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## 2016 Ocean State Grand Nationals Karate Championship

### Martial Arts Champions Converge

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**USPA NEWS** - 2016 Ocean State Grand Nationals Karate Championship will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island from April 8 - April 10. A spectacular event hosted by renowned Grand Master Don Rodrigues and his equally talented wife Christine Rodrigues, owners of Don Rodrigues Karate.

This April 2016 marks the 36th annual Ocean State Grand National Karate Championships. This competition is jam packed with elite athletes from at least 35 US states and from around the world putting their best foot forward to win these coveted titles and awards. All these competitors converging under one roof for three days to prove they are the best in their age group and discipline. A spectacular event hosted by renowned Grand Master Don Rodrigues and his equally talented wife Christine Rodrigues, owners of Don Rodrigues Karate.

2016 Ocean State Grand Nationals Karate Championship will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island from April 8 - April 10.

Friday April 8th: The event will be starting at 4:30 pm with the evening competitions and awards show starting at about 8:30 pm.

Saturday April 9th: Opening of the days competitions is at 9 am and runs till 6 pm.  
Night time show Extravaganza Commences at 6:30 pm

Sunday April 10th: Opening of the day's competitions starts at 9 am and runs till completion.

Friday afternoon will have Blackbelts and under belts ranging in age from 6 years old to over 30 competing in 12 different rings. They will be demonstrating their proficiency in various areas and martial art styles; extreme weapons, musical weapons, traditional weapons, creative weapons, various forms, continuous fighting and breaking. The evening will culminate with a grand show of under belts in one final face off to determine who the champions will be in each area and discipline.

Saturday's daytime competitions are a continuation of Blackbelt eliminations. However, the addition of age groups range from under 9 to above 60.

Saturday Night is Ocean State's Main Event Extravaganza. Come to this fun filled evening and meet Special Guest Stars Cynthia "Lady Dragon" Rothrock, Grand Master Kevin Thompson, speaking on ALS, and others guests TBA.

A special congratulations to the 2016 Ocean State Hall of Fame Inductees!! These inductees will be honored: Jackie Greenhalgh, Henry Guidoboni, Denise-Sensei Rouleau, Jim Smith, Gerald Dawson & Barbara Bernhardt!!

Sunday opens at 9 am for all under-belts traditional and open weapons, forms and point fighting.

This should be an amazing weekend of entertainment.

For more information regarding the tournament, visit [www.oceanstategrandnational.net](http://www.oceanstategrandnational.net) or call Don Rodrigues Karate Academy at 401-737-2809.

To visit them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OceanStateGrandNationals/?fref=ts>

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