

COASTAL HAZARD MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MIAMI FL
1137 AM EDT THU JUN 6 2013

...HIGH RIP CURRENT RISK IN EFFECT THROUGH THIS EVENING GULF
COAST...

...HIGHER THAN NORMAL WATER LEVELS GULF COAST THROUGH THIS
EVENING...

.HAZARDOUS RIP CURRENTS ALONG THE GULF COAST BEACHES DUE
TO PERSISTENT ONSHORE FLOW AND ROUGH SURF WILL CONTINUE THROUGH
TODAY AS TROPICAL STORM ANDREA CONTINUES TO LIFT NORTH AND
NORTHEAST ACROSS THE NORTHEASTERN GULF OF MEXICO AND THE FLORIDA
BIG BEND. WATER LEVELS ARE CURRENTLY RUNNING AROUND ONE FOOT ABOVE
NORMAL ALONG THE GULF COAST AREAS TODAY. THIS COULD LEAD TO
MINIMAL COASTAL FLOODING CONCERNS AT AND AROUND THE TYPICALLY
VULNERABLE AREAS...ESPECIALLY AROUND THE HIGH TIDE CYCLES AT NOON
AND AROUND 8 PM THIS EVENING.

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN MIAMI HAS ISSUED A RIP CURRENT
RISK...WHICH IS IN EFFECT THROUGH LATE TONIGHT.

* TIMING...STRONG RIP CURRENTS AND HIGHER THAN NORMAL WATER LEVELS
WILL CONTINUE THROUGH INTO TONIGHT BEFORE SUBSIDING INTO FRIDAY
MORNING.

* IMPACTS...HAZARDOUS RIP CURRENTS AND MINOR BEACH EROSION. MINOR
COASTAL FLOODING WILL REMAIN POSSIBLE...MAINLY AROUND THE
TYPICALLY VULNERABLE LOCATIONS ALONG THE GULF COAST THROUGH THE
NOON HIGH TIDE CYCLE AND AROUND THE EVENING HIGH TIDE TODAY. THE
EVENING HIGH TIDE CYCLE WILL BE AROUND 8 PM THIS EVENING.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

THERE IS A HIGH RISK OF RIP CURRENTS.

RIP CURRENTS ARE POWERFUL CHANNELS OF WATER FLOWING QUICKLY AWAY FROM SHORE...WHICH OCCUR MOST OFTEN AT LOW SPOTS OR BREAKS IN THE SANDBAR AND IN THE VICINITY OF STRUCTURES SUCH AS JETTIES AND PIERS. HEED THE ADVICE OF LIFEGUARDS AND THE BEACH PATROL. PAY ATTENTION TO FLAGS AND POSTED SIGNS.

IF YOU BECOME CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT...DO NOT PANIC. REMAIN CALM AND BEGIN TO SWIM PARALLEL TO SHORE. ONCE YOU ARE AWAY FROM THE FORCE OF THE RIP CURRENT...BEGIN TO SWIM BACK TO THE BEACH. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SWIM DIRECTLY AGAINST A RIP CURRENT. EVEN A STRONG SWIMMER CAN BECOME EXHAUSTED QUICKLY.