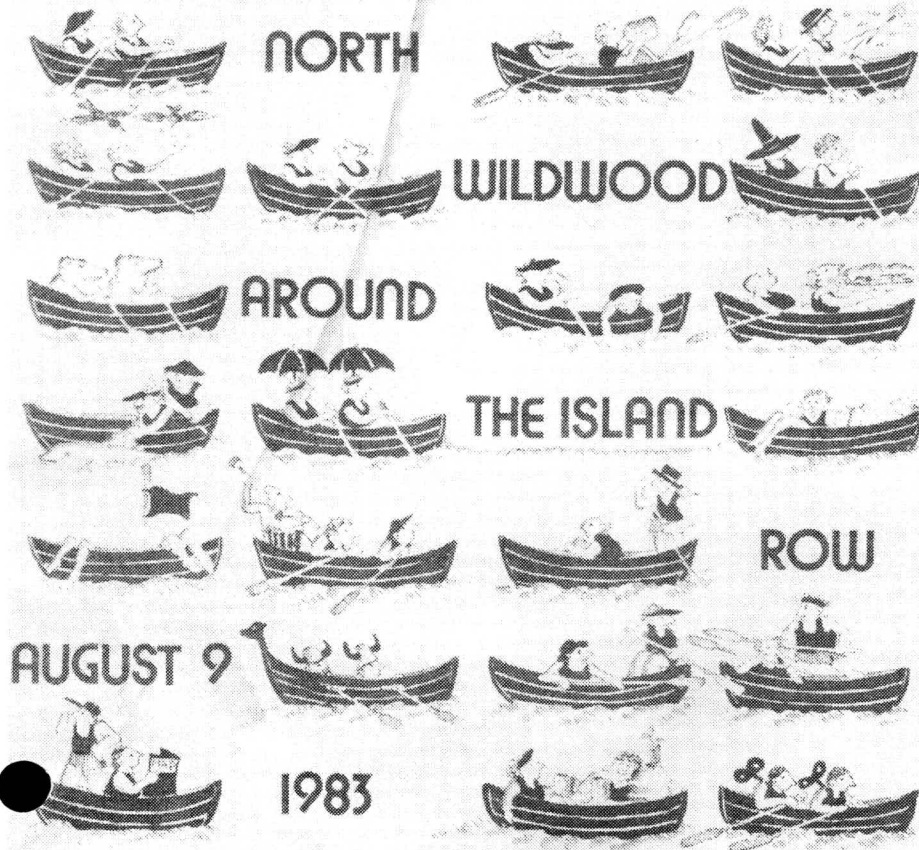


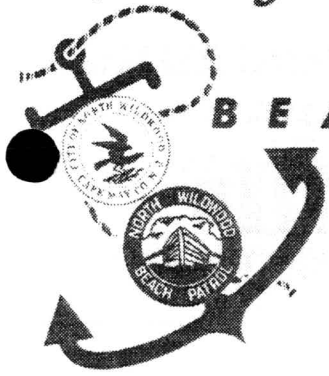
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CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



BEACH PATROL

BOB HALL, Director

Greetings,

We wish to extend our thanks to all patrons and sponsors contributing to this ad book which benefits the 7th Annual 'Around The Island' Rowing race sponsored by the North Wildwood Beach Patrol. The success of this annual 21 mile rowing race has grown with each successive year. This year's race entries include beach patrols to be the best. Again, our thanks for your continued support of this event which contributes to its overwhelming success.

Respectfully,

Robert Hall

Robert Hall
BEACH DIRECTOR

Around the Island History

The Around-the-Island Row was first thought of back in the fall of 1975 when, then councilman in North Wildwood, Bud Tarbotton teamed up with lifeguard Harry Zander and began training to go around the island. After they made the trip and saw how challenging it was, Tarbotton wondered about one being sponsored the following year by the North Wildwood Beach Patrol.

After checking into it and conferring with the various bosses, Tarbotton and North Wildwood Beach Patrol Captain Tony Cavalier decided to give it a go. In August of 1976, the first Around-the-Island rowing race was held and it has grown ever since, in numbers and excitement.

