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July 28, 1986

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

The date will be Wednesday, August 20th, 1986. In order to ensure a safe and fair race, a meeting, that all competitors must attend, will be held at 7:15 AM on the race date. The meeting will be held at our headquarters at 15th Street and the Beach. An 8:15 AM start is necessary to assure a favorable tide.

The number of entries is limited to three boats for each beach patrol. Any alumni entry will be included in the total number for the appropriate beach patrol. If you have any questions or concerns in reference to this, please contact Bud Tarbotton, Race Director at 522-2049. We are requesting that each beach patrol have a jeep and boat trailer crew to assist their crew (s) before and after the race. The race should be concluded in three to four hours.

The awards presentation will be held at approximately 12:30 PM at the North Wildwood Fire Department Hall at 15th & Central Avenues. Trophies will be awarded to each member of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place crews. Each of the other competitors will be awarded a commemorative plaque. Each competitor will also receive a T-shirt. After the awards presentation there will be sandwiches and refreshments for all of the competitors, beach patrol representatives, judges and race officials.

There is no entry fee for the race. There will not be a weigh-in for the boats. Only standard VanDuyne or Van Sant fiberglass or wood boats may be used.

In order to participate in the race each competitor must complete an Entry/Liability Waiver Form. These forms must be in the possession of the race officials prior to the race. Six copies of the Entry/Liability Waiver Form are enclosed.



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

We will contact each beach patrol no later than Friday, August 9, 1986, for their number of entries, information about their competitors, and designation of entries (Crew 1, 2 or 3) for the drawing for lane/row position.

If you have any questions, please contact Captain Tom Palmer or Lt. Lou Cirelli at 522-7500, or Bud Tarbotton, Race Director at 522-2049, as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Row Around The Island Race.

NORTH WILDWOOD BEACH PATROL
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NORTH WILDWOOD, NJ 08260
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1986 ROW AROUND THE ISLAND RACE RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) Form in designated lanes and rows behind the two flags that indicate the start/finish line for a floating start. When the flag is raised from the judge's boat, it indicates "get ready"; when the flag is lowered, it indicates "go". Any boat not in its correct lane/row position at the time of the start signal will be disqualified. The race will be started at 8:15 AM.
- 2) Stay in designated lanes for the first 100 yards.
- 3) The lead boat has the right of way going under bridges, even if it has only a slight lead. Two boats should not attempt to pass through the same passageway alongside of each other. The exception is the Stone Harbor Bridge where more than one boat may pass alongside of another.
- 4) A boat attempting to pass a leading boat must row around it so as not to interfere with it; a leading boat may not row in such a manner as to deliberately block passage.
- 5) In order to officially finish the race, a crew must navigate their boat between the two flags that indicate the start/finish line.
- 6) Should any crew need a judge boat, they should signal by holding an oar in an extended upward position. A judge boat will respond promptly and provide the necessary assistance, etc.
- 7) Strict adherence to the listed rules and procedures is required and race officials retain the authority to enforce them. Any crew that does not adhere to the listed rules and procedures can be disqualified by race officials.

