

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

October 2016



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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	28,340
Preventative Actions	520
Minor Medicals	3
Major Medicals	1
Rescues	1
Average Water Temperature	78
Beach Erosion	Significant
Stinging Marine Life	Minor

General Conditions

Hurricane Matthew resulted in significant beach erosion at all local beaches especially at Conn and JayCee Parks. The protective dune at Humiston Park prevented serious damage to the boardwalk. South Beach Park faired the best because of the large amount of beach and dunes which protected the area. October saw the fewest number of beach patrons since VBLA started keeping records in 2011. Between the hurricane and strong winds, the beach was not a "go-to" destination in the month of October. There was 1 rip current rescue in October bringing the number of rip current rescues in 2016 to 24. 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

October 31st marked the end of sea turtle nesting season,

however, "washbacks"(young sea turtles pushed back to shore because of powerful ocean conditions) were numerous. If you encounter a "washback" please bring it to a lifeguard tower. Lifeguards will contact Sea Turtle Research.

Many individuals and families are on the beach far from a guarded area and/or in the water after lifeguards leave at 5pm. The City of Vero Beach should provide additional ATV's for lifeguards and extend lifeguard hours to 7pm to address these safety issues.

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.