

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

**November 2015**



**Our Mission:  
To promote water safety in Vero Beach and the  
surrounding communities**

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## STATISTICS

Total Park Attendance	41105
Preventative Actions	877
Minor Medicals	17
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	1
Average Water Temperature	78
Beach Erosion	Moderate
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

### **General Conditions**

Ocean temperatures are finally dropping after remaining relatively unchanged over the past two months. The average ocean temperature for November was 6 degrees colder than in October. Larger predatory fish are still around feeding on the pods of bait fish that have lingered. The beach saw about 5,000 more visitors in November than in October. Most of the minor medicals were from jellyfish stings, cuts and abrasions. Vero Beach lifeguards rescued 1 swimmer from a rip current on Thanksgiving bringing the total number of rescues in 2015 to 37. Overall, the events at the beach were historically consistent with this time of year. 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**

Many more people are visiting Humiston Park after the installation of the new playground. Humiston Park's attendance has surpassed JC Park's attendance making Humiston the second most popular beach in the City behind

South Beach Park. Unfortunately, lifeguards have seen a marked increase in dog owners bringing their dogs and children to Humiston Park to enjoy the playground. The City of Vero Beach prohibits dogs, excluding service dogs, in the park. Central Beach, the beach from The Driftwood Inn to Vero Beach Hotel and Spa remains unguarded. VBLA continues to stress that the public should swim at or near one of the three guarded beaches the City of Vero Beach provides. Many individuals and families are on the beach far from a guarded area and/or in the water after lifeguards leave at 5pm. VBLA encourages patrons to swim at a guarded beach during lifeguard hours and understand the potential life threatening conditions that exist in the ocean.

### **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.