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Weather (Channel) is here...Wish you were Beautiful...

We received a call from Atlanta one morning from The Weather Channel. They were announcing the winner of their beach bash contest and wanted to broadcast live from a family-oriented hotel. We were thrilled and honored that they chose The Castle! Next thing you know, it's the 4th of July and Adam Berg and his crew were pulling up in a production truck and set up right on our oceanfront dune! Because we had some advance warning, we were able to put together some great local families for them to meet and interview, including our Mayor, Rick Meehan.



The whole crew was great and we became fast friends, even got a crash course in broadcasting. Over the summer, we were the chosen location for all their broadcasts. They were even brave enough to come back in the fall to film some footage of Hurricane Earl as it barreled it's way up the East Coast. Although the Outer Banks saw more action than Ocean City, it was nice to have the crew back, and we were glad our beach wasn't "sw-earl-ed" away! Next time The Weather Channel is in Ocean City look close because you might see our surfers paddling out for a nice set at sunrise, our Coconuts team serving up your favorite libations on the beach, or some kids catching some waves on their boogie boards over the sandbar in front of The Castle!

RAVENS ROOST RETURNS



The month of June, usually a quiet start to the summer, was anything but this year! Once again, the Ravens rocked the Castle. Sue and George Draper and their great staff, including the Topa family, put together and four days filled with Volleyball, Tug-of-War (congrats Donna!), a Scavenger Hunt that kept everyone “hunting” The Castle’s grounds for hours, a Horse Shoe competition on the beach, and some serious “fans only” games that had something to do with bananas and potatoes but that’s all I’ll let on! Beef-a-lo Bob kept the grills fired up and served a two-day feast! Our thanks to Ravens players Matt Lawrence, Willie Vendesteege, and Sergio Kindle for hanging out the whole weekend an for an awesome volleyball game!



Bacardi wants to know...

We have! Bacardi found The Castle's new oceanfront patio to be the perfect place to host their new product launch for Seven Tiki Rum. It was a beautiful spring evening with just a bit of chill in the air, perfect for the new spicy rum and a bonfire on the volleyball beach.



"Have you tasted Fiji?"

Bacardi served their new rum straight up, and mixed with tropical juices. Oversized couches, tiki torches, and an island style buffet transformed The Castle's south patio into a South Beach rooftop style party. The Zion Reggae band set the tone and had the dance floor full!



Baltimore's Best Hon

We had quite a few characters visit over the summer but our favorite was Charlene Osborne, Baltimore's Best Hon 2009. The title is bestowed upon a woman who best exemplifies the traditional qualities of Baltimore's best hard-working, housekeeping, life-loving women. The "Bawlamarese" term "Hon" is one of endearment and is short for honey. The 1960's era beehive hairdo and eccentric clothing is all part of their charm.



Shoreline Nuptials

Dreaming of that fairytale beach wedding?



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tim LaRue!* They were married on Saturday, October 2 and celebrated with friends and family that evening on our patio. With Coconuts decorated in beautiful blue linens and candlelit centerpieces, it matched a gorgeous fall sky. The handsome groom and beautiful bride danced the night away to happily ever after!

*(Not Pictured)



Bring your court to our Castle...

Surfer's Healing

The Castle was honored to host a new event, "Surfer's Healing" this summer. This day long event partnered professional surfers from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and California with 100 local autistic children. The surfers spent the day in the ocean teaching the kids how to surf. We felt privileged to watch the bravery of these kids who had never been in the ocean, climb aboard a surfboard, be paddled out, and catch a wave! These pictures do not do justice to the pride and joy felt by both the kids, their parents and grandparents who came to cheer them on.



Joe Mama Day!



The 4th Annual Joe Mama Day benefiting the Humane Society was held on Sunday July 18th. Once again, Coconuts was home to a parade of handsome canines sporting their best costumes all to support their furry friends. Joe and his Mama hosted the event. Thank you to our volunteers Stacey, Pam and Heidi who helped to raise over \$1,000 during the course of the day.

Michael Tracy White Day

Our local crowd came out to Coconuts to honor Michael Tracy White. Michael was an Ocean City entertainer who played at Coconuts. Michael passed away in 2006 but he lives on in good times, music and memories of those he left behind. Thank you to his son Noah who came out to Coconuts to celebrate Michael's life with us!



