

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

October 2018



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

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STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	22,085
Preventative Actions	485
Minor Medicals	4
Major Medicals	0
Rescues	1
Average Water Temperature	84
Beach Erosion	Minimal
Stinging Marine Life	Minimal

General Conditions

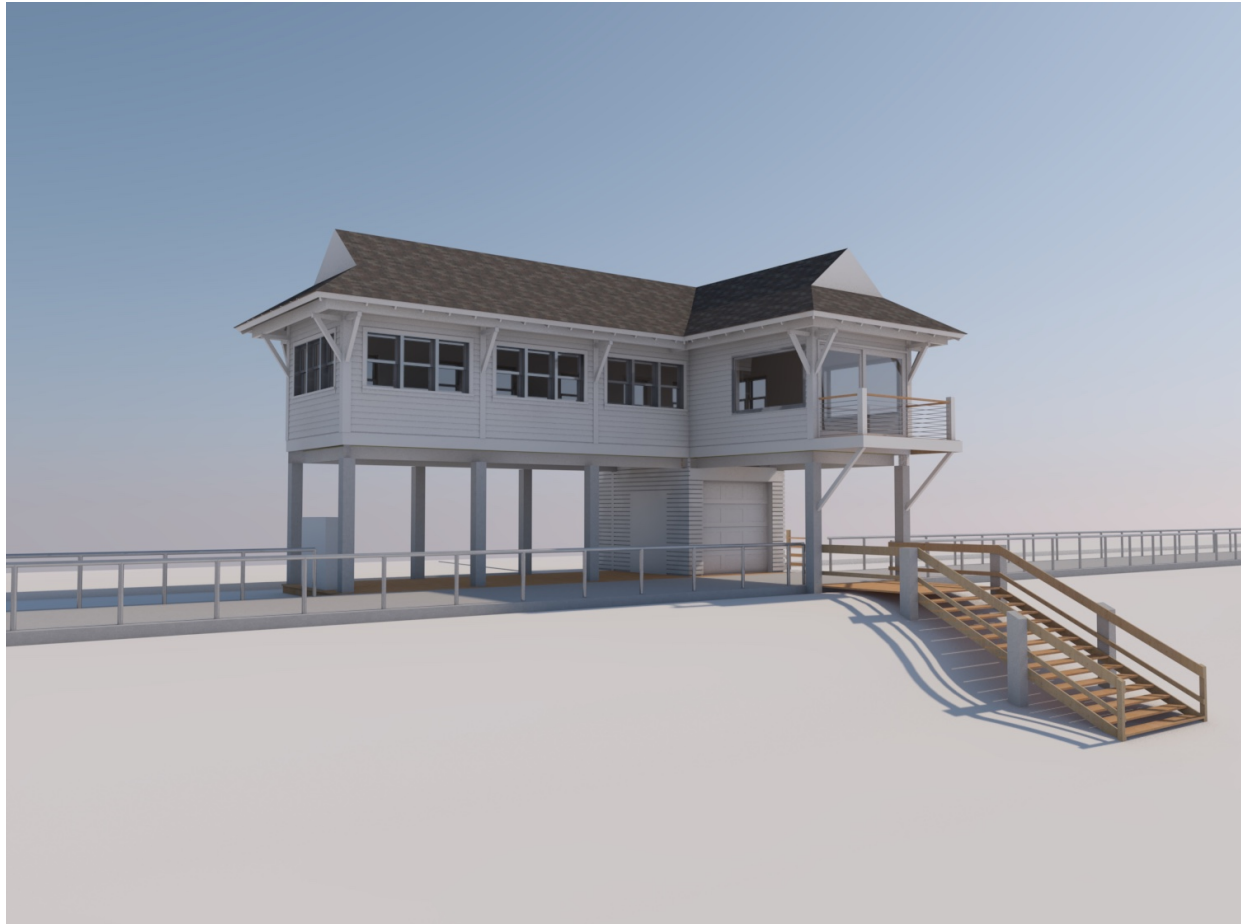
Red Tide closed the City of Vero Beach beaches from October 17th – 30th resulting in record low attendance for the month. Attendance for the month of October usually ranges from 28,000 – 44,000 patrons. The clean up effort was extensive with County and City staff trying their best to remove thousands of pounds of debris and dead fish from the beach. The ocean water temperature averaged 84 degrees. Sea turtle nesting season ended on October 31st. Lifeguards responded to 4 medical calls and rescued one swimmer from a rip current bringing the total number of water rescues to 27 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 Idea Garden, Waldo's, Minuteman Press, Coastal Technology Corporation, Hoos Architects, Mills Short Engineers, Farrow Construction, City of Vero Beach Recreation Department, and City Council, VBLA's goal of

giving our 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

Whenever beaches are closed due to Red Tide, large surf or other emergencies, it is strongly advised that the public stay out of the water due to the dangerous and/or unhealthy conditions.

Key

Park Attendance: an estimated count of park attendees to include boardwalks within each park and 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

Rescues: Any water related emergency to include rip current rescues, fatigued swimmers, surfing, kite boarding and/or boating accidents.

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.