

March 2012 Beach Report

for JC Park, Humiston Park, South Beach Park
located in the City of Vero Beach, Florida

Total Park Attendance:	54,270
Preventative Actions:	1,937
Minor Medicals:	59
Major Medicals:	7
Missing Persons:	2
Rescues:	4
Average Water Temperature:	73 degrees
Rip Currents:	moderate-severe
Beach Erosion:	moderate
Stinging Marine Life:	low

General Conditions:

Consistent winds kept the surf aggressive causing rip currents to form often. Red surf condition flags were numerous. Record-breaking park attendance kept lifeguards busy with double the amount of rescues, medicals and preventative actions. The City of Vero Beach's beach grooming efforts have improved dramatically, however the scale of grooming will be cut back due to turtle nesting season which started March 1st.

Areas of Concern:

The buoys which marked the artificial reef which extends from Humiston Park to the Spires, have not been replaced following Hurricane Irene which hit in October 2011. The unmarked reef poses a major concern to lifeguards who fear patrons, not knowing the reef is there, may injure themselves. Some effort has been made to contact the Indian River County department who is responsible for the reef system and its maintenance. Garbage is still washing ashore at alarming numbers. Not enough is being done to address pollution in our coastal waters.

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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

