

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

August 2013



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	51207
Preventative Actions	1127
Minor Medicals	111
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	3
Missing Persons	2
Average Water Temperature	80
Rip Currents	Moderate
Beach Erosion	reversing
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate to heavy

General Conditions

August saw fewer people on the beach compared to July, however, the number of minor medicals increased due to the number of jellyfish stings. Sand is migrating back onto the beach and bait fish pods are numerous and active. Rip currents were less of an issue in August. Ocean water temperatures are on the rise. Swimmers are advised to pay close attention to beach condition flags, swim near lifeguard towers and avoid swimming during non-guarded beach hours. Sea turtle hatchings are at their peak. Calm seas have created excellent top-to-bottom visibility on some days.

Areas of Concern

Jellyfish stings are numerous. Swimmers are cautioned not to swim in the water when bait pods are present because of the number of predatory fish feeding on the pods. 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.