

May 2012 Beach Report

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

Total Park Attendance:	55,973
Preventative Actions:	1,338
Minor Medicals:	34
Major Medicals:	3
Rescues:	5
Missing Persons:	0
Average Water Temperature:	79 degrees
Rip Currents:	numerous
Beach Erosion:	minor
Stinging Marine Life:	few

General Conditions:

Typically the month of May sees less patrons than previous months, however, there were 2 ½ times more rescues than the average month due to a numerous days with rip current conditions. Humiston beach experienced it's first shark attack in over 14 years on May 9th. The type of shark which attacked the swimmer is unknown, however, many speculate it was a tiger or bull shark. Although the incident became international news and many people asked about the attack , beach attendance was not effected and exceeded last May's numbers by 10%.

Areas of Concern:

Some of the buoys which mark the artificial reef running from Humiston Park to the Spires have yet to be installed.

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 was treated on site by lifeguard/EMT personnel

Major Medicals: a medical incident that required Emergency Medical Services

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