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Very Low Minimal Minor Significant Severe

Impact

High

Medium

Low

Likelihood



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IMPACT BASED WARNING issue :09:33 on Fri 26 Jul 2024

LEVEL 6 for Damaging Waves

WARNING valid Sat 27 Jul 00:00 Until Mon 29 Jul 00:00

Affected DM / LM / Metro area

M_Bergrivier, M_Bitou, M_Cape Agulhas, M_Cape Agulhas, M_Cederberg, M_City of Cape town, M_George, M_Hessequa, M_Kamiesberg, M_Knysna, M_Matzikama, M_Mossel Bay, M_Nama Khoi, M_Overstrand, M_Richtersveld, M_Saldanha Bay, M_Swartland, M_Table Bay

Short Message

leading to damage of coastal infrastructure and disruption of small harbours is expected between between Cape Columbine and Cape Agulhas from Saturday afternoon spreading to Alexander Bay and Plettenberg Bay by Saturday evening persisting to Monday morning.

Discussion

South-westerly swells with wave heights of 4-5 m are expected between Cape Columbine and Cape Agulhas from Saturday morning spreading to Alexander Bay and Plettenberg Bay by the evening and persisting to Monday. Wave heights increase to 6-8 m between Lambert's Bay and Plettenberg Bay from Saturday night and Sunday. On Saturday, strong to gale force north-westerly winds (60-80 km/h) are expected between Lambert's Bay and Plettenberg Bay. These winds will persist along the south coast during Sunday, while moderating in the west.

Impacts

Damage to coastal infrastructure (e.g. walkways, property, road and rail routes) is expected as well as disruption of small harbours and/or ports. Risk to medium/large vessels of dragging anchor/breaking mooring lines. Danger to navigation is also possible which may lead to small vessels at risk of capsizing. Coastal users (rock anglers) could be at risk of being swept off low lying rocks. Disruption to beachfront activities is also likely.

Instruction

Be aware of large unpredictable waves along the coast. Small vessels are advised to seek shelter in harbours, bays or inlets. Be aware of strong rip currents especially during spring tides.

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