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Jose - is expected to stay offshore and an increased risk of tidal flooding is likely the most significant impact we will see in Isle of Wight.

As the 11am National Hurricane Center (NHC) forecast advisory, Jose was located 430 miles ESE of Cape Hatteras with sustained winds of 75mph (CAT 1). Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 60 miles from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 230 miles. A turn to the northeast is expected to occur on Tuesday night. On the forecast track, the center of Jose is forecast to pass well offshore of the Outer Banks of North Carolina today. Little change in strength is forecast during the next 48 hours.

The National Weather Service (NWS) morning forecast has most of the impacts from Jose as minor in Isle of Wight. NWS does note that an increase in the size of the storm or a more westward track could bring more tropical storm conditions closer to the Outer Banks and other immediate coastal locations. Regionally, we could see:

- Wind will increase tonight and Tuesday, and will be strongest along the immediate coast. Based on the current forecast track, IOW is forecast to see winds in the teens today and Tuesday with gust into the mid- upper-20mph range.
- Tides begin to gradually increase today with some minor to locally moderate tidal flooding expected tonight through Tuesday. The highest tide cycle will be tonight and tomorrow morning, when tides could be around 4' above normal.
- Strong and dangerous rip currents are expected along the coast today through midweek.
- Seas will build quickly later today.

Maria – is still much too far away for any predictions for possible impacts in our area. However, we'll need to watch her very closely because the early models all have her most likely taking a track that would bring her up the east coast. Too early to have much certainty on her future track, but just about all the model have her coming northward on a track that brings her to the east of Bermuda – this puts NC/VA very much into play.

As the 11am National Hurricane Center (NHC) forecast advisory, Maria was located 60 miles E of Martinique with sustained winds of 120mph (CAT3). Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 15 miles from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 125 miles. Additional rapid strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours, and Maria is expected to be a dangerous major hurricane as it moves through the Leeward Islands and the northeastern Caribbean Sea.

Keep those eastward thoughts coming! We'll keep watching and provide updates as necessary.

