As of 07/19/2008 19:00 EDT, water levels from South Carolina to North Carolina remain slightly above or at predicted levels. Barometric pressure is falling at Springmaid Pier, SC and slightly falling at Duck, NC and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA.

Water Level and Meteorological plots available below are updated automatically. Water level predictions relative to Mean Lower Low Water are:

Charleston, SC: Next predicted high tide is 5.8 ft (1.77 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:46 EDT.

Oyster Landing, SC: Next predicted high tide is 5.1 ft (1.55 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:24 EDT.

Springmaid Pier, SC: Next predicted high tide is 5.6 ft (1.71 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:09 EDT.
Wilmington, NC: Next predicted high tide is 4.6 ft (1.40 m) on 07/19/2008 at 23:17 EDT.

Beaufort, NC: Next predicted high tide is 3.8 ft (1.16 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:45 EDT.

Duck, NC: Next predicted high tide is 3.7 ft (1.13 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:08 EDT.

CBBT, VA: Next predicted high tide is 2.9 ft (0.88 m) on 07/19/2008 at 21:58 EDT.

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SELECT NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER ADVISORY INFORMATION:

TROPICAL STORM CRISTOBAL ADVISORY NUMBER 4
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
500 PM EDT SAT JUL 19 2008

...CRISTOBAL STRENGTHENS OFF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST...

A TROPICAL STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM SOUTH SANTEE RIVER SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE NORTH CAROLINA/ VIRGINIA BORDER INCLUDING PAMLICO SOUND. A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE WARNING AREA WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

AT 500 PM EDT THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM CRISTOBAL WAS LOCATED NEAR ABOUT 125 MILES, 195 KM EAST OF CHARLESTON SOUTH CAROLINA AND ABOUT 205 MILES, 330 KM SOUTHWEST OF CAPE HATTERAS NORTH CAROLINA.

CRISTOBAL IS MOVING TOWARD THE NORTHEAST NEAR 7 MPH AND THIS GENERAL MOTION IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS WITH SOME INCREASE IN FORWARD SPEED.

ON THIS TRACK THE CENTER OF THE TROPICAL STORM IS EXPECTED TO MOVE PARALLEL AND VERY CLOSE TO THE COASTS OF SOUTH AND NORTH CAROLINA TODAY AND TOMORROW.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE NEAR 45 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS. SLOW STRENGTHENING IS FORECAST DURING THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

TROPICAL STORM FORCE WINDS EXTEND OUTWARD UP TO 85 MILES FROM THE CENTER.
THE LATEST MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE REPORTED BY AN AIR FORCE RESERVE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT IS 1005 MB.

RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 3 TO 5 INCHES ARE EXPECTED ALONG THE NORTH CAROLINA COAST WITH ISOLATED HEAVIER AMOUNTS.

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For the purpose of timely release, data contained within this QuickLook have undergone a "limited" NOS Quality Assurance/Control; however, the data have not yet undergone final verification. All data subject to NOS verification.
Charleston, SC - Station Map

Last Observed Sample: 07/19/2008 19:54 (EDT)
Relative to MLLW: Observed: 5.38 ft. Predicted: 4.92 ft. Residual: 0.46 ft.
Historical Maximum Water Level: 09/21/1989, 6.76 ft. above MHHW

Oyster Landing (North Inlet Estuary), SC - Station Map

Last Observed Sample: 07/19/2008 19:48 (EDT)
Relative to MLLW: Observed: 3.93 ft. Predicted: 3.80 ft. Residual: 0.13 ft.
Historical Maximum Water Level: 07/22/2001, 2.21 ft. above MHHW
Relative to MLLW: Observed: 5.42 ft. Predicted: 5.13 ft. Residual: 0.29 ft.

Historical Maximum Water Level: 01/01/1987, 3.65 ft. above MHHW
**Springmaid Pier, SC - Station Map**

Last Observed Sample: 07/19/2008 19:54 (EDT)
Barometric Pressure: 1012.6 mb

**Wilmington, NC - Station Map**

Relative to MLLW: Observed: 2.58 ft. Predicted: 2.21 ft. Residual: 0.37 ft.
Historical Maximum Water Level: 10/15/1954, 3.47 ft. above MHHW
Beaufort, NC - Station Map

NOAA/NOS/C0-OPS
Preliminary 6 min. Water Level vs. Predicted Plot
9656493 Beaufort, NC
from 07/17/2008 20:05 - 07/23/2008 23:36

Relative to MLLW: Observed: 3.31 ft. Predicted: 3.02 ft. Residual: 0.29 ft.
Historical Maximum Water Level: 09/16/1999, 2.74 ft. above MHHW

Duck, NC - Station Map

NOAA/NOS/C0-OPS
Preliminary 6 min. Water Level vs. Predicted Plot
965978 Duck, NC
from 07/17/2008 20:05 - 07/23/2008 23:36

Relative to MLLW: Observed: 3.23 ft. Predicted: 3.39 ft. Residual: -0.16 ft.
Historical Maximum Water Level: 08/30/1999, 3.23 ft. above MHHW
Last Observed Sample: 07/19/2008 19:54 (EDT)
Wind Speed: 11 knots Gusts: 11 knots Direction: 178° T

Barometric Pressure: 1015.8 mb
Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA - Station Map

Relative to MLLW: Observed: 2.05 ft. Predicted: 2.21 ft. Residual: -0.16 ft.

Historical Maximum Water Level: 02/05/1998, 3.68 ft. above MHHW

Wind Speed: 9 knots Gusts: 11 knots Direction: 147° T