

LAKESHORE HAZARD MESSAGE  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE NORTHERN INDIANA  
453 AM EDT THU MAY 23 2013

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LA PORTE-BERRIEN-  
453 AM EDT THU MAY 23 2013 /353 AM CDT THU MAY 23 2013/

...BEACH HAZARDS STATEMENT IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM EDT /10 AM CDT/  
THIS MORNING THROUGH FRIDAY EVENING...

\* HIGH WAVE ACTION AND DANGEROUS SWIMMING CONDITIONS EXPECTED...

\* STRONG RIP CURRENTS EXPECTED...

\* STRONG STRUCTURAL CURRENTS EXPECTED...

\* OVERVIEW/POTENTIAL IMPACTS...NORTH WINDS GUSTING UP TO 35 MPH  
AND WAVES BUILDING TO 6 TO 10 FEET ARE EXPECTED THIS AFTERNOON  
AND TONIGHT. WAVES OF 3 TO 6 FEET ARE EXPECTED TOMORROW.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

DANGEROUS POUNDING WAVES AND LIFE-THREATENING RIP CURRENTS ARE  
EXPECTED AT THE BEACHES. PEOPLE VISITING THE BEACHES SHOULD STAY  
OUT OF THE WATER.

RIP CURRENTS ARE POWERFUL CHANNELS OF WATER FLOWING QUICKLY AWAY  
FROM SHORE...WHICH OCCUR MOST OFTEN AT LOW SPOTS OR BREAKS IN  
SANDBARS. RIP CURRENTS CAN SWEEP YOU OUT LAKEWARD.

STRUCTURAL CURRENTS FORM ALONG PIERS WHERE LONGSHORE CURRENTS AND  
WAVE ACTION FLOW INTO THE STRUCTURE. STRUCTURAL CURRENTS CAN  
SWEEP YOU OUT LAKEWARD ALONG THE PIER STRUCTURE.

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