

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

**February 2014**



**Mission:**

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	58459
Preventative Actions	1108
Minor Medicals	22
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	0
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	70
Rip Currents	Moderate
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	low

### **General Conditions**

Attendance at city beaches set a record for any January since VBLA has been reporting (2011). Water temperature has been rising steadily; it is currently at 73 degrees.

Beachgoers consist mainly of tourists (60%). Bait fish and spinner sharks have been numerous during the months of January and February. Despite the large number of visitors, water rescues and medical emergencies have remained remarkably low. Rip currents were sporadic. Fishing and walking along the beach remains very popular. Swimmers are advised to pay close attention to beach condition flags, swim near lifeguard towers, avoid swimming during non-guarded beach hours and remove their trash from the beach.

### **Areas of Concern**

City and county ordinances prohibit dogs on the beach. Visitors are asked not to bring their dogs unless they are service dogs (proper identification required). Parking has become a premium at the guarded beaches and patrons are

parking on the grass and other restricted areas. Public safety issues and medical emergencies continue to occur on or near the beach without lifeguards being incorporated into the response effort. As first responders, EMTs and paramedics, lifeguards can play a vital role by being first on scene assisting victims, collecting information for law enforcement and starting life saving procedures prior to Police and Fire/Rescue arriving. It is highly recommended that efforts be made to use the lifeguard asset in situations where they can be of assistance.

### **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](mailto:VeroBeachLA@Yahoo.com) or (908)797-8725. Visit us at [www.VBLA.org](http://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.