The first year, the race just included the local beaches—the Wildwoods and Cape May. The second year the same, then the third time as far as Avalon was invited to attend.

The fourth year, the race included crews from Atlantic City, Ocean City, Sea Isle City and other parts of the South Jersey coast.

The first three races featured three different endings. In 1976, North Wildwood's Harry Zander joined forces with Jim Troy to win going away and produce the first-ever Around-the-Island Row champions. They completed the 21 mile course in 2 hours and 58 minutes, a time that still stands as a record.

Then in the second annual race in 1977, Zander and Troy repeated as champions, but not without a fight from Moxie Bilkins and John Greenwood of the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol, who took a close second.

In 1978, a different tone was set. Zander and Troy weren't rowing. Bilkins had placed third without Greenwood in '76 and second with him in '77, so in '78 he had hoped to finish his climb up the ladder to the Number One spot. Along with Greenwood, he won the third annual row. Mission accomplished.

Bilkins had a new battermate in 1979, third-year Crest guard Dave Kiper. A surge in the back bay waters enabled Bilkins and Kiper to pass Myles and Gerry Lederer of Sea Isle City and win the fourth annual Island Row.

The Bilkins' dominance ended in 1980, as Dan O'Malley and Dave Kerr of the Avalon Beach Patrol overcame both of the blistering, humid head and Todd Miller and Bill Howard of the Ventnor Beach Patrol to capture the event.

O'Malley continued the Island Row tradition of two-time victors (Zander-Troy, '76-'77; Bilkins '78-'79) in '81, as he and crew partner Pete Soderman took part in the greatest finish the event has ever witnessed.

Throughout the course, O'Malley-Soderman trailed Mark Spencer and Rick Dove of Brigantine. However, as the Brigantine boat came out of Hereford Inlet it got caught on a sandbar around North Wildwood Point, causing them to lose valuable time and energy.

Now totally drained, of both body fluids (due to the ever present heat and humidity), Spencer and Dove were unable to fend off the last minute challenge of O'Malley and Soderman.

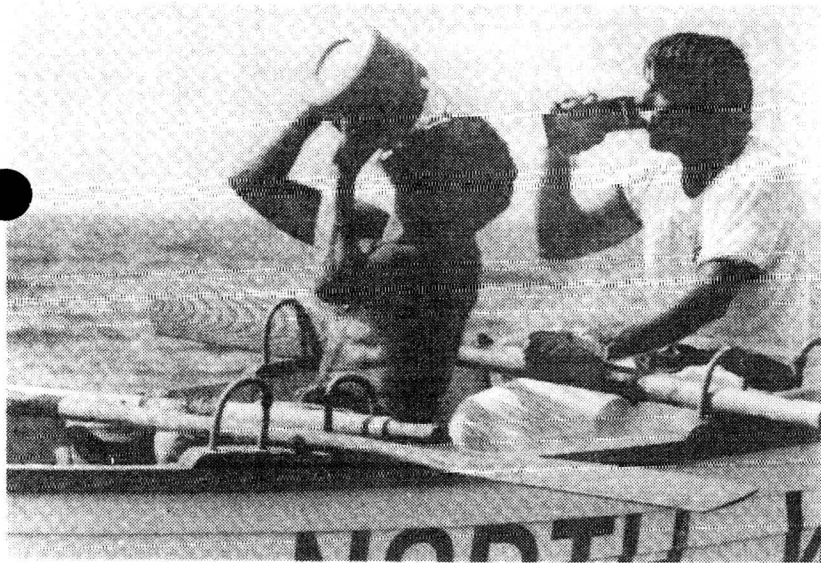
"With 100 yards to go, O'Malley told me to 'fire the retro-rockets' and I said 'Absolutely!'," related Soderman, as he and O'Malley sped by the Brigantine boat just yards prior to the finish line, winning the sixth annual Island Row by a scant 30 seconds.

A new crew entered the winner's circle in 1982. Rick Shoyer and Tom Morrison of the Ocean City Beach Patrol came close to breaking Zander and Troy's course of 2:58, but fell two minutes short at 3:00.01. Yet, as is the case with all other Island Row competitors, setting the record is the last thing on the rowers' minds.

