

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

April 2013



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	52886
Preventative Actions	1283
Minor Medicals	32
Major Medicals	0
Rescues	6
Missing Persons	1
Average Water Temperature	72
Rip Currents	numerous
Beach Erosion	minimal
Stinging Marine Life	on the increase

General Conditions

A lunar tide combined with high winds have produced numerous rip currents and flash rips. Swimmers are asked to use caution before entering the water. Portuguese Man-O-War have begun to wash ashore. These creatures travel by using the wind. As steady on-shore winds continue, so will the presence of the Man-O-War. Hot, soapy water and/or heat is the best remedy to treat the stings. Contact EMS immediately if you have trouble breathing or experience swelling of the tongue or extremities. More sea turtles have been spotted wading outside the shore break.

Areas of Concern

Shifting sand bars have increased the likelihood of rip currents in our area. Beach goers are leaving trash on the beach in an alarming volume. We encourage all beach goers to take more trash off the beach than they generate. Stay hydrated and use sunscreen. Swim near a lifeguard.

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.