call of swimmers in distress near HB State Lifeguard Tower #4. Rose was the first to arrive on scene and located several individuals on the beach waving for assistance and pointing out into extremely dark sea.

The subjects on the beach, friends of the eventual rescue victims, advised that two of their friends were in the surf and caught in a rip current. The victims could be heard yelling for help. Rose responded immediately and was followed moments later by Hoff.

The conditions that night were far less than favorable, with 2-3 foot surf, strong lateral and rip currents, compounded by extreme darkness due to lack of ambient light and no moon. Rose, directed only by the screams of the distressed swimmers, located them and initiated the rescue of both. Hoff arrived moments later and took charge of one of the victims.

Doug Leach, a Marine Safety Officer from the City of Huntington Beach responded as back-up to the State Lifeguards. He credits Rose and Hoff with doing an outstanding job under very difficult conditions, using impressive orienteering skills to locate and rescue the victims in near total darkness.

Both victims were provided follow-up care by HB Fire Paramedics for inhalation of sea water, taken to the hospital and eventually released.

For their outstanding rescue efforts under very difficult conditions, Aaron Hoff and Killian Rose

were awarded the United States Lifesaving Association Meritorious Act Award.

2019 Southern California Water Safety Summit

By William Koon



Chris Carlson, father of Ben Carlson welcome attendees

On March 6, 2019, 140 water safety advocates and professionals assembled at Marina Park in Newport Beach for the inaugural Southern California Water Safety Summit, a one-day conference designed to be “a forum for collaboration on practices, programs, and policy that reduce drowning and aquatic injuries in our community.” The summit was co-hosted by the Ben Carlson Memorial & Scholarship Foundation and Hoag Hospital’s Project Wipeout Program. Initial planning for the conference began in August 2018, the Summit website went live in October 2018, registration for the event opened on November 29, 2018, and registration reached capacity on January 16, 2019.

By the day of the event a total of 175 people had signed up to attend, 31 on a waitlist. The Summit was promoted via email to contacts of the Project Wipeout Coordinator, it was not advertised on social media, in print, or intentionally on any website except that of the conference. Participants at the Southern California Water Safety Summit came primarily from Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties.

Participants also represented a variety of professions involved in water safety: 20% identified as marine safety or ocean lifeguards, 13% as non-profit foundations, 12% as fire department or EMS, 11% as parks and recreation, 8% as education, 6% as nurse or physician, and 5% and under as public health, law enforcement, other government, or other medical/hospital personnel.

The one-day summit featured 25 different speakers; a full agenda of the day is below. Keynote speakers included Dr. Coleen Kraft, Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP); Dr. Justin Sempsrott, Executive Director of Lifeguards Without Borders; and Dr. Linda Quan, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington and former Emergency Department Medical Director at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The Summit also featured sessions on drowning data, programs and interventions to prevent drowning and aquatic injury, open water drowning and safety, and messaging and communications for water safety. Presenters represented a variety of governmental and non-profit agencies including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, The California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Boating and Waterways, and the California Coalition for Child Safety and Health, among others. The event was sponsored by the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation USA and the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.

The Marina Park meeting facility was graciously provided by the City of Newport Beach, and Mission Hospital provided lunch during the summit and a networking reception at the Lido House in Newport Beach after the event.

Major takeaways from the summit include a strong desire from multiple stakeholders to engage in meaningful discussions on future policy proposals to prevent drowning and aquatic injury, motivation to increase formal or informal statewide collaboration on drowning prevention and water safety, and unified efforts to improve the collection of data at the local and state level to improve drowning prevention and water safety promotion efforts. Of those attendees surveyed, 96% indicated that they would be extremely likely to attend a water safety summit in 2020, if organized. ✂

Delray Beach Florida



The national meeting of the United States Lifesaving Association was held last November in Delray Beach Florida. This iconic location is one of the oldest lifesaving sites in US history. Built in 1876, The U.S. Life-Saving Service built the *Orange Grove House of Refuge*, one of 12 structures built along Florida's coast from 1875 to 1876. This structure was located across from the present-day Marriott Hotel and was the inspiration for today's beach pavilions along FL Hwy A1A

Sources: *The Archaeology of Florida's US Life-Saving Service Houses of Refuge and Life-Saving Stations* - Jennifer F. McKinnon, 2010 - Florida State University Libraries. Delray Beach Historical Society



Your humble board ...representing the Southwest Region (CSLSA) at the USA national meeting in Delray Beach Florida (left to right) Jay Butki, Casey Graham, Gus Avila, Bill Humphreys, Mike Beuerlein, Bryan Etnyre & Jim Hughes

*“Best Day of My Life So Far...”
...through the eyes of a Carlsbad
Lifeguard.*

Photos by Cole Ferguson



I was in tower 37. Tower 36, my flanking tower to the south was unmanned that day.

