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CITY of NORTH WILDWOOD

CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

BEACH PATROL

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Meeting 8:00 AM
10:15 START

August 5, 1985

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

The date will be Monday, August 19, 1985. In order to ensure a safe and fair race, a meeting, that all competitors must attend, will be held at 8:00 a.m. on the race date. The meeting will be held at our headquarters at 15th Street and the Beach. A 9:30 a.m. 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. 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 1:30 p.m. at our headquarters. 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. All competitors will also receive t-shirts. After the awards presentation, all competitors, beach patrol representatives, judges, and race officials are invited for sandwiches and refreshments at the North Wildwood Fire Department Hall at 15th and Central Avenues.

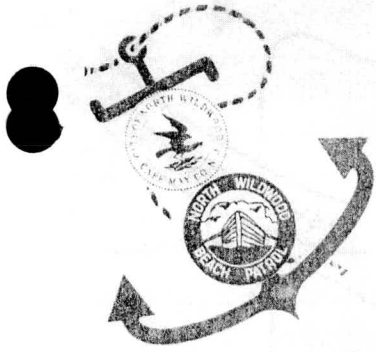
There is no entry fee for the race. There will not be a weigh-in for the boats. Only standard VanDyne or VanSant fiberglass or wood boats may be used.

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 16, 1985, 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 Lieutenant Lou Cirelli as soon as possible. The telephone number is 609-522-7500.

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



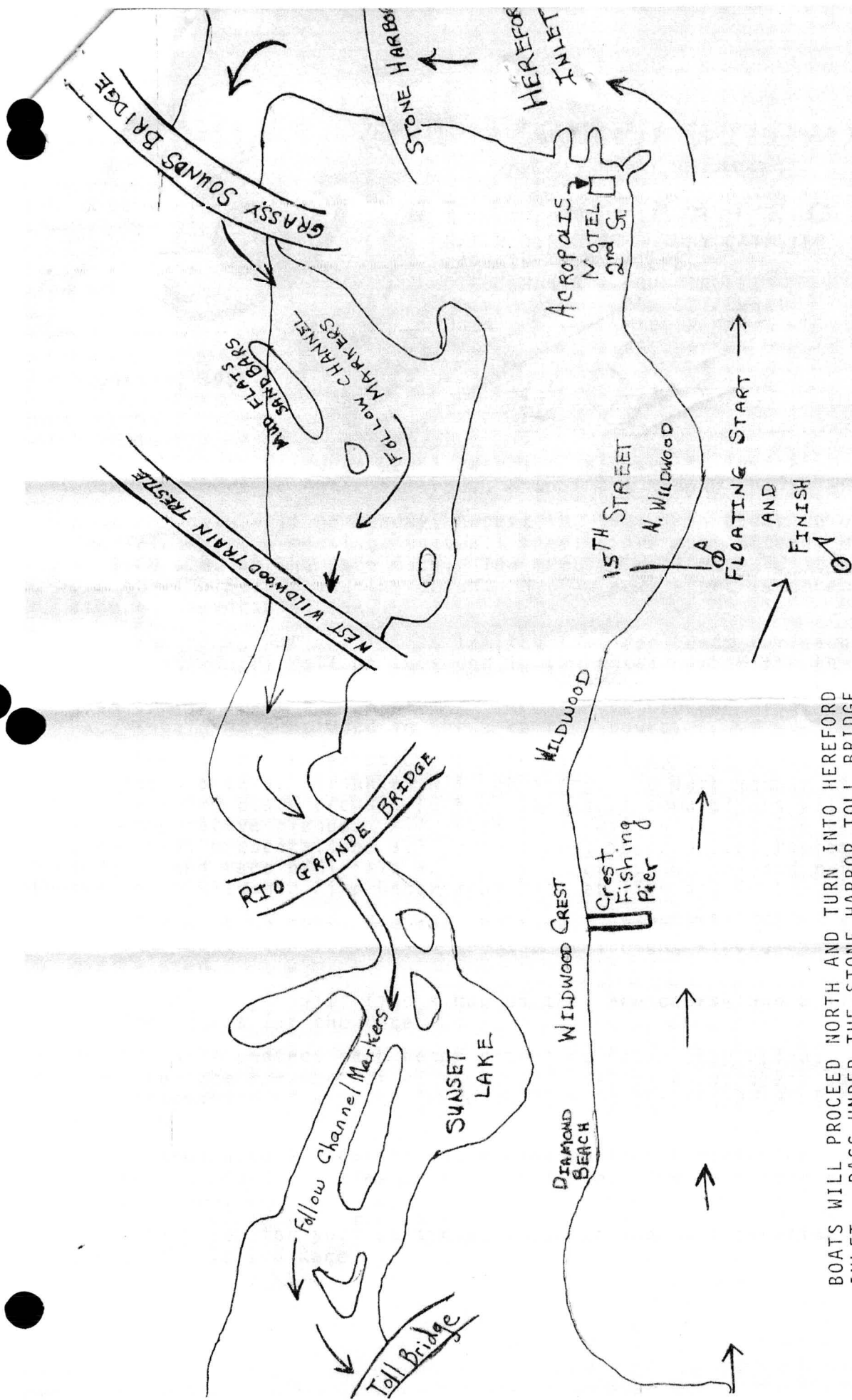
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B E A C H P A T R O L

