



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This Week's Weather Overview

Happy 4th of July week! We are officially in the heart of our classic Florida summer pattern just in time for America's 250th birthday. Expect hot, tropical conditions all week long with high temperatures sitting in the low 90s°F. Mornings will feature plenty of sunshine, but you can expect those familiar scattered thunderstorms to fire up inland and finally affect coastal areas for much of the week. Fortunately, the rain is much needed as we all know, so let's hope for the best! 4th of July looks typical for this time of year, so I'll be keeping an eye on radar during those firework shows! Overnight lows will remain incredibly muggy in the mid-70s°F. For detailed daily forecasts, check my Facebook page & website.

Quick Weather Checklist for the Week:

- ✓ **Dress for:** Peak summer heat in the low 90s°F. Light, breathable clothing is a must, and keep a poncho handy for evening festivities.
- ✓ **Outdoor plans:** Have a backup indoor plan for those afternoon July 4th BBQs just in case a pop-up storm rolls through before the fireworks!
- ✓ **Driving:** Watch out for slick roads, sudden heavy downpours, and heavy holiday traffic during the afternoon hours.
- ✓ **Pets/plants:** Fireworks will be booming this week! Be sure to create a safe, quiet space indoors to keep your pets calm and secure.
- ✓ **Energy saving:** With overnight lows stuck in the muggy mid-70s°F, your AC will be running full-time to beat the summer heat.



Weather Safety

Safety Tip of The Week: When thunder roars, go indoors! During your outdoor 4th of July cookouts, remember that no place outside is safe when lightning is in the area. Seek shelter in a sturdy building or a hard-topped vehicle until 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.

Hurricane Preparedness Tip of the Week: Take time this holiday weekend to check your emergency food and water supply. You should have at least one gallon of water per person per day and a solid three-day supply of non-perishable food stored in a cool, dry place.

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

Local News Highlights

Upcoming Local Events this Week

- June 30th @5PM - Open Mic at Brewburgers!!! - Venice, FL
- July 1st @5PM - Nokomis Drum Circle - Nokomis, FL
- July 2nd @6PM - Open Mic Night at BellaVino - Venice, FL
- July 3rd @7PM - Spirit of 76 (Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday!) - Sarasota, FL
- July 4th @11AM - "Bring Boat Racing Back to Sarasota" Boat Parade - Sarasota, FL
- July 4th @6PM - Freedom Festival at CoolToday Park - North Port, FL
- July 4th @6:30PM - July 4th Celebration at Sharky's On the Pier - Venice, FL



Sarasota County: City Celebrates New Habitat for Humanity Homes:

Sarasota recently celebrated the completion of two brand-new Habitat for Humanity homes! Built for first-time homebuyers, these beautiful homes were funded by a \$1.47 million grant administered by the city's Office of Housing, helping to expand affordable homeownership in our local community. Click [here](#) to read more.



Manatee County: County Secures \$6.1M for Beach Renourishment:

Manatee County has secured over \$6.1 million in federal funding to kickstart a massive beach renourishment project! The project will place fresh sand along eroded segments of Anna Maria Island, Cortez Beach, and Coquina Beach, beautifully restoring our most valuable coastal assets. Click [here](#) to read more.



Charlotte County: Cycling Event Boosts Economic Development:

Florida Weekly recently highlighted the Peace River Riders in Punta Gorda! Their community-focused cycling initiatives are being praised for strengthening local bike tourism, supporting small businesses, and showcasing Charlotte County's incredible quality of life to future residents. 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

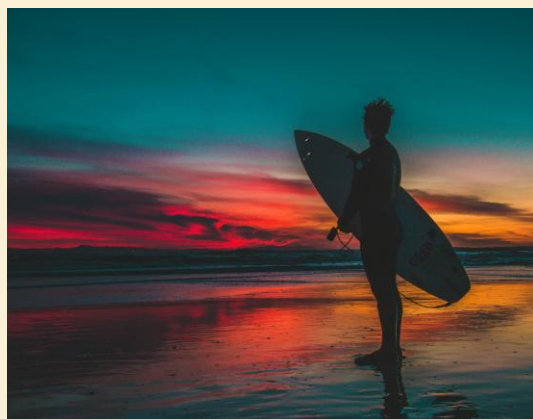
Best Beach Day: This week will feature a typical Summer pattern where you'll be dodging showers and storms during the afternoons. The best beach time will be any day during the morning hours.

Best Boating Day: Expect perfect boating/fishing conditions all week long with seas around 1 foot or less! Nearshore boating/fishing looks great as well. No other significant weather hazards of concern are expected at this time.

Surf Report

Best Surf Day: No significant or beginner surf is expected 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

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Cypress Property Concierge

Luxury home watch, lifestyle concierge, property maintenance, and storm /hurricane service company serving the Sarasota, Siesta Key, Casey Key, Venice and Nokomis areas. Perfect for seasonal residents, snowbirds, frequent flyers and waterfront homes!

Call or Text 941-500-3720

Advertising Opportunities:

Would you like your business small or large featured here in this weekly newsletter? If so, please reach out here:

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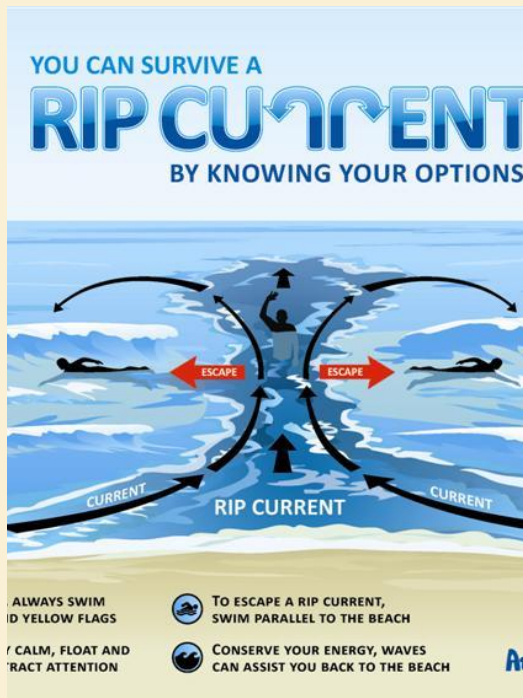
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Send an email to:

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 **Rip Current!**

A strong, narrow, and fast-moving channel of water flowing outward from the beach through the surf zone.

Example: While you are out enjoying the beautiful Gulf waters for the holiday weekend, always keep an eye out for a rip current, and remember, if you ever get caught in one, swim parallel to the shore to escape its pull!

Did you know?

Heat lightning is fake!!!

"Heat lightning" isn't actually a real type of lightning! When you are sitting outside on a hot 4th of July evening and see silent flashes of light in the distance, you are actually just seeing regular lightning from a thunderstorm that is simply too far away for the sound of thunder to reach you.



Weekly Sunset Photo



This week's photo was sent in by Connie McCord! 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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