

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

September 2014



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS

Total Park Attendance	34846
Preventative Actions	779
Minor Medicals	17
Major Medicals	2
Rescues	1
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	84
Rip Currents	Occasional
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Minimal

General Conditions

September was a very quiet month at the beach. Attendance after the Labor Day weekend dropped off considerably. Water temperatures peaked at 87 degrees on a few days. One of the biggest hazards was the prolonged and excessive heat and humidity. Turtle nesting season is winding down as most of the nests have hatched. Large schools of baitfish have entered our area. Tarpon, sharks and other species of fish feed on the schools resulting in spectacular feeding frenzies just off shore. 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

When large schools of baitfish are in the area, it is ill advised to swim within the pods. There are sharks, tarpon, stingrays and other larger predatory fish in the pods. It is recommended that swimmers avoid the water when these conditions exist.

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.