

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

October 2020



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

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*STATISTICS	
Total Park Attendance	40,255
Preventative Actions	703
Minor Medicals	10
Major Medicals	0
Rescues	2
Average Water Temperature	78
Beach Erosion	Moderate
Stinging Marine Life	Moderate

*Does not include extended hours statistics

General Conditions

October 2020 beach attendance did not break any attendance records (record high 2019: 49,500, record low 2018: 22,000 due to Red Tide). The COVID-19 pandemic along with some showers, large waves and windy conditions may have kept people off the beach. Over the years, VBLA has noticed that beach patrons are spreading out along our four miles of City beach. We have seen a steady migration away from guarded areas, filling in the approximately one mile distance between each of the three lifeguard towers. It is to be noted that beach attendance is taken within the guarded beaches (200 yards each) and 50 yards north and south of each tower. Patrons outside these areas are not counted in our report. Moderate beach erosion has occurred especially around the south end of Conn Beach and the hotel district at Central Beach. Tides, winds and currents have smoothed out the two-tier shelf dunes on most of our beach. There were many afternoon thunderstorms in October. Sea turtle nesting season ended October 31st. Beach grooming (the removal of seaweed from the beach) will resume on November 1st. The ocean water temperature has dropped to 78 degrees. Lifeguards responded to 10 minor medical calls

during the month. Lifeguards rescued 2 people from rip currents during the month of October bringing the total number of water rescues in 2020 to 31.

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 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 will be a reality once we find a donor.



Areas of Concern

Many dog owners are violating the rules for allowing dogs on the beach.

More people are enjoying the beach outside the guarded areas increasing the likelihood of accidents and drownings.

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

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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.