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ENTRY/LAIBILITY WAIVER FORM

NAME _____ BEACH PATROL _____

I, _____, do understand and acknowledge the nature of the sport of marathon rowing and its inherent dangers and I am competing at my own risk. I hereby, for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any claims that I may have against the City of North Wildwood and its representatives, the sponsors and their representatives and any and all others parties, successors, and assignees directly or indirectly associated with this race for any injuries that may occur or be suffered by me in the Row Around The Island Race. I also give permission for the use of my name and/or picture in any newspaper, broadcast or other account of this race. I certify that I am in proper physical condition for this race.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature if Under 18 yrs. of age:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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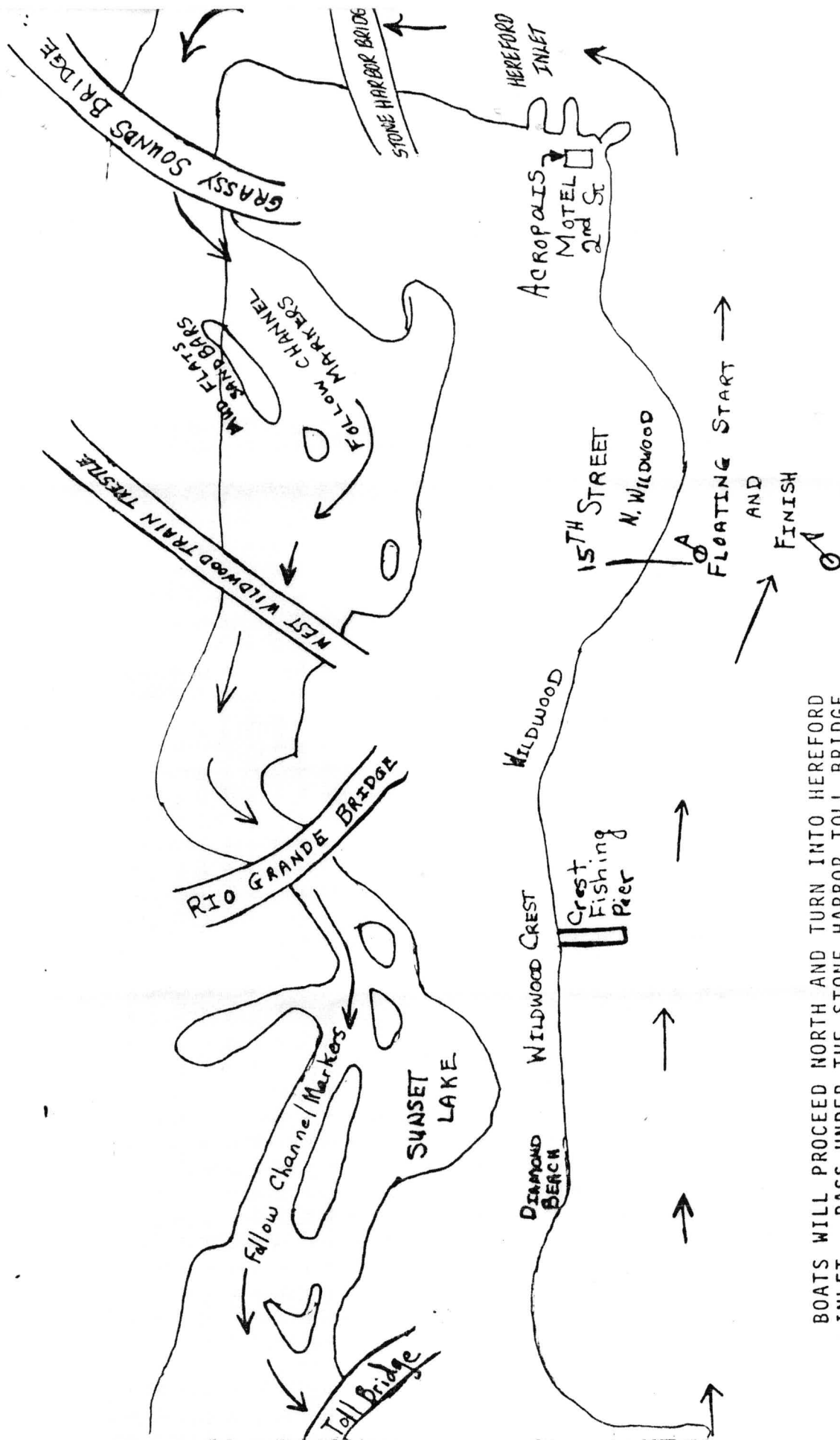
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BOATS WILL PROCEED NORTH AND TURN INTO HEREFORD INLET. PASS UNDER THE STONE HARBOR TOLL BRIDGE AND THEN TURN UNDER THE GRASSY SOUNDS BRIDGE. PROCEED THROUGH GRASSY SOUNDS TO THE WEST WILDWOOD TRAIN TRESTLE. AFTER GOING THROUGH THE TRESTLE, AIM FOR THE RIO GRANDE BRIDGE. PASS UNDER THIS BRIDGE. PASS UNDER THE OCEAN DRIVE BRIDGE INTO COLD SPRINGS INLET. ROW NORTH ALONG THE WILDWOOD BEACHES. PASS WILDWOOD CREST, WILDWOOD, AND ENTER NORTH WILDWOOD TO THE FINISH LINE.

30 Boats Entered in Wildwood's Around The Island Row

By GUY GARGAN
 Press Sports Correspondent
NORTH WILDWOOD — With the South Jersey Lifeguard Championships over, there's a tendency to think of the Around The Island Row as the afterthought of the beach patrol season.

But don't be fooled. The 21-mile journey around Wildwood island is probably South Jersey lifeguarding's toughest test of strength, skill and intangibles like courage and will.

Wednesday at 8:15 a.m., more than 30 two-man boats will get a floating start at the 15th Street beach and head north. The crews will reach the Herford Inlet and pass the Stone Harbor Bridge, go under the Grassy Sound Bridge and head south down the bay.

At the other end of Wildwood island, the race will proceed to the Ocean Drive Bridge and on to the Cold Springs Inlet. The stretch run will be north along the Wildwood beaches and back to the finish line at 15th Street.

Some of the area's more renowned oarsmen have returned to their respective colleges and that has broken up some powerful teams.

South Jersey one-mile doubles row champions John Ridgeway and John Miller of Ocean City will be among the missing, due to Ridgeway's departure to resume collegiate studies.

But an Ocean City boat should still be in the hunt. South Jersey singles row lifeguard Ron Kirk will be teaming with his old part-

ner Tom Stephank. The pair took the Jerseys in 1984 and 1985 but no wrong, sweeping all doubles events they entered. That's when they set the Around The Island Row record of two hours, 57 minutes and 5 seconds and it still stands.

Stephank returned to his teaching job before the event in 1984 and last year the duo came in third, losing several minutes in third, losing several minutes bailing water after taking a bad wave.

Twelve months ago, Max Bilkins and Rick Murphy won it but Murphy is now the director of aquatics at Emory College in Georgia and didn't return to the beach this summer.