"I made it," and exhausted Shoyer was to say after his 1982 triumph. "I set my own personal record completing the row and that's all that counts."



Dennis & Michael Ragan—down the home stretch.

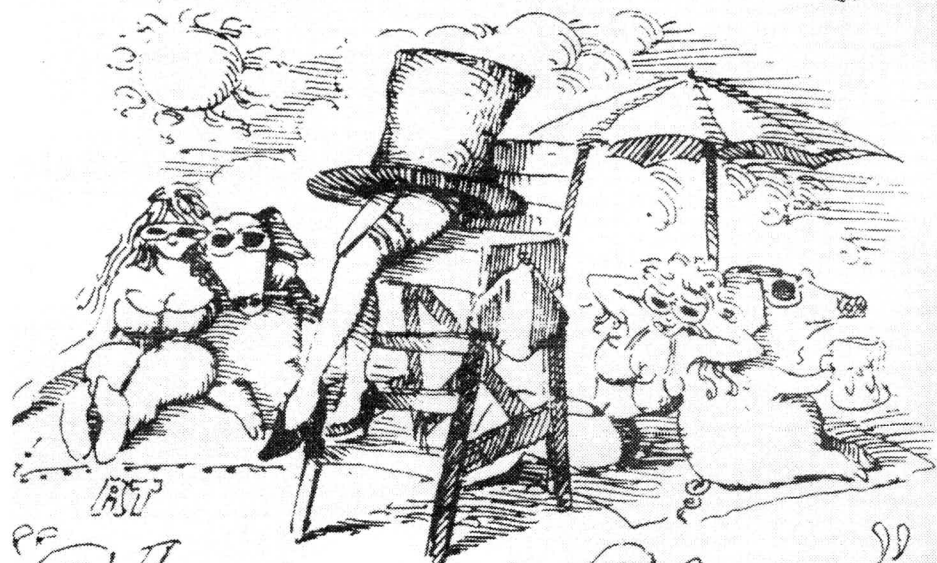


Larry Wargo & Jim Fenningham—Pause after a tough race.

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July 26, 1983

Gentlemen:

The North Wildwood Beach Patrol is pleased to invite your beach patrol members to enter our Eighth Annual Row Around the Island Race.

The date will be August 9th, 1983. In order to ensure a safe and fair race for all contestants, participants must attend a meeting at 7:00 AM on the race date. The meeting will be held at our headquarters at 15th Street and the Beach. A 8:00 AM start is necessary to assure a favorable tide.

There will be more contestants this year than ever before; therefore, we ask that each beach patrol have a jeep and boat trailer crew on hand to meet their boat(s). The race should be concluded in three to four hours.

At approximately 12:00 Noon we will honor all contestants, beach representatives and judges by serving hoagies, soda and other liquid refreshments at our headquarters. Our awards presentation will also be held at this time. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All contestants will receive a competitor's shirt.

1st Place Boat	\$ 1,000.00
2nd Place Boat	\$ 500.00
3rd Place Boat	\$ 300.00
4th Place Boat	\$ 100.00
5th Place Boat	\$ 50.00

There will be a \$35.00 entry fee per boat.

Weigh-ins will be the day before the race, August 8th, 1983. Boat weights will be according to the South Jersey Lifeguard Association Rules. All boats must be left overnight where they will be guarded.

Enclosed you will find a map of the race course and a list of rule procedures for this race.

If you have any questions please contact the North Wildwood Beach patrol as soon as possible, the telephone number is (609) 522-7500. We thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Row Around the Island.