I noticed a child (he was 14) on a bodyboard trying hard to paddle towards the outside down in front of T36. However, the surf was so big that day that he, and most other beachgoers, were being kept close to shore by the surges of energy coming in. (This is despite warnings to stay out of the water).

This kid was relentless as he was battling the whitewater, virtually making no ground. His persistence paid off for the worse when there came a lull between the sets. All of the sudden, the sets that were keeping this kid on the inside were gone; he took this time to paddle out as fast as he could. I don't think he ever really knew what he was getting in to.

I hoped for a set to come and wash him in before he reached the middle of the impact zone. I tuned to see the menacing dark blue color of a bombing set rolling out from the horizon. I knew that this kid had just reached the impact zone, so I radioed in the rescue and started on the quarter mile sprint before the inevitable had even happened.

During my run, I saw the first wave of the set creep up on the victim. Rather than try and sprint past it, turn around, or duck dive, the kid put his head down and simply accepted defeat. The first wave absolutely obliterated him. I will never forget seeing his bright yellow board 'toaster pop' out the back of the wave, completely vertical. (Leash broke immediately). Soon after I made my water entry,

I remember seeing his yellow board wash past me on its way in. The split second where I saw the board go

by felt like slow-motion. It was incredibly eerie. I had to rely completely on the hand signals of the responding unit guards for direction. I could neither hear the boy nor see over the waves that were constantly working me. I ended up reaching a spot close to where he had last been seen.

I spotted him when he used what looked like his last burst of energy to emerge from underwater, take a breath, and fall back under. Scrambling over to where I had just seen this, I dove down and scooped the boy up from about 5 feet under. Throughout my



efforts to communicate reassurance, he never said anything. He was breathing fine, but so shook from the experience that he just kept a concentrated stare towards the beach.



To be honest, the process of me getting him back to shore was more of just holding him/the buoy and kicking while we were washing in, rather than a dedicated backstroke. I turned the victim over to our other units and after a quick debrief returned to my tower. I was offered too many beers to count from beachgoers after that. I was even awarded "Rescue of the Year" from my division.

This day was definitely the best day of my life so far. I've never experienced anything that comes close to the high I felt after making that rescue.

*Respectfully,
Colin Boothman*



4 Things We Learned From the 'Shark Stories' Event in Dana Point

"Tales of survival, science, conservation and mitigation." By Jon Perino

Source: www.adventuresportsnetwork.com

It's no secret that Southern California has seen a rise in shark activity, encounters and even attacks in recent years.

All this activity has people talking. And with new technology out there (e.g. drones and Go Pros), going out and capturing footage of these prehistoric creatures has never been easier, and is creating a lively buzz all over the internet. Given peoples' ever-present fascination with sharks, the Orange County Register decided to set up an event to address what all the talk has been about.

Thursday evening [May 24, 2018], the Register hosted a panel discussion in Dana Point, California called "Shark Stories." Mediated by the OC Register's beach reporter Laylan Connelly, it was a discussion about all the recent shark activity in the L.A., Orange and San Diego County areas.

The panel included the director of Cal State Long Beach's Shark Lab Chris Lowe, David McGuire from Shark Stewards, professional surfing legend Ian Cairns, shark attack survivors Leeanne Ericson and Maria Corsaro's, as well as the heroes who rescued them, Dusty Phillips and Newport Beach Lifeguards Mike Ure and Andy Matsuyama.

It was certainly an evening of "Tales of survival, science, conservation and mitigation." Here are a few things that we learned from the event.

Why Temporary "Hot Spots" Exist

Chris Lowe: Why this beach? Why are they here this summer? One of the things we've found from historic fishing records are that places off Santa Barbara, Ventura, Santa Monica Bay, Huntington Beach, Dana Point, San Onofre, are known historic "hot spots." Commercial fishing records dating back almost 100 years have records of juvenile white sharks being caught at all those locations.

