

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

**June 2014**



**Mission:**

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	72135
Preventative Actions	1313
Minor Medicals	27
Major Medicals	4
Rescues	2
Missing Persons	1
Average Water Temperature	80
Rip Currents	Frequent
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Minimal

### **General Conditions**

Rip currents continue to be present at all area beaches. Lifeguards performed 2 rip current rescues in June bringing the total number of saves to 23 in 2014. Lifeguards ask that patrons pay close attention to condition flags, information boards and use common sense before entering the water. Crowds at Central and Conn Beaches continue to grow. This area is unguarded. All Swimmers are advised to pay close attention to beach condition flags, swim near lifeguard towers and avoid swimming during non-guarded beach hours.

### **Areas of Concern**

Of the 4 miles of city beaches, only 600 yards are under direct lifeguard watch. VBLA recommends Humiston Park lifeguard hours be restored to 9am to 5pm from the present hours of 10am to 3pm. In addition, there should be a lifeguard tower established at Sexton Plaza beach. It is highly recommended by the United States Lifesaving

Association that beaches have overlapping fields of vision by lifeguards. With Central Beach mostly unguarded and becoming more popular and visited by mostly tourists with little local knowledge of our waters, a serious public safety issue has been created. People continue to bring non-service dogs on the beach which is in violation of the law.

### **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

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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.