1985 was the year when Kirk and partner John Herron could do no wrong, sweeping all doubles events they entered. That's when they set the Around The Island Row record of two hours, 57 minutes and 5 seconds and it still stands.

Mike McGrath and Don MacEachern of Longport have been knocking on the door for three years, placing third in 1983 and coming in second the last two summers. They'll be on hand Wednesday, along with Bob

McGrath and Ed Beard of Ventnor, who took third in the South Jerseys last Friday.

Don O'Malley and Ed Beck of Avation, fourth in the Jerseys, will be there too.

Other commanders include the team of Phil Greenfield and Pat Malla of Brigantine and the pairing of Alan Moss and Eusebi Joseph of Atlantic City. Also watch for the Ventnor alumni crew of Dennis Funk and George Miller, which was fourth in the big row last year.

Short Row Snatched By Avalon

By GUY GARGAN

Press Sports Correspondent

NORTH WILDWOOD — Introducing the Most Of The Way Around The Island Row, an abbreviated lifeguard event that took place on Wednesday morning.

For the first time in its history, the 11th annual North Wildwood Around The Island Row was shortened by about seven miles, due to the violence of the ocean conditions. The decision to make the finish line the Ocean Drive Bridge near the south end of Wildwood island came well after the race had begun and that gave everyone that let down feeling.

Well, almost everyone. Bill Sieck and Dan O'Malley of the Avalon Beach Patrol powered to a 150-yard lead at the first turn in the Hereford Inlet and they won in one hour, 47 minutes and 21 seconds.

The 29-year-old O'Malley is a veteran lifeguard oarsman who

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Staff photo by Tom Kinnemond

North Wildwood's crew appears swamped in Hereford Inlet

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has been a winner of the normal 21-mile event twice, teaming with the late Dave Kerr in 1980 and Pete Soderman in 1981. Sieck, 23, is a 1985 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

"We were conserving (energy) until they told us the race was ending," O'Malley said. "We didn't understand at first, but once we knew, we picked it up. I was confident about the ocean (if the race had continued) because we've been doing well in rough ocean all season."

At the northbound ocean start at the 15th Street beach, the 30 two-man boats were greeted by a rough current that was trying hard to send everybody backward. Stroke by stroke, the oarsmen finally made it to the inlet. A media motorboat was not so fortunate, flipping over, but no one was hurt.

The Avalon pair was with the pack when approaching a sandbar at the north end. While the other boats rowed to the right of it, the winners decided to run the gauntlet. O'Malley and Sieck went right over the sandbar and came out of the gamble with an immediate big lead that was never seriously dented.

"I was thinking about winning all the time," Sieck said. "We were timing Cape May (the boat in second place) as we went under bridges."

Bob Kaehler and Marty Franco of the Cape May patrol grabbed the second position early in the race and they finished about 140 yards behind the Avalon boat at the hastily arranged finish line.

The Cape May crew had a clocking of 1:48.36. Would things have been different if the race had continued back around to the ocean side?

"I'm better in rough water," Kaehler said. "We were holding back, trying to maintain second until the rough water. When they told us the race was ending, we sprinted."

The crews got the word about the abbreviated distance in the bay at the Rio Grande Bridge, just three miles from the end.

"I'm disappointed," Franco said. "Bob is strong. I think rougher water would have been an advantage with him."

Twenty nine seconds behind the Cape May boat was the Ventnor alumni team of Dennis Funk and George Miller. Funk and Miller teamed for three South Jersey

doubles titles in the 1970's and though they're no longer life-guards, the pair have remained a top team.

Race director Bud Tarbotton made the difficult decision to shorten the race. He didn't hesitate once the Coast Guard advised him not to let the boats come around to the ocean side for the stretch run.

"I didn't want to run the race today (Wednesday) but tomorrow and the next day are supposed to be worse," Tarbotton said. "There were four- to six-foot waves out there and a bad current and wind. The Coast Guard said that small craft warnings were coming. It was supposed to get worse. Next year, if it's bad weather, maybe we'll have a race on the bay side."

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and we played him well. He had time to take a quick dribble, fake Chip and get the shot over Granger Hall, who was really flying. He clearly rushed the shot and he shot it too hard. He definitely didn't mean to bank a shot from there."

The Aces never led in the opening stanza and trailed 36-28 entering the second quarter. The Fame extended the advantage to 42-32 at the 10:51 mark, but Wildwood ripped off a 20-10 streak punctuated by a coast-to-coast journey for a layup by Granger that tied the tilt at 52-52 with 3:44 left in the half.

The Aces took command on a

Hall slam and maintained a 62-60 advantage at halftime despite a 13-turnover performance.

Fame forward Andre Patterson, who finished with 31 points, plagued the Aces from the lane in the third quarter and paced them to a 79-74 edge at the four-minute mark. The Aces then embarked on a 16-1 run that featured eight points by Granger and six by Steve Black in the ensuing 5:17 that appeared the break the game open.

Two layups by Patterson broke the spell and the Fame wiped out the double-digit lead on three more tallies by Patterson at 5:49 of the final frame that knotted the contest at 105-105.