Favorite Faces





Lady Sunshine steps out with her army of Pirates during her Children's Activity Program this summer



Peregrine/GyrFalcon "Frightful"



Dale & Adam Showell with renowned falconer Mike Dupuy.



Guests of all ages and genders participated in Jodi's dance fitness Zumba class.



Bike Week 2010



The National Weather Channel returned to film Hurricane Earl in Ocean City. Here, they've tucked their equipment behind the Sovereign Seas.



Local Surfer Tyson Bross tearing up some pre-hurricane surf...until the surf tore up his board...



The National Weather Channel filming the calm before the storm during Hurricane Earl.



Coconuts

Celebrate

coconuts pre-opening
and
cinco de mayo party

wednesday, may 5th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

live music by john lamere & chris button
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

complimentary mexican munchies
discounted drink specials

come see what's new at coconuts
check out our new patio

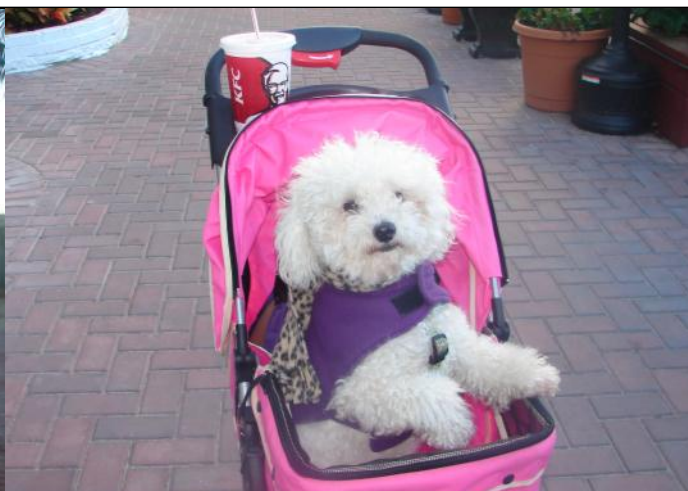


This year our opening party coincided with Cinco De Mayo.

New this year was Coconuts Tiki Crush Bar. Using 7 Tiki Rum, the Crush Bar served up an excellent variety of cocktails with fresh squeezed fruit juices. It was a big hit!

Congratulations to our Tippy Turtle Winner for 2010, Mr. Steve Franko. Here is Steve accepting his prize from Jeff at our closing party. As this years Tippy Tuesday winner Steve and one lucky guest will get to travel to our sister hotel, Green Turtle Club in the Bahamas.

We decided we weren't quite done with Coconuts, so we had one last hoorah and ended the season the same way we started, WITH THE RAVENS! The truest of fans came down for Rockin' Ravens weekend featuring a tailgate style party with pig roast, drink specials, live music and very large blow up fan memorabilia! These fans bundled up in their coats, grabbed their beer cozies, and had some great barbeque. It was fun until we lost to the Patriots...





That's Castle Magic!

Thank You!

The Castle in the Sand Hotel staff extends their sincere gratitude and thanks to everyone for a wonderful season this summer. Thank you to our guests, new and returning, who brought their families to the Castle and Ocean City to create fond memories at the boardwalk, beach and with Lady Sunshine. Thank you to our locals for your devotion and support to Coconuts happy hour, and your recommendations of us to your families. Lastly, thank you to our seasonal staff for a memorable summer; we hope wherever you are, Maryland, Ireland, Turkey, or Moldova, your work experience here at The Castle was a positive one.

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Don't Miss! Coming up in Spring 2011

2/18-2/20 Seaside Boat Show



Whether you're looking for your first boat or something larger, this is the largest display of boats on the Eastern Shore. Bring the whole family, lots of kid-friendly activities all weekend!

3/12-3/14-Annual Hot Rod and Custom Car Show



The Convention Center inside and out will be filled with custom cars...and when you have finished there...

3/12--The Saint Patrick's Day Parade!



Follow the green line from 61st to 45th Street Village. Ocean City turns into the "Emerald Isle" on this festive day. Join the fun and be sure to check out our Shamrockin' Weekend package as the date gets closer!

4/28-4/30 Ward Wildfowl Carving Championships



Enjoy the history and heritage of this unique event showcasing original paintings, sculptures, and carving by masters of the nature.

5/5-5/8 Spring Fest



Ocean City's annual celebration of Spring. Arts and crafts, all your favorite foods and fabulous entertainment all day long.

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