

## **OCEAN DOWNS RACETRACK 2023 QUICK FACTS**

Standardbred Racetrack located in Berlin, Maryland

167 acres off Route 589, bordered by Turville Creek on three sides

Less than 6 miles from the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland

First opened in 1949 with 20 races in the season

40 to 48 live racing days and 500+ races between May and September:

- Averages over 1,110 patrons in attendance per race night
- Nearly \$10 million wagered on the races in 2022
- Over \$5.6 million paid out in purses in 2022
- Over \$1 million in purses distributed for Maryland Stakes races
- Over 4,150 horses participated in the 2022 meet along with 184 horse trainers, 84 drivers and at least 500 owners
- Live race meet generates additional business to local hotels, restaurants, veterinarians, farriers, farmers, tack shops, equipment providers and feed and hay outlets
- Recent Capital expenditures on racing infrastructure include:
  - Demolished old Racing Administration building and built a brand new structure
  - o Demolished old State Testing Barn and built a brand new barn
  - Made improvements to maintenance building to better handle racing needs
  - New tote board to display odds and race broadcast
  - Resurfacing of the racetrack to address the slope of the turns
  - Equipment replacements and land improvements
- Future plans include renovation of clubhouse and infrastructure improvements