Sincerely,

Bob Hall
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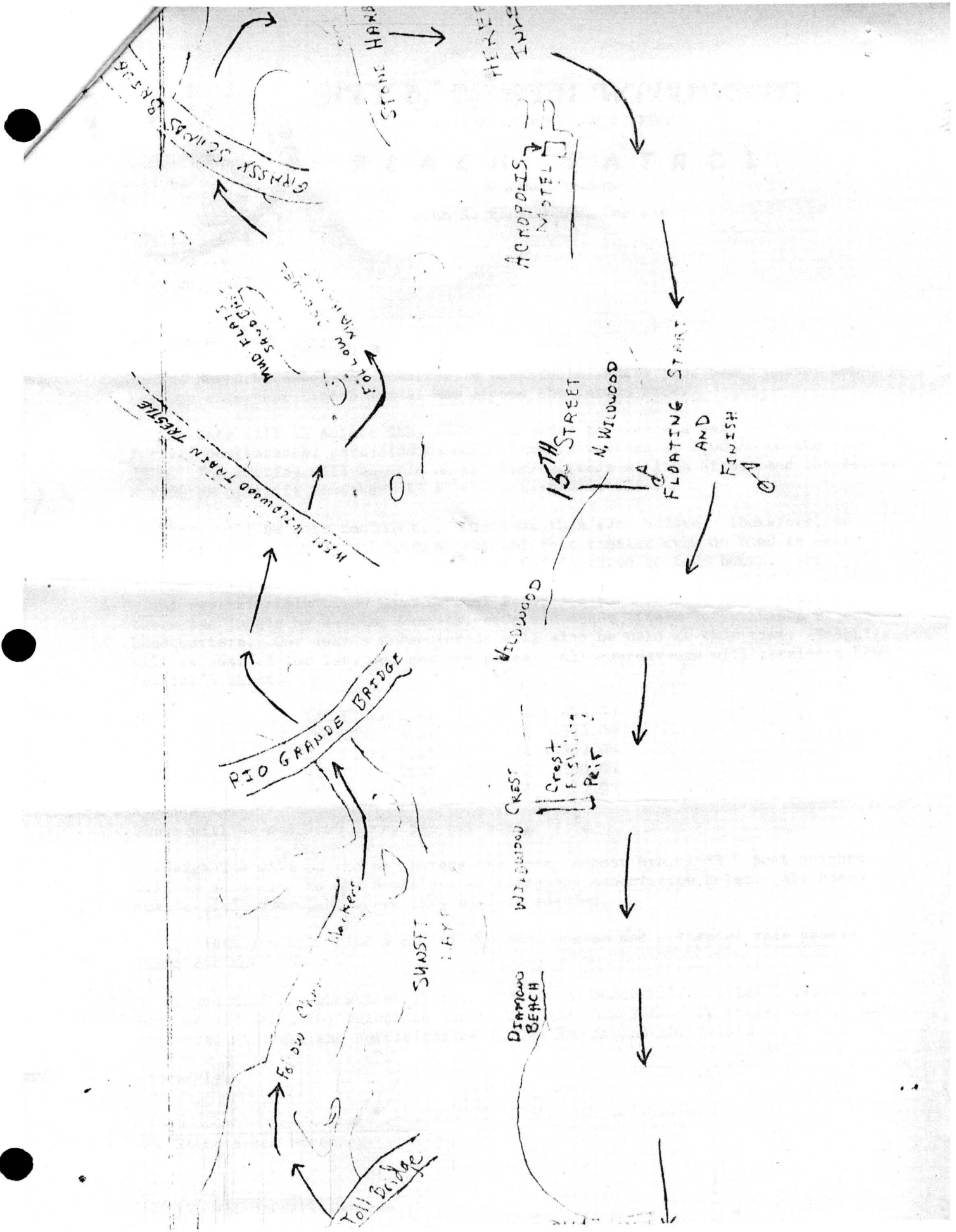
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ROW AROUND THE ISLAND RACE RULES

- (1) Draw for positions - each boat draws.
- (2) Careful start - stay in your lane for 1st 100 yards. Keep eyes on boats next to you.
- (3) Floating start. Rows will form. Flag raised from power boat indicates a get ready signal. When the flag drops - the race begins.
- (4) Competitors will be disqualified should they leave the boat. Boats may not be carried across sandbars, you may not leave boat to push it free should you become stuck.
- (5) The lead boat has the right of way going through bridges, boats along side of another boat which holds the slightest lead must yield to the lead boat. Two boats should not attempt to pass under the same passageway along side of each other. Exception is the Stone Harbor Bridge where more than one boat may pass along side each other.
- (6) Lead boats may not block the passage of other boats which are attempting to overtake them. The boat attempting the passage must row around the lead boat so as not to interfere with it. However, the lead boat may not deliberately continue to block the passage by rowing in such a manner to prevent the passage.
- (7) The end of the race occurs when each boat has passed through two flags which served as the starting line. To officially finish a crew must navigate their boat between the two flags. Merely passing both flags does not constitute finish.
- (8) Should any contestant need the judge boat he should signal it by holding an oar extended over his head. Should someone feel sick or weak this signal will draw prompt response from the judge boat.
- (9) Just as important as victory is each individual contestants committment to row a fair, honest and safe race. Any crew that can't make such a committment stands ready to be disqualified.



