



### **Eyes in the Sky on the South Shore for the Summer of 2021?**

The Cape Cod Ocean Community started the "Eyes in the Sky " program off of the beaches of the outer Cape two summers ago. Volunteer and private pilots, MA State Police, Sign draggers, US Coast Guard and the Civil airpatrol were asked to call in any White Shark sightings while flying over recreational areas. They report sightings to lifeguards or volunteers holding air band radios set to 122.85.

In the late summer months of 2020 Katie Baxter, Heather Doyle, Paul Papadonis, David Dineen and Andrew Goodrich met at Egypt Beach. The purpose of our meeting was to perform a demonstration of the CCOC "Eyes in the Sky" program. Carl Swenson executed a flyover communicating to our crew on the ground using airband capable radios. "We wanted to see if this actually works," said Papadonis. It indeed worked!

This spring Andrew Goodrich, an acting member of the Scituate Select Board has been making inquiries to the Scituate Harbormaster as well as the Recreation Department. The ask is to place air band radios in the hands of Scituate lifeguards as well as the Harbormaster for the Summer of 2021 to monitor alerts on this channel.

Papadonis has not pursued the introduction of this program in any other towns beyond Scituate. COCC sees Scituate as the blueprint for the south shore of Massachusetts. Maybe a program next Summer for Marshfield, Duxbury, Cohasset, Plymouth and Hull? More updates can be found at [CapeCodOceanCommunity.org](http://CapeCodOceanCommunity.org)

