

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

**May 2014**



**Mission:**

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	50117
Preventative Actions	921
Minor Medicals	13
Major Medicals	2
Rescues	8
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	78
Rip Currents	Frequent
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Minimal

### **General Conditions**

Rip currents continue to be present at all area beaches. Lifeguards performed 8 rip current rescues in May bringing the total number of saves to 21 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**

Lifeguards are under utilized by Police and Fire Rescue. Public safety issues and medical emergencies continue to occur on or near the beach without lifeguards being incorporated in the response effort. People continue to bring non-service dogs on the beach which is in violation of the law. Most of central beach, north of Humiston Park (Costa

d Este to The Village Spires) is unguarded. The number of confirmed non-lifeguard rescues has risen to 10 in this section of beach within the past 2 years. Every effort should be made to establish a lifeguard tower at Sexton Plaza and Conn Beach. It is highly recommended by the United States Lifesaving Association that beaches have overlapping fields of vision by lifeguards.

### **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.