

**COME ON MDSA MEMBERS  
PLEASE DON'T ABUSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!**

Dear MDSA Member:

Disappointingly, we just received another problematic email from Eric Humphrey, Park Manager, as follows:

“Judy and Stephanie,

We had 4 swimmers at 8PM last night at MDSA and 6 nonhandicapped vehicles parked by the old office. Some members have been confirming where they should park, but we are still having problems. Please confirm with your members where they are to park and what time the beach closes.

Thanks,  
Eric”

Eric later confirmed that the 8PM people WERE identified by Park personnel as MDSA swimmers, and the cars in question were their cars.

**NOTE:** Everyone must be out of the water at our beach by 7:00 PM and NO LATER. It took us several requests to be able to swim until at least 7, and not 6:45 like the public beach. So, don't lose this ability for the entire membership by ignoring the WARNING sign at our beach.

**AND, thank your lucky stars** that you **do not need** to park in handicapped parking areas if that's the case, and DON'T park illegally in handicapped spaces.

First time we find out who the culprits are, a warning. If there's a next time we'll have no choice but to revoke your membership. We cannot let a few destroy the support and respect the Park has for the MDSA.

**AND NOW FOR A HELPFUL HINT and a REQUEST**

**STORMS:** How frustrating it is to finally arrive at our beach and hear the first rumbles of thunder, meaning you cannot enter the water or must come out if you've gotten in. We cannot swim when the red flag is up at the public beach. The Park is serious about this rule, and so is the MDSA. There is an alternative to sitting in a drenching rain, or fleeing back to your car. That is, to climb up the short hill at the end of our beach, carry a towel or something to sit on, and shelter under the rock overhang. The deeper rock overhang is a few yards to the right of the first one you get to. Of course you do need patience, and it helps to have some reading matter, or an interesting companion.

**LOST STRAW HAT:** Many of you may remember seeing a broad brimmed straw hat, gaucho style, in our lost and found a few weeks ago. Apparently the owner was not aware it had been put there, and eventually someone took it, probably thinking it had been abandoned. If so, could whoever made that mistake, please return the straw hat to our lost and found carton in our beach locker.

Thank you,  
Judy Mage and Stephanie Bludau Tor,  
MDSA Co-coordinators