Kirk-Herron smash Around-Island Row record

By MARK STONE
Sports Editor

NORTH WILDWOOD — "It was crazy," exclaimed Doug Alken of Sea Isle City. "It was so thick that we couldn't see anyone. We thought we were lost in last place (they weren't)." What Alken (and his partner, Myles Lederer) were experiencing was the dense fog which blanketed the ocean off the Wildwoods, at the start of Tuesday's Eighth Annual Around-the-Island Row, hosted by the North Wildwood Beach Patrol.

With conditions like this, the last thing anyone expected would be a record-breaking performance, let alone three Yeti, the tandems of Ron Kirk-John Herron (Ocean City Beach Patrol), Terry Randolph-Marty Franco (Cape May Beach Patrol), and Don MacEachern-Mike McGrath (Longport Beach Patrol) broke the 21-mile course record of 2 hours, 59 minutes, 17 seconds, set by Harry Zander and Jim Kirk (North Wildwood) in 1976.

Kirk and Herron shattered the Zander-Troy mark with their time of 2:57:06. The pair attributed the seamanship taught to them by fellow beach patrol guard Bud McKinley before. "I had never done anything like this before," noted Herron (although Kirk had competed in the Island Row in '81). "The only reason I was able to do it was the preparation Bud gave us; such as making sure we took a drink (a diluted mixture of Gatorade) every half-hour to ward off dehydration."

The Ocean City pair would need all its energy and skill, as it had to challenge them face the challenge of Cape May's Randolph and Franco, who had emerged from the fog at Cape May Inlet, in first place. Kirk and Herron trailed in sixth.

As all the other 37 rowing tandems had to do, Randolph and Franco used all their seamanship skills to navigate through the dense fog.

"We stayed in where we could see the swells peak. This way we knew we were along the shore," explained Randolph. "When the fog broke, we saw we were in first place. That surprised us, because we couldn't see any other boats in the fog and thought we were somewhere in tenth place. Thinking we were so far behind gave us incentive to work harder."

The Cape May pair maintained its lead through the inlet and into the back bays. Meanwhile, Kirk and Herron

were surging through the fifth through second place boats to come within striking distance of the leaders at the 40 mark buoy in Jenkins Sound.

Stroke by stroke, the Ocean City pair whittled the gap between them and Cape May, until they made their move at the 40 mark buoy to overtake Franco and Randolph. But, the race was not over yet.

A navigational error a mile further along cost Kirk and Herron precious time and allowed Randolph and Franco to retake the lead.

"We came to a fork in a channel and went left. Then we saw everyone bearing to the right," related Kirk. "By the time we had turned around and got back on course, we had lost about 30 boat lengths."

Picking up their rowing cadence, Kirk and Herron again inched closer to the Cape May leaders, grabbing the opportunity to retake the lead at the Grassy Sound Bridge.

"We took a breather at Grassy Sound and all of the sudden the boat stopped. That's when Ocean City took the lead for good."

As Kirk and Herron stretched their lead to about a minute in front of the Cape May duo under the Stone Harbor Ocean Drive Bridge, Randolph and Franco had other things to worry about other than regaining first place, mainly holding onto second place.

MacEachern and McGrath had bided their time through the back bays, then made their move.

"We were in eighth place going under the Stone Harbor Bridge, then Mike (McGrath) told me to start our sprint," related MacEachern.

Through Hereford Inlet, the Longport duo closed the gap between themselves and Cape May. As they came out of the inlet into the home stretch of the row along the upper North Wildwood Beach, the Longport pair were within, literally, shouting distance away from Franco and Randolph.

