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## CAUTION ADVISED AROUND THE COASTLINE DURING CHRISTMAS DAY SPRING TIDES

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

Increased tidal ranges can be expected this week as a result of the second spring tide cycle for December. Highest tidal ranges for this cycle will occur on Wednesday, 25 December 2019 (Christmas Day). Care should be taken on the days leading up to and following Christmas Day, as high tides will be higher than average and low tides will be lower than average. Caution is advised for areas exposed by the lower-than-normal low tide, as they 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).

High tides on Christmas Day will reach the coastline between 14h00 and 15h30, depending on the specific location. For area-specific information, please consult our [detailed forecasts](#) at [http://marine.weathersa.co.za/Forecasts\\_Tides.html](http://marine.weathersa.co.za/Forecasts_Tides.html).

Visitors to the coastline during the festive season are 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.

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