

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

January 2014



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	39675
Preventative Actions	766
Minor Medicals	12
Major Medicals	0
Rescues	0
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	63
Rip Currents	Moderate
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	low

General Conditions

Attendance at city beaches was up 20% from December, however, cold water temperatures (low 60's) discouraged people from entering the water. Subsequently, there were no major medicals or water rescues and fewer preventative actions in January. Some days saw large surf and cold temperatures requiring "red flag" conditions; it is suggested only experienced swimmers should enter the water under these conditions. 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 and avoid swimming during non-guarded beach hours. Harley Bentley, the previous beach technician, has returned to clean our beaches. His knowledge and commitment are evident as our beaches are slowly coming back up to standard.

Areas of Concern

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 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 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.