"Mike kept yelling at me," Kirk kept pulling. We can get them. We can get them," stated MacEachern, on the activities during the final mile of the race.

Meanwhile, the Cape May boat was making a few noises of its own.

"No way Longport no way," was the cry heard from Franco all during the final mile. "We had worked too hard for too long to let anyone overtake us," further noted Franco. "All the guys on



Photography Mark Stone

RON KIRK (left) and JOHN HERRON of Ocean City (right) give and Terry Randolph of Cape May and take possession of first place in the Around-the-Island Row.

our beach were pulling for us, so we couldn't let them down."

Francisco and Randolph did hold onto their lead and finish in second place, ten seconds ahead of Longport, 2:58:40 to 2:58:50. Both tandems had broken Zander and Troy's course record.

However, already heading toward the beach when Cape May and Longport crossed the line were Kirk and Herron, who had shattered the previous Island Row mark. The pair had put a little

athletes around, compete in it and there's nothing but good sportsmanship practiced among the other rowers. You get a good feeling when you complete it.

"After the record makes the feeling even better," quipped Herron. "What also makes the feeling better is the \$1,000 first place prize Kirk and Herron were awarded for their success. This is a challenge," further notes Herron on the Island Row. "The best

share of the prize to a boat shop. After Randolph, Franco, an MacEachern, McGrath, the crew crossing the finish line were: Bic Murphy-Bob Cottrill (Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol), 3:00:05; Mai Spencer-Phil Gunther (Brigantine), 3:00:40; Moxie Bikins-Skip Fera (Wildwood Crest), 3:01:30; and Dent and Michael Regan (North Wildwood), 3:01:40.

Avalon beats elements to take Tri-resorts

By MARK STONE
Sports Editor

AVALON — Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night will stop the Tri-Resort beach patrols from completing their appointed competition.

Due to Thursday's thunderstorm, the 38th annual lifeguard competition between the Avalon, Stone Harbor and Sea Isle City beach patrols had to be

thrown his rhythm off) could have happened to anyone, and usually has," Bill Sheck of Avalon followed Ronan and captured second place (7:19), while Peter Pfeiffer of Stone Harbor finished third (7:20), his team's lone tally. This gave Avalon the top five finishes in the Tri-Resorts' two rowing events.

Both the O'Malley's and Ronan, attribute this success to the rowing training of Murray Wolf, captain of the

The Sea Isle City swimmer pointed out that he made extra sure of footing on the beach, coming from 1 surf to the finish line. McEwee wanted to avoid any debris, such as the Mangrove, which he lost first place by stumbling on the beach.

Myers crossed the finish-line second place, but was disqualified because judges at the midway fit said that he did not touch the flag before turning around to head for shore.

Unbeaten on 'Guard Circuit

Kirk, Herron Win N. Wildwood Row

By GUY GARGAN Press Sports Correspondent

NORTH WILDWOOD — The word circumnavigate means to go completely around.

You probably haven't heard that particular word used since you learned about Magellan in history class.

But Tuesday, Ron Kirk and John Herron spelled it out in capital letters.

Kirk and Herron of the Ocean City Beach Patrol captured the eighth annual North Wildwood Around-The-Island Row in spectacular, record-breaking fashion.

The pair destroyed the event's old mark by more than two minutes with a sizzling time of two hours, 57 minutes and 5 seconds. The old mark was 2:59.17 — set by Jim Troy and

Harry Zander of North Wildwood in 1975.

With the win, Kirk and Herron remained unbeaten on the lifeguard circuit this season and proved they can win at any distance.

"I never raced this far before," said Herron, a 21-year-old senior at the United States Naval Academy. "We rowed hard for two or three minute spurts and we finally got the lead. We worked extra hard when we saw the other guys rest or get a drink."

The race had otherwise perfect weather conditions, but it started in a fog that was both mysterious and dangerous. The event began with 37 crews — all of which finished the race. Kirk and Herron found themselves in eighth place as the race headed south to the Wildwood Inlet

from the 15th Avenue Beach.

