



CAUTION ADVISED AROUND THE COASTLINE DURING WEEK OF SPRING TIDES

The South African Weather Service would like to caution visitors to the coast to beware of spring tides expected this week.

Tidal ranges are increasing towards spring tide this week. Highest tidal ranges for this cycle will be experienced around the coastline on Thursday and Friday. Care should be taken on the days leading up to and following these periods, as high tides will be higher than average and low tides will be lower than average. Caution is advised for areas which may be exposed to the lower-than-normal low tide but will flood when the tide rises. Furthermore, certain areas that are normally accessible may be flooded due to the higher-than-average high tide (e.g. rocky outcrops and headlands).

Visitors to the coastline during the festive season are furthermore reminded to observe all normal precautions in respect of waves and rip currents. It is recommended that beach goers swim only at life guarded beaches, within demarcated swimming areas.

A selection of forecast **high** tidal levels* from the South African weather Service Tidal Model forecast system is given for locations along the South African coastline.

Location	Thursday 12 th Dec	Friday 13 th Dec
Cape Columbine	15h42, 0.81 m	16h22, 0.81 m
Cape Town	15h22, 0.73 m	16h02, 0.73 m
Mossel Bay	16h16, 0.94 m	16h54, 0.94 m
Port Elizabeth	15h51, 0.83 m	16h28, 0.83 m
East London	15h49, 0.79 m	16h26, 0.80 m
Durban	15h51, 0.84 m	16h27, 0.85 m
Richard's Bay	15h50, 0.88 m	16h26, 0.89 m

*all levels are expressed in terms of the Mean Level vertical datum. This essentially gives the water level in meters above the mean sea level.

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