

**Vero Beach Lifeguard Association  
Monthly Beach Report  
For  
Jaycee Park  
Humiston Park  
South Beach Park**

**August 2014**



**Mission:**

**To promote water safety and lifeguarding in Vero Beach and the surrounding communities**

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	60629
Preventative Actions	1192
Minor Medicals	64
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	1
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	84
Rip Currents	Occasional
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

### **General Conditions**

August was a relatively quiet month at the beach. There was only 1 patron who needed to be rescued from the water. Lobster season has started and there were many divers in the water. There was occasional jellyfish stings and heat related emergencies. Turtle nest hatchings were numerous. Large schools of bait fish have entered our waters along with larger predatory fish. Lifeguards ask that patrons pay close attention to condition flags, information boards and use common sense before entering the water. All Swimmers are advised to swim near lifeguard towers and avoid swimming during non-guarded beach hours.

### **Areas of Concern**

After 3 years of voicing its concern about beach and water safety and the lack of funding for guarded beaches within the City of Vero Beach, VBLA commends councilpersons Winger, Graves and Kramer who voted to restore \$30,000 to the recreation department's budget for more lifeguard hours. These councilpersons understand the safety issues at the

beach and have taken a proactive, common sense approach that improves beach safety and helps to keep tourism, the #1 industry in our town, vibrant and protected.

### **Key**

Park Attendance: includes areas immediately north and south of each park

Preventative Actions: stopping potential incidents before they occur

Minor Medicals: a medical incident which is treated on-site by lifeguard/EMT personnel

Major Medicals: a medical incident that required Emergency Medical Services

### **About VBLA**

This report is furnished by the Vero Beach Lifeguard Association, a non-profit, 501C3 organization. Its mission is to promote water safety and lifeguarding in Vero Beach and the surrounding communities. Contact us at

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Donations are appreciated. Monies raised are used to purchase equipment, supplies, staffing and training for the lifeguards from the city of Vero Beach.

Please send donations to: VBLA, 1351 White Heron Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963.