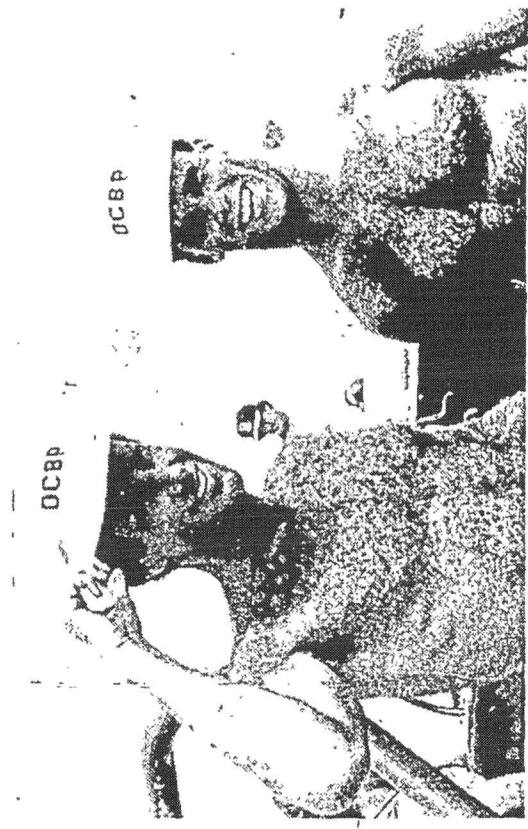
"We followed the swells and hugged the shoreline," said the 29-year-old Kirk, known to his fellow Ocean City lifeguards as "The Rocket."

"The fog lifted at the south end and we started to move up. We wanted to see where we were before we started sprinting."

Setting the pace at the southern end of the race was the crew of Terry Randolph and Marty Franco of Cape May.

"We're a sprint crew so we pulled out at the start," said Franco, who is 25. "With all the fog, we were afraid that we'd overshoot the Inlet and end up in Cape May. We didn't want to get home that soon."

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Staff photo by Tom Kinnemond

NO STROKES LEFT — Ocean City rowers Ron Kirk and John Herron relax after winning the North Wildwood Around-The-Island Row Tuesday morning.

Kirk, Herron Win N. Wildwood Row

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"We were surprised at the lead because we didn't know where we were at first," said Randolph, 19. The Cape May crew eventually got second and also broke the old mark with a time of 2:58.40.

Meanwhile, Kirk and Herron were two parts relentless and one part strategic.

"We jumped to about third place on the turn around the Inlet," said Herron. "Many other boats went wide and we got the inside. Then it was just Cape May and North Wildwood (Mike and Dennis Regan) ahead of us."

In the race's backstretch, the OCBP pair briefly had the lead

Eagles Release Four Players

WEST CHESTER, Pa. (AP) — Veteran running back Don Calhoun was one of four players released Tuesday by the Philadelphia Eagles, who reduced their National Football League preseason roster to 81.

Waived with Calhoun, a 10-year veteran from Kansas State, were three rookie free agents — fullback Harry Mitchell from Virginia Union, wide receiver Ken Oliver from Montclair State, and wide receiver Mark Brown of Towson State.

Regulations Meeting Set

A rules meeting for the Boardwalk Row will be held Thursday night at 8 p.m. at the Lighthouse Tavern in Atlantic City, according to Ward Holland.

There will also be a drawing of lanes at the meeting for crews in the 6.2-mile race, scheduled for Aug. 26.

All participants are expected to be represented at the meeting. Any prospective entrants are also cordially invited to attend. Race entry forms will be available at the meeting, according to Boardwalk Row spokesman Holland.

but then yielded it back to Cape May by making a wrong turn in Wildwood's confusing bay channel. Then, as the two boats neared North Wildwood's Grassy Sound Bridge, it was neck and neck.

With the 21-mile grind now two-thirds over, Kirk and Herron unleashed their stroke. Their stretch drive produced a 100-yard lead and Cape May soon had double trouble.

Closing fast from behind were Don MacEachern and Mike McGrath of Longport. The underdog pair came from well back in the pack and really proved a point.

Two weeks ago at the Brigantine Invitationals, MacEachern and McGrath won the doubles race when everyone else collided. Critics of the victory said it was of the rabbit's foot variety — but the Longport tandem proved their worth Tuesday.