When we first looked at that data, we thought maybe they were biased ... until we started to tag. Once we started to tag sharks, and we had receivers out at all these locations, we started noticing that sharks would hit a "hot spot" location, and they would spend anywhere from 40 to 100 days at that beach, non-stop, day and night, swimming along a half-mile stretch of beach. And then all of a sudden, they would hopscotch from one "hot spot" area to another.

When they disappear, we don't hear from them for about a week, and then they'll show up at a [another] "hot spot." The next time they move from that "hot spot" (that it took them a week to get to) they will go back to the "hot spot" that they came from in 5 hours. So it looks like once they learn how to get between these spots they make that transit really quickly.

It's almost like they're kids and they're learning their neighborhood. Once they learn their way around, they can get around really quickly.

Shark Fin Soup and the Shark Fin Trade

David McGuire: I grew up here and surfed with sharks. And we didn't see white sharks. We saw a lot of blue sharks, a lot of threshers, a lot of makos, and now those are disappearing from being over-fished or "finned."

"Finning" is really a symptom of over-fishing in our oceans. Almost all of our large predators are being fished out, as much as 90 percent. The shark fin is associated with prestige, wealth and honor which began with the Song Dynasty in 1000 A.D. with this one emperor. Him and his buddies ate shark fin soup for 1,000 years, until the past two decades ... Now the supply cannot meet the demand of this luxury of shark fin soup.

It's served at banquets, prestigious occasions, it means honor, it's about face, and so too many people are eating this dish. And too many sharks are getting killed.

How Difficult It Is Getting Back In the Water After Being Attacked

Lianne Ericson: I still do [have reservations about getting in the water]. Even when I was out in Hawaii and I was snorkeling in only 3-feet of water, I'd have to keep telling myself "You're fine. You're fine. You're fine. If you had to you could stand up and walk all the way back to shore." I mean, the coral out of the corner of my eyes was putting off shadows ...

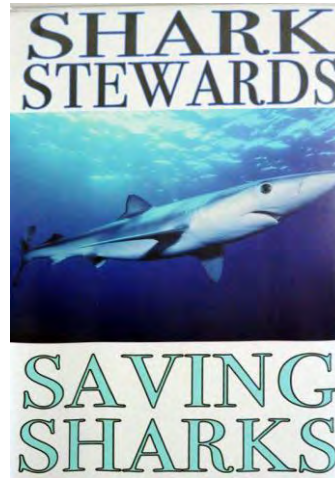
It was hard. It's still hard. Even thinking about going out over there [Hawaii] gives me anxiety, let alone anywhere over here.

Maria Korcsmaros: I was able to get to my triathlons that I love to do within 5 months. I was able to do the race I missed within a year. A lot of that is motivation, as Lianne will



testify. It takes a strong mindset to say "I gotta get back on the horse. I gotta get back in the water. I gotta get back to things that I like to do." It kind of tears me up just talking about it, because it took a lot of effort. But it was worth it. We do look at things differently now, as survivors.

Using Genetics to Figure Out Where Sharks Are From



Chris Lowe: For those sharks that we can tag, we can take a small tissue sample and we can look at their genetics. And because my colleagues are studying adult white sharks at Farallons, Año Nuevo and Guadalupe Island they all have tissue samples. So what we're going to start doing is collaborating.

So we can use genetics to figure who's their mommy and daddy, and who is related to who. So using this new technology, we'll be able to do that.

But we have a better way ... Now, we can take a water sample – because all animals in the water sluff off cells that have DNA in them – and we can filter that and test for white sharks in the water. Not only can we tell if a white shark is present or not, but we can tell how many white sharks are present by the amount of DNA in the water.✂



*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 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.*

Why the CSLSA needs you... ...and why you need the CSLSA

Now's the time for recruiting members of your association for the CSLSA and the USLA. But, for many cash-strapped, young lifeguards, paying dues to an organization they may not understand may not seem like a good use of their money. They have food to buy and things to do. And, I understand. With that in mind, I thought I'd take a minute to describe some of the benefits lifeguards receive by joining the CSLSA. Benefits that extend beyond supporting the profession and can actually put cash right back into their pockets – both now and later.

Following are three reasons and benefits of joining as a reminder for you or to share with your co-workers.

First, by joining the CSLSA, you automatically join the USLA. As such, you'll automatically be part of the International Life Saving Federation (ILS).

