

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

October 2014



Mission:

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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	43469
Preventative Actions	990
Minor Medicals	35
Major Medicals	0
Rescues	5
Missing Persons	0
Average Water Temperature	77
Rip Currents	Sporadic
Beach Erosion	Moderate
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

General Conditions

As Fall approaches, water temperatures continue to drop and baitfish are plentiful. Steady southeast winds have brought in jellyfish during the latter part of the month. Larger swells have eroded the shoreline and created a deeper drop off. Beach attendance was light the entire month and turtle nesting season is winding down. As of November 1st, The City will start to groom the beaches and remove excess seaweed. Rip currents have the potential to form at any time. Lifeguards performed 5 water rescues in the month of October bringing the total number of rescues in 2014 to 33. 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

VBLA recommends that the City of Vero Beach develop a five year plan to address beach safety concerns. The plan should include addressing the growing number of tourists, more

parking, handicap access, overlapping fields of vision by lifeguards and more.

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.