After giving Cape May a stiff challenge, they ended up third and also beat the old record with a 2:58.50 clocking.

As Kirk and Herron headed past the Stone Harbor bridge and back to 15th Avenue, their 100-yard lead was intact and that's how it ended.

Herron's amateur status — acquired since he plays on a weight football team at the Naval Academy — prevents him from sharing the \$1,000 first place prize money.

"It feels great to compete with these guys without the money," said Herron, an Absegami High School graduate.

"The record feels great because of all the training we've done," added Kirk, a graduate of Mainland High School and Monmouth College.

The OCBP rowing wonders now have won the doubles in the Dutch Hoffman East Coast Life-guard Championships, and the Margate Memorials — as well as the Around-The-Island Row.

The only event remaining for the crew to conquer is the doubles in the prestigious South Jersey Lifeguard Championships — set for Aug. 18 in Avalon.

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Rowers vs. elements in Around-the-Island

NORTH WILDWOOD — "It's the most crueling thing I've ever done," stated Jim Fenningham of the North Wildwood Beach Patrol in 1980.

Rick Shoyer of the Ocean City Beach Patrol was quoted as stating in 1982 "We (himself and his partner) were hanging on for dear life from the last bridge to the finish. The last few feet were like 20 miles."

These two men are talking about the feeling of competing in the 21-mile Around-the-Island Row, which will enter its eighth year Tuesday, August 9.

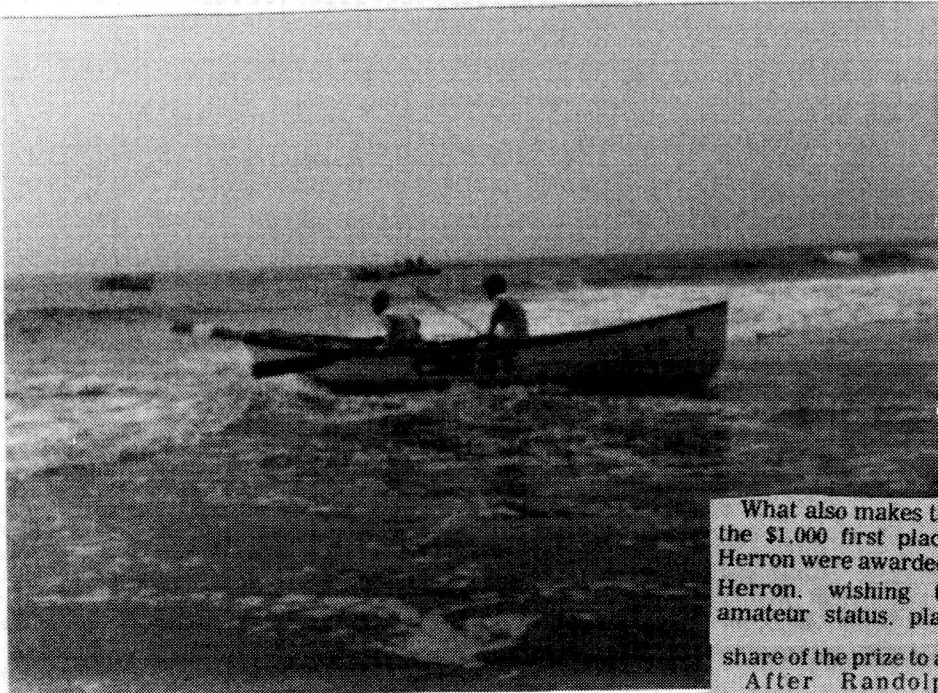
Sponsored by the North Wildwood Beach Patrol, the doubles crews, coming from beach patrols around

South Jersey, battle the currents, heat, tides and themselves in the journey around Wildwood Island for prize money over \$1,000.

The crews will start their journey off 15th Street and the beach at 8 a.m. and head south along the Wildwood and Wildwood Crest beach. They'll travel around Cold Spring under the Ocean Drive Bridge into the back bays behind Sunset Lake.

The crews will continue through the back bays out of Grassy Sound and into Hereford Inlet. Coming out of the inlet, the crews will end their journey back at 15th Street. The entire adventure takes between three and four hours.

Around-Island Row



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