There are 30 CSLSA chapters which share the mission, goals and objectives of the CSLSA which is the Southwest region of the USLA. There are nine regions in the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA), which is affiliated with the International Life Saving Federation (ILS). All three of these organizations, CSLSA/USLA/ILS, have a goal of promoting beach safety awareness and professional lifeguard standards. As you become more involved, you'll start networking with these professionals, sharing ideas and solutions to common problems. As professional lifesavers, these are worthy goals and supporting them through membership is worthwhile on its own. However, there are more benefits to consider, some directly impacting you right away while others may assist you in the future.

Secondly, membership in the CSLSA and USLA gives you access to pro-deals of around 50% off on items you're already buying.

You'll get wetsuits, fins, sunglasses, and at times, surfboards at wholesale costs. And these aren't just low quality "discount" products. Top names are offering these deals for lifeguard members of CSLSA/USLA only. Purchasing just one of the items

more than pays for the yearly membership dues. Most lifeguards end up recouping their dues many times over by taking advantage of these deals. I know I do.

Thirdly, whether you're applying for college or a new job, being a member of a professional organization goes a long way with prospective employers or university admissions officers.

Make sure it's boldly printed on your application and resume. Employers and colleges want to see that regardless of your profession, you took it seriously enough to join a professional organization in that field. With one membership, you show you supported your profession in both the CSLSA and USLA (list separately on the application) and are affiliated with the ILS. This may just be the extra edge that pushes you into that university or job.

I can tell you from experience that I joined the CSLSA for all three reasons above. Initially I joined for the discounts. I didn't have much money and at that time, I was heavily into surfing. So when I heard I could get 50% off O'Neil wetsuits (which I already wore), I was instantly sold. Throw in 50% off polarized Hobie glasses and I felt like I was getting free money. It was awesome. Over the years the deals are still just as good. And, of course I still make use of them.

For job promotions and interviews, I stressed how committed I was to my profession and used my membership in the CSLSA and USLA as part of my proof. I don't know if it made the ultimate difference or not, but my overall results have been good so I knew it didn't hurt. Finally, over the years I came to realize and appreciate what the CSLSA, USLA, and ILS were doing locally and globally to help reduce drownings. Supporting their mission became something I choose to do for that reason alone. The rest has become icing on the cake for me.

Hopefully, you will choose to join as well.

Lifeguards for Life!

Bill Humphreys



A Quick Look at the
San Clemente State Lifeguard Association
 Host of the Spring 2019 CSLSA BOD
 Meeting

The San Clemente State Lifesaving Association (SCLA) is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization that seeks to promote beach and ocean safety awareness while maintaining professional open water lifesaving standards.

Affiliated Agency: San Clemente State Beach
Governing Body: State of California, Department of Parks & Recreation

- **Creation:** 1952
- **Coastline Guarded:** 7.7 Miles
- **Permanent Lifeguards:** 8
- **Seasonal Lifeguards:** 88
- **Beach Attendance 2018:** 1.3 million
- **Rescues 2018:** 2300
- **Junior Lifeguards:** 310 (approx.) per Summer

The San Clemente State Lifeguards provide lifeguard services at Doheny, San Clemente, and San Onofre State Beaches located in south Orange County. State Lifeguards provide services year-round from 5am-midnight and patrol the large day-use beaches as well as 4 campgrounds containing a total of 614 campsites. Full time lifeguards are sworn Peace Officers and provide Law Enforcement services in addition to aquatic responsibilities. Staffing levels during the summer include 21 towers, 9 patrol vehicles, 3 dispatchers, and Surf Watch rescue boat.

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Junior Lifeguard's Corner



Regional CSLSA Junior Lifeguard Championships
 Carpinteria Beach, CA July 26, 2019

National USLA Junior Lifeguard Championships
 Virginia Beach, VA August 8, 2019

The Bob Burnside Award



Congratulations!
Junior Lifeguard Jeff Hass
 Huntington State Beach Junior Lifeguard, Jeff Hass was awarded the Bobby Burnside Award! He was selected as the 2018 Junior Lifeguard of the Year by the California Surf Lifesaving Association at the CSLSA Fall meeting!

CSLSA Grants for Junior Lifeguard Programs.
 Grant Money is available for qualifying Junior Lifeguard Programs. See cslsa.org/juniorguards for more information.

