

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

July 2014



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	59648
Preventative Actions	1054
Minor Medicals	88
Major Medicals	4
Rescues	6
Missing Persons	2
Average Water Temperature	82
Rip Currents	Occasional
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

General Conditions

Park attendance was down from the previous month, however, stinging marine life resulted in multiple minor medical treatments. Rip currents caused lifeguards to preform 6 water rescues bringing the total number of rescues in 2014 to 30. 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

Of the 4 miles of city beaches, only 600 yards are under direct lifeguard watch. VBLA recommends Humiston Park lifeguard hours be restored to 9am to 5pm from the present hours of 10am to 3pm. In addition, there should be a lifeguard tower established at Sexton Plaza beach. It is highly recommended by the United States Lifesaving Association that beaches have overlapping fields of vision by

lifeguards. With Central Beach mostly unguarded and becoming more popular and visited by mostly tourists with little local knowledge of our waters, a serious public safety issue has been created.

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

VeroBeachLA@Yahoo.com or (908)797-8725. Visit us at www.VBLA.org.

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.