

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

**November 2013**



**Mission:**

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	31871
Preventative Actions	1047
Minor Medicals	12
Major Medicals	2
Rescues	6
Missing Persons	1
Average Water Temperature	75
Rip Currents	Moderate - High
Beach Erosion	Moderate
Stinging Marine Life	low

### **General Conditions**

Falling water temperatures and cloudy conditions brought fewer people to the beach in November. Turtle nesting season ending 10/31/13. Baitfish remain in the area. Some days saw large surf requiring "red flag" conditions; only experienced swimmers should enter the water. Rip currents were spotted on most days. There were few jellyfish in the water. 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**

With turtle nesting season over as of November 1st, beaches are to be raked and cleaned, however, the new contractor is having problems with equipment and knowledge resulting in less than adequate results. A Peruvian tourist was supposedly bitten by a shark while bodyboarding off of South Beach. Lifeguards were able to rescue him. It is always a good idea to 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

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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.