

January 2012 Beach Report

for
Jay Cee Park, Humiston Park & South Beach Park
Vero Beach, Florida

Total Park Attendance:	54,348
Preventative Actions:	1,103
Minor Medicals:	18
Major Medicals:	2
Missing Persons:	0
Rescues:	2
Average Water Temperature:	71 degrees

General Conditions:

Tides, winds and currents have brought back sand to the beaches repairing most of the damage caused by Hurricane Irene. The beach grooming efforts by The City of Vero Beach has yielded excellent results. The entire stretch of city beach from South Beach Park to Jay Cee Park has never looked better. Continued efforts by concerned citizens and The City should continue. Beach grooming is suspended from March to October because of turtle nesting season. Due to strong east winds, Portuguese Man-Of-War have been washing ashore. The public is asked to leave the creatures alone as the ability of these creatures to sting remains for days after being beached. Water temperatures are rising from a low of 66 in early January.

Areas of Concern:

Our beaches continue to see large amounts of debris and trash wash ashore. Most of the buoys marking the artificial reef located from Humiston Beach to The Spires have been dislodged. It is recommended that they are replaced immediately. It is also recommended that Indian River County Fire/Rescue and the Vero Beach Police Department notify the lifeguard towers of any incidents that happen on or near the beach. In January, an individual who was walking along the boardwalk near Jay Cee Park suffered a major medical incident. If notified, the lifeguards would have been able to respond very quickly giving the victim a better chance of survival.

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Total 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.

