

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

November 2016



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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	43,660
Preventative Actions	978
Minor Medicals	11
Major Medicals	2
Rescues	3
Average Water Temperature	72
Beach Erosion	None
Stinging Marine Life	Minor

General Conditions

Hurricane Matthew resulted in significant beach erosion at all local beaches especially at Conn and JayCee Parks, however sand that was washed into the ocean is returning to the shoreline especially in the cove at South Beach Park. November saw a significant increase in the number of beach patrons compared to October (15,000 increase) due to improved weather conditions and the time of year. There were 3 rip current rescues in November bringing the number of rip current rescues in 2016 to 27. 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 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.