

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

April 2018



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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	85,857
Preventative Actions	904
Minor Medicals	11
Major Medicals	2
Rescues	6
Average Water Temperature	75
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Minimal

General Conditions

The April attendance record was broken with almost 86,000 visitors to our beach. The previous April attendance record was 84,000 set in April of 2017. Attendance is taken by lifeguards who count the number of patrons inside the 3 guarded beaches (Jaycee, Humiston, South) to include the area immediately north and south of the guarded areas. Swimmers getting caught in rip currents caused lifeguards to perform 6 water rescues in April bringing the total number of people saved from potential drowning to 22 in 2018. The ocean temperature is slowly rising to the mid 70's. Beach erosion and stinging marine life was minimal. The first marked sea turtle nests started to appear.

All swimmers are advised to pay close attention to beach condition signs and flags, swim near lifeguard towers and avoid swimming during non-guarded hours.

Areas of Progress

With help from Coastal Technologies Corporation, Hoos Architects, Mills Short Engineers, Farrow Construction, City of

Vero Beach Recreation Department, Councilwoman Laura Moss, Mayor Harry Howle and many others, VBLA's goal of giving lifeguards the ability to see more of the beach and react to emergencies faster by building a lifeguard tower and command center at Humiston Park is progressing forward.



Areas of Concern

As beach attendance grows, more and more people are outside the guarded areas increasing the likelihood of accidents and drownings. More police presence is needed on the beach to curb illegal activities.

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, and training for the lifeguards from the city of Vero Beach. Please send donations to: VBLA, 1351 White Heron Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32963.