

Lavallette Memorial Lifeguard Tournament: July 17, 2008

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On Thursday July 18, 2008, Lavallette held its annual 6 Man Lifeguard tournament, the Lavallette Memorial Lifeguard Tournament. The tournament consisted of ten different beaches from up and down the New Jersey Coast competing to see who would emerge as the best all around 6-man team. Each team battled in seven events that would challenge the different skills of each participant. The events ranged from the Ironman Medley and Paddle Relay, to the Row Out/Swim In and the one man Line Pull. This broad spectrum of events tests the metal of each competitor in each of the disciplines needed to be a good lifeguard. This year's tournament would be a proving ground for them all with a strong south swell creating some impressive waves (head high on set), and strong currents and winds adding to the difficult competition conditions.

The tournament started with the Ironman Medley, with Surf City winning easily, followed by the Row Out/Swim In, again won by Surf City. The tournament continued on going through the Paddle Relay, Rescue Relay, Swim Relay, and One Man Line Pull with Surf City placing among the top in the top three in every event. The final event, the Boat Relay was canceled due to the incredible size of the waves and increasingly bad cross currents that the local beaches were all experiencing as of the past few days.

When all was said and done, Surf City emerged victorious placing top three in every event of the tournament allowing them to accumulate an impressive 27 points overall. Second place went to Ortley Beach with 14 points, and third place was captured by Bradley Beach who grabbed 11 total points. The other beaches fought it out to keep it close between them and win an event or two along the way. Unfortunately, Long Beach Township was unable to compete in all the events due to an injury and equipment damage in one of the early events.

All in all, it was an exciting night of fierce competition with one beach, Surf City coming out as the winner on this occasion. With some crazy boat rides, some exciting events, and a few close finishes, it was another night on the beach that everyone in the crowd enjoyed tremendously. Congratulations to the top three teams for their impressive finishes on a rough day on the beach. Congratulations to Surf City on a great win, and an overall impressive showing as the best on the beach on this hot July evening.

For all event standings and event scoring, see the table included in the article.

Lavallette Lifeguard Tournament Results: July 17th, 2008

Team	Medley	Row/Swim	Paddle Rel	Rescue Rel	Swim Rel	Line Pull	Total	Place
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Surf City	5pts	5pts	4pts	5pts	5pts	3pts	27pts	1st
Ortley Beach		4pts	2pts		4pts	4pts	14pts	2nd
Bradley Beach	3pts		3pts	3pts	2pts		11pts	3rd
Lavallette		3pts		2pts	4pts		9pts	4th
Ship Bottom	2pts		2pts			5pts	9pts	4th
Brigantine			5pts		3pts		8pts	6th
Sandy Hook		4pts					4pts	7th
Island Beach						2pts	2pts	8th
Barnegat Lt.							0pts	9th
Long Beach Twp							0pts	DNF