

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

**June 2018**



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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	110,520
Preventative Actions	1641
Minor Medicals	32
Major Medicals	3
Rescues	0
Average Water Temperature	80
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

### **General Conditions**

June 2018 broke the record for having the largest attendance at the beach ever recorded in any month with over 110,000 people within and near the guarded beaches since VBLA started tracking attendance in 2011. The fact that the attendance record was shattered by over 10,000 visitors was interesting considering there were many afternoons in June when lightning and stormy weather caused beach patrons to cut their beach day short. The ocean water temperature has risen to an average of 80 degrees despite a brief upwelling which occurred towards the end of the month. There was also a brief issue with moon jellyfish and sea lice causing numerous stings (minor medicals). Sea turtles continue to lay their clutches of eggs up and down the coastline. Sea shell hunters have had a field day as beds of shells have been deposited along the coastline. Water visibility has been top to bottom on some days allowing snorkelers and divers to enjoy the natural reef system and the Breconshire wreck at central beach. Lifeguards responded to a number of medical calls but there were no rip current rescues in June holding the total number of swimmers rescued from rip currents at 24 in 2018.

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 Technology Corporation, Hoos Architects, Mills Short Engineers, Farrow Construction, City of Vero Beach Recreation Department, and City Council, 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.



## **Areas of Concern**

As beach attendance grows, more and more people are outside the guarded areas increasing the likelihood of accidents and drowning. More police presence is needed on the beach to curb illegal activities. FWCC regulations require any diver or snorkeler to use a dive flag when in the water. Without a dive flag, there is an increased likelihood of a collision between a diver and vessel. During lightning storms, it is strongly advised that the public evacuate the beach and seek shelter.

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