

Cape avoids tidal storm damage

Route 6 accidents

■ Several cars slide off Route 6 between exits 4 and 8 during yesterday afternoon's winter weather. No injuries are reported.

■ Two people are taken to Cape Cod Hospital with minor injuries after a two-car accident in the west-bound lane near exit 8 at just after 3 p.m.

■ A pickup truck drives off the road and into the woods while traveling eastbound between exits 4 and 5 at about 3:30 p.m. The driver is uninjured.

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A storm-fueled astronomical high tide came and went yesterday afternoon without causing significant flooding, though Provincetown Harbor appeared to fill up every possible morsel of beach while splashing at bulkheads.

Meteorologists were still keeping an eye on this morning's high tide (approximately 3 a.m.), and a coastal flood watch had been posted.

"Winds are gusting to 37 mph on Nantucket," Taunton-based National Weather Service meteorologist Charlie Foley said yesterday afternoon. "And the seas are still looking a little rough out there. But we don't anticipate significant effects."

Seas were 8 to 13 feet yesterday and expected to run 