

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

October 2013



Mission:

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

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| STATISTICS | |
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| Total Park Attendance | 44343 |
| Preventative Actions | 1255 |
| Minor Medicals | 58 |
| Major Medicals | 1 |
| Rescues | 2 |
| Missing Persons | 0 |
| Average Water Temperature | 82 |
| Rip Currents | Moderate |
| Beach Erosion | No Change |
| Stinging Marine Life | Moderate |

General Conditions

Beach attendance is on the rise compared to September which is historically a slow month on the beach. Huge amounts of baitfish continue to swim along the shore attracting larger predatory fish. There were far less jellyfish in the water. Rip currents were less of an issue because of the mild surf conditions. Ocean water temperatures remained in the low 80's. 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

When large schools of baitfish are in the water it attracts larger predatory fish including sharks. When sharks come close to shore, lifeguards close the beach for 30 minutes or until it is safe to go back into the water. A double red flag is posted at the tower and lifeguards blow an airhorn signaling the closure. It is highly recommended that beachgoers heed

the flag conditions and stay out of the water until safer conditions return. It is never a good idea to swim in baitfish pods because sharks often swim quickly through the pods feeding on the fish. Stay hydrated and use sunscreen. 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

VeroBeachLA@Yahoo.com or (908)797-8725. Visit us at www.VBLA.org.

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.