

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

July 2013



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	72343
Preventative Actions	1558
Minor Medicals	109
Major Medicals	6
Rescues	18
Missing Persons	1
Average Water Temperature	78
Rip Currents	Well above average
Beach Erosion	reversing
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate to heavy

General Conditions

Early July brought the formation of a long, deep and wide trough along the shore break. Breaks in the sand bars within the trough allowed much stronger than normal rip currents to form. 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 on the increase. Calm seas have created excellent top-to-bottom visibility on many days allowing excellent conditions for lobster mini-season, snorkeling and scuba divers. Jellyfish have migrated into the area. Numerous stings by beachgoers have been reported.

Areas of Concern

A "south Florida trough" was created in the shore break causing stronger than normal rip currents through mid-July but since has deteriorated. Divers and snorkelers must have a dive flag when in the water to prevent accidents. Jellyfish are in the waters. Use caution or avoid the water if you have

allergic reactions. 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.