



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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# This Week's Weather Overview

Welcome to Florida's rainy season! We have officially made it! This week marks a significant shift in our weather pattern as we officially transition into our summer routine. High temperatures will be hot, hovering around 90° F plus or minus a few degrees throughout the week. The big story is the daily return of afternoon thunderstorms from Monday straight through the weekend. With overnight lows staying incredibly warm and muggy in the mid-70s° F and dew points steady in the low 70s° F, it will feel authentically tropical outside. Keep your umbrellas handy! This welcomed rain should start making a dent in our drought finally! For detailed daily forecasts, check my Facebook page & website.

## Quick Weather Checklist for the Week:

- ✓ **Dress for:** Hot, tropical days near 90° F. Light, breathable clothing is a must, and keep an umbrella in your car at all times.
- ✓ **Outdoor plans:** The rainy season pattern means mornings are your best friend! Get your yard work and exercise done early before the daily PM thunderstorms fire up.
- ✓ **Driving:** Expect slower afternoon commutes with wet roads and suddenly reduced visibility in heavy downpours.
- ✓ **Pets/plants:** You can officially turn off the sprinklers! Mother Nature will be handling the lawn care every afternoon this week.
- ✓ **Energy saving:** With lows stuck in the mid-70s° F and high humidity, the AC will be running around the clock.



## Weather Safety

**Safety Tip of The Week:** Rainy season means daily lightning risks. If you are at the beach or pool and hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck. Immediately head indoors or to a hard-topped vehicle and wait 30 minutes after the last clap.

**Hurricane Preparedness Tip of the Week:** With hurricane season just days away, test your generator now! Do not wait for a power outage to discover it needs maintenance, and always operate it outdoors in a well-ventilated area away from windows.

Source: [weather.gov/safety/](https://www.weather.gov/safety/)

# Local News Highlights

## Upcoming Local Events this Week

- May 18th @5:30PM - The Art of Hoop Dance Class - Venice, FL
- May 19th @4PM - Open Mic Garden Party - Englewood, FL
- May 20th @7PM - The Knot So Newlyweds Game at BellaVino - Venice, FL
- May 21st @5PM - Hops and Shops Night Market - Venice, FL
- May 22nd @6PM - Gatsby Party at BellaVino - Venice, FL
- May 23rd @8AM - 12th Annual Deaf Beach Bash - Siesta Key, FL
- May 23rd @7:30PM - Star Spangled Spectacular: A Patriotic Pops Concert - Venice, FL
- May 24th @10AM - AquaPalooza 2026 at New Pass Sandbar - Sarasota, FL



## **Sarasota County: Monopoly to Make Special Sarasota County Edition:**

Top Trumps USA is officially creating a Sarasota County edition of the classic board game Monopoly! Debuting in 2027, the game will replace traditional properties with beloved local businesses, landmarks, and nonprofits. Residents can even submit online nominations to help shape the board. Click [here](#) to read more.



## **Manatee County: Environmental Lands Referendum One Step Closer to 2026 Ballot:**

Manatee County commissioners are advancing a 2026 ballot referendum that would allow the county to protect more environmentally sensitive and agricultural lands! Building on a successful 2020 initiative, this voter-funded effort aims to preserve wildlife habitats, water quality, and local green spaces. Click [here](#) to read more.



## **Charlotte County: Punta Gorda Airport Named “Best Place Primed for Take-off”:**

Florida Weekly recently recognized the Punta Gorda Airport as the "Best Place Primed for Takeoff!" The airport is being celebrated for its rising passenger traffic, local aviation investments, and a rapidly growing education-to-career pipeline that is creating fantastic opportunities for Charlotte County students. Click [here](#) to read more.

# Beach Boating Surf

Enjoy the beaches free of red tide this week! If there were to be any changes to red tide in the future, you can look for my weekly updates every Friday here: <https://vffws.com/red-tide-report/>



## Boating & Beach Report

**Best Beach Day:** Since rainy season has officially returned, you'll want to be at the beach during the morning and possibly early afternoon hours before isolated showers and storms begin popping along the sea-breeze! Any morning this week looks great for the beach!

**Best Boating Day:** Offshore boating/fishing looks decent for most of the week with seas ranging between 1 to 3 feet or less. Winds gusting up to 20 mph are possible today (Monday). Otherwise, the rest of the week winds will gust 5-15 mph at times. Nearshore boating/fishing looks great all week long! No other significant weather hazards of concern are expected at this time.

## Surf Report

**Best Surf Day:** No significant surf is expected throughout this week.

For a FULL daily marine & beach forecast including wind, waves/surf, tides, and water temperatures please check out my forecasts on my website here: <https://vffws.com/marine-beach-forecasts/>





## Local Business Spotlight

1) [Advertise your business here]

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[info@vffws.com](mailto:info@vffws.com) and let me know you're interested in an advertising opportunity, and I'll get back to you ASAP with more details! Thank you!



# Fun Facts & Word OTW



## Weather Word of The Week

This week's word is **Sea-Breeze Collision!**

When the cooler air blowing inland from the Gulf of Mexico meets the cooler air blowing inland from the Atlantic Ocean.

**Example:** When these two opposing sea breezes crash into each other over the hot Florida peninsula, the air is forced rapidly upward. This collision is the exact engine that creates the massive daily thunderstorms we will see every afternoon this week!

## Did you know?

**The start of Florida's rainy season isn't just a random calendar date!**

It officially begins when our dew points consistently stay above 70°F and our upper-level winds shift, providing the perfect tropical moisture needed to fuel those daily afternoon thunderstorms like clockwork. These conditions create a pattern where sea breezes from both the Atlantic and Gulf clash, forcing air upward, creating afternoon thunderstorms nearly every day.



# Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Samantha Matthews! Hope you enjoy this one! If you are interested in sending in your own photo for next week's newsletter, I will be accepting submissions every Thursday on my Facebook page. The post usually goes out at 5 PM, so check back to my page at 5 PM every Thursday to submit a sunset photo to be featured below.



## Thank you

Hope you found some value in this week's newsletter, be sure to like & follow the Facebook page for daily weather updates and more if you haven't already and stay tuned for next week's newsletter. Have a safe and enjoyable week.

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