

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

March 2016



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

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STATISTICS

Total Park Attendance	88015
Preventative Actions	1567
Minor Medicals	32
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	5
Average Water Temperature	72
Beach Erosion	Moderate
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

General Conditions

Attendance in March was the second highest on record at over 88,000 patrons. Ocean temperatures are beginning to creep up into the low 70's. With turtle nesting season in full swing, numerous female turtles have been spotted close to shore waiting to lay their eggs. A few turtle nests have been cordoned off on the beach. Sustained southeast winds continue to push in Portuguese Man-o-War and some seaweed onto our beaches. The City discontinued beach grooming as of March 1st because of the start of turtle nesting season. Lifeguards rescued 5 swimmers from rip currents in March bringing the total number of water rescues for 2016 to 8. 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

Vero Beach ranked #1 in 2015 along with Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and Palm Beach County with the greatest number of water related deaths on the beach

outside guarded areas and hours of operation (2 deaths). 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

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.