

February 2012 Beach Report
for
JC Park
Humiston Park
South Beach Park
located in the City of Vero Beach, Florida

Total Park Attendance:	29,545
Preventative Actions:	1,367
Minor Medicals:	25
Major Medicals:	3
Missing Persons:	0
Rescues:	2
Average Water Temperature:	71 degrees
Rip Currents:	moderate
Beach Erosion:	moderate
Stinging Marine Life:	low

General Conditions:

Colder weather conditions and high wind and surf keep many beachgoers away for the first half of February. With improved weather and the start of spring break, attendance has steadily increased. The City of Vero Beach's beach grooming efforts have improved dramatically. Many patrons have commented on the stellar appearance of our beaches.

Areas of Concern:

The buoys which marked the artificial reef have not been replaced following Hurricane Irene which hit our town hard in October 2011. The unmarked reef poses a major concern to lifeguards who fear patrons, not knowing the reef is there, may strike one's head on the reef and injure themselves. Some effort has been made to contact the Indian River County department who is responsible for the reef system and its maintenance. Garbage is still washing ashore at alarming numbers. Not enough is being done to address pollution in our coastal waters.

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

Major Medicals: a medical incident that required Emergency Medical Services

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

Preventative Actions: stopping potential incidents before they occur

This report is furnished by the Vero Beach Lifeguard Association, a non-profit 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 goes for equipment, supplies and funding for the lifeguards from the City of Vero Beach. Please send donations to VBLA, 1351 White Heron Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963