1985 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 9:30 a.m.
- 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.



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.

Lifeguards Compete in Island Row

NORTH WILDWOOD — The 22-mile Around The Island Row is South Jersey lifeguarding's greatest test of endurance and now a change of direction should make it even more interesting.

Today, starting at 9:30 a.m., 30 two-man crews from 16 beach patrols will get a floating start in the ocean at 15th Street and head north around Wildwood Island. The new counter-clockwise direction will make the 10th annual race's important final moments visible to many on the beach.

The oarsmen will first head on the ocean side to the Stone Harbor Bridge, then south down the bay through the

Wildwood harbor to the Coaling Inlet. The final straightaway is a northern jaunt past Wildwood Crest, Wildwood and back to the 15th Street finish line.

Recent South Jersey mile doubles row champions Ron Kirk and Tom Stephanik make up Ocean City's only crew in today's marathon and they have lots of competition.

Mox Bilkins and Bick Murphy of Wildwood Crest, second in the Jerseys, are on hand along with Mike McGrath and Don MacEachern of Longport and the Cape May duo of Terry Randolph and Marty Franco. The latter two pairs specialize in distance and could be tough.

Brothers Tim and Mike Regan of the home patrol should contend, along with Phil Guenther and Bob Solary of Brigantine.

Tom Morrison and John Millar of Ocean City, the 1984 winners, will not be there to defend. Last year had an afternoon start and the final miles were against a rough current with many boats not finishing.

Kirk and Stephanik went unbeaten in doubles in 1984. But Stephanik wasn't able to join his partner in the Around The Island Row last year, having to return to a teaching job in Marietta, Ohio.

Kirk instead teamed with an old partner John Herron, who was on leave from the Navy. They were in contention coming around the Hereford Inlet at the northern end of the island but Kirk got a bad cramp with a mile to go and couldn't move.

Herron then called off the challenge and asked for assistance.

The record time of 2 hours, 57 minutes, 5 seconds was set by Kirk and Herron of Ocean City in 1983 and in that race, Randolph and Franco (second place) and McGrath and MacEachern (third) also broke the old mark.

By GUY GARGAN

Hall Confirmed As Pl'ville Football Coach

By BOB HOFFMAN
Press Sports Writer

PLEASANTVILLE — Donald "Dino" Hall was confirmed as the new head football coach at Pleasantville High School Monday by the Pleasantville Board of Education.

"Dino will bring a number of skills to our athletic program," Pleasantville Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kenneth Weaver said. "I feel that students can identify with his name and what he has accomplished. I look forward to the kids

benefiting from his philosophy. He is a Pleasantville graduate and the fact that he is coming back is something that we're quite proud of."

Hall replaces Gary Schultz, who resigned after last season to become the coach at Egg Harbor Township. In 1984, Schultz led the Greyhounds to a 6-3 record and a first-ever New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association playoff appearance.

Pleasantville qualified for Group I postseason play despite finishing the season with less than 20 players in uniform.

"We're in a small school district, it is a fact that we have people participating in three or four sports because of that and we have to deal with the new academic eligibility standards," Weaver said. "It is possible that Hall will have some impact on participation in football, but we just don't have the numbers."

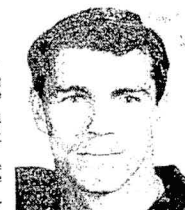
Hall graduated from Glassboro State College in 1979 and was signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Browns of the

National Football League. He performed as a running back and kick returner for the Browns through the 1983 campaign.

In his five-year NFL career, Hall averaged 21.1 yards per kickoff return, 3.1 yards per punt return and 7.2 yards per carry in limited duty as a running back.

He tied Roland Smith's mark of nine kickoff returns in a game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in October 1979.

Hall finished his career with the Portland Breakers of the United States Football League last month.



DINO HALL
Returns to Pleasantville

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Dodgers Nip Phils In 11th

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LA 5, Philadelphia 4
By CHUCK BISHOP
Press Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — The Los Angeles Dodgers used defense, clutch hitting and two errors by the Philadelphia Phillies to claim a 5-4 victory in 11 innings before 24,227 at Veterans Stadium Tuesday night.

Delivering the biggest hit of the evening for the first-place Dodgers was shortstop Mariano Duncan. Duncan hit a sinking line drive off Kent Tekulve with two outs and Steve Sax on first in the 11th. Phillies' left fielder Greg Gross charged the ball only to see it bounce off his knee and roll all the way to the wall in center field. Sax was able to score on the play and the Dodgers had their 10th win. Duncan was given a triple.

"Greg was trying to play the ball aggressively," said Phillies' manager John Fiske. "Right now, it looks like a bad play. But the ball could have just have easily bounced back to the infield. It was a tough loss for us."

"It was a mistake in judgment by me and it cost us the game," Gross said.

Tom Niedenfuer (6-4) picked up the win for Los Angeles. Tekulve (4-9) took the loss.

The Phillies gave starter Kevin Gross a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Jeff Stone, just up from Portland, greeted Dodger starter Bob Welch, who was looking for his ninth straight win, with a single. Juan Samuel scored Stone, who had stolen second, with a triple. After Glenn Wilson walked, Mike Schmidt plated Samuel with a double. Von Hayes made it 3-0 by driving in Wilson on a grounder to deep shortstop.

"The Dodgers struck back in their second for a run off Gross on a single by Pedro Guerrero and an RBI-double by Mike Marshall.

Slippy play gave the Dodgers their second run in the third. Duncan doubled, moved to third on a wild pitch, and scored when Gross tried to pick off Ken Lannan.

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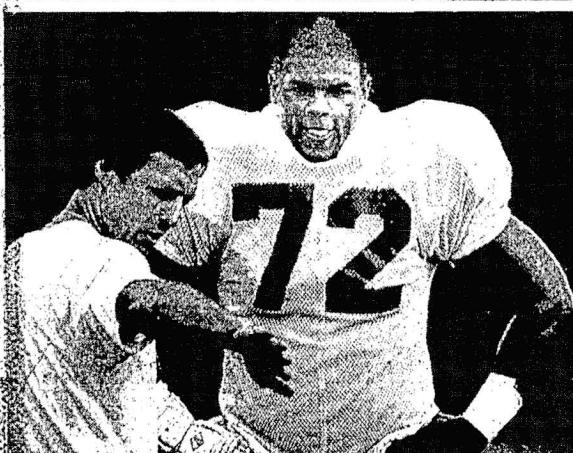
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Staff photos by Tom Kinneman

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AFTER-HOURS INSTRUCTION — Kevin Allen, Philadelphia Eagles' No. 1 draft pick, receives some extra instructions from offensive line coach Ken Linnan following a training camp workout. Allen ended his holdout and reported to camp Tuesday.

Eagles Sign No. 1 Choice Allen To Series of One-Year Contracts

Holdout Dean Mircaldi reports to camp Monday, is waived Tuesday, Page 61

By ED HILT
Press Sports Writer

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — On a day in the National Football League designated for mandatory roster reductions, the Philadelphia Eagles perhaps made the biggest addition of 1985.

The Eagles signed No. 1 draft choice Kevin Allen, an offensive tackle from Indiana, to a series of four one-year contracts. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but Allen's contract is believed to be worth \$1.65 million, included in the package is a signing bonus — one of the snags in the negotiations — reportedly in the neighborhood of a half a million dollars.

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The signing marked one of those rare happy days at the Eagles' West Chester University training site.

At times throughout the lengthy negotiations, it seemed Allen, 6-foot-8, 285 pounds, would never become a Philadelphia Eagle. At one point, Peter Johnson, had requested that the Eagles trade his rights. And Eagles' general manager Harry Gamble said that remained a possibility.

It also seemed Johnson was prepared to sit out this season while Johnson, Gamble and Eagles' owner Norman Braman haggled over the contract.

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the Eagles' training camp Tuesday. Gamble said he and Johnson agreed to terms Monday, and the contract was signed Tuesday afternoon.

Reportedly, the Eagles and Johnson never had a problem with the total package. It was over the makeup and amount of a signing bonus. Braman wanted to give Allen a modest signing bonus and a larger bonus for making the roster. Johnson wanted a lump-sum signing bonus.

At one point, Johnson said that to sign the contract the Eagles were offering would set a bad precedent for all future first-

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Eagles Interested in Linebackers, Buttle

By ED HILT
Press Sports Writer

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — For the past nine years, Greg Buttle has been one of the New York Jets' top linebackers, and this year, entering his 10th season, Buttle was again the starter in the Jets' new three-man line, four-linebacker defense.

But after being released Monday by the Jets, he's looking for another job in the National Football League.

If no one claimed Buttle in the 24-hour waiver period following his release, Buttle would become a free agent. The Eagles, in desperate need of a quality outside linebacker, may be one of the teams interested.

Whether or not Buttle, the Lindwood native and Mainland High School and Penn State graduate, would be interested in them is in question. Buttle also has business interests in the New York City area, and that may be a consideration. Buttle was unavailable for comment Tuesday, but his father,

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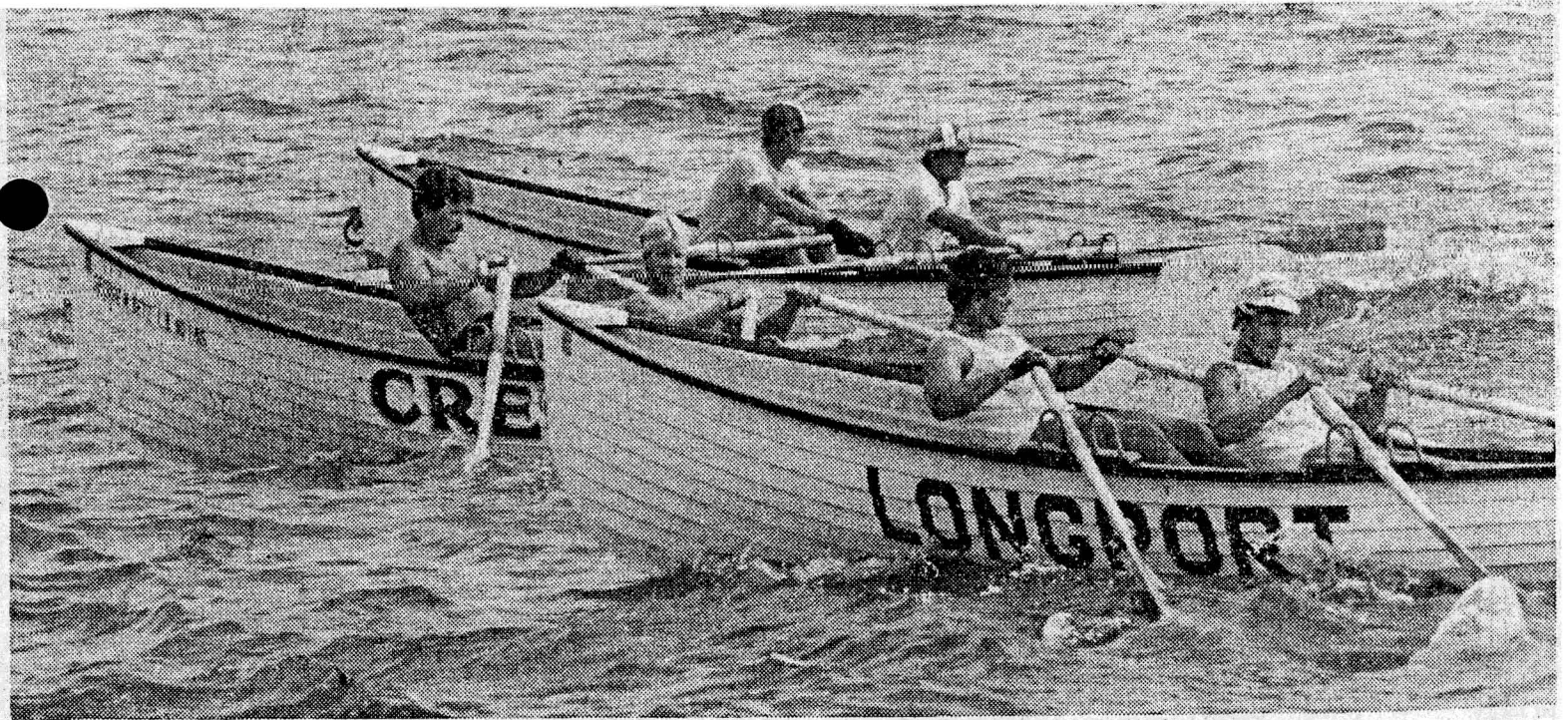
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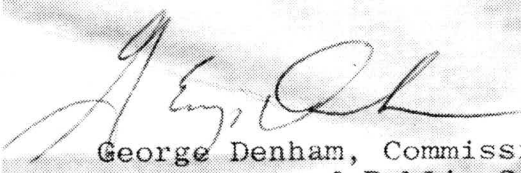
My sincere congratulations for winning the Round the Island Row on August 20th with Bick Murphy.

I have been told that this is your 3rd win in this event, that you have won before in 1978 and 1979.

I am so very proud of the calibre of the men on our Beach Patrol this summer. Not only do we have a talented group of athletes, but probably the best protected beach in South Jersey.

My very best wishes for continued success in all future competitions.

Very truly yours,


George Denham, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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George Betz, Beach Director

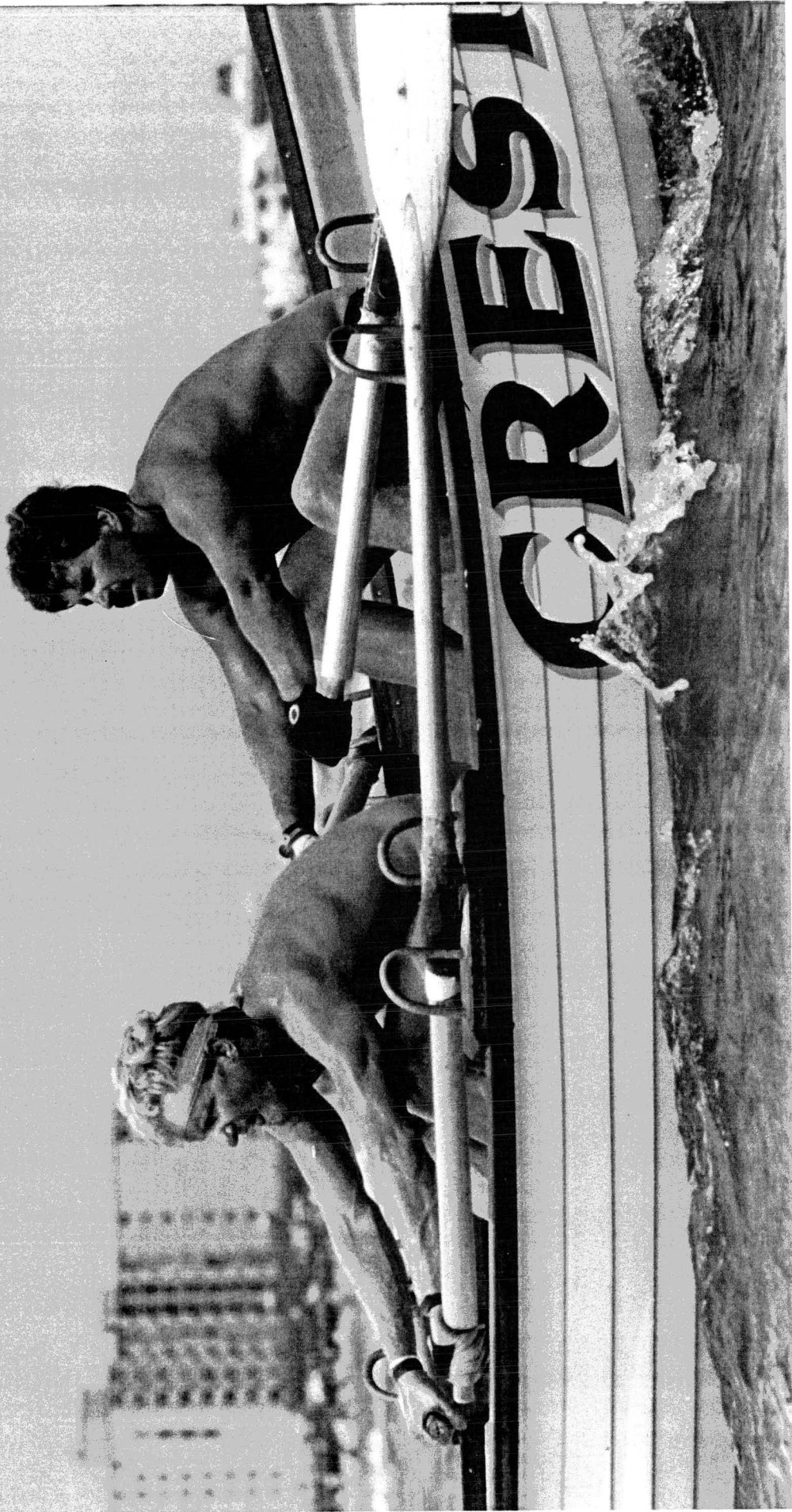
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