

HURRICANE IRMA UPDATE

As of Friday, September 8, 2017 the 2 PM Advisory showed the center of location of Irma at 22.0N 76.0W or about 450 miles SE of Miami, FL with maximum sustained winds of 155 MPH. The current movement of Irma is WNW at 14 mph. On the present forecast track, the eye of Irma should continue to move near the north coast of Cuba and the central Bahamas for the rest of today and Saturday, and be near the Florida Keys and southern Florida Peninsula Sunday morning. Irma is a now a Category 4 hurricane and hurricane force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 185 miles. At the present time our area can expect winds out of the NE at 15-20 MPH beginning late Saturday night and increasing to 30-40 mph on Monday. Rainfall predictions have decreased to 1-3 inches and should begin late Sunday into Monday. Tides are presently astronomically high and coastal flooding may occur.

Boating Conditions are hazardous near inlet entrances and strong rip currents and rough surf can be expected on all adjacent coastal waters and surf zone areas through Tuesday.

Please continue to monitor the weather forecast. The hurricane has not yet made the turn toward Florida and a change in position is possible. It is important that we also remember that Hurricane Jose which is now a Category 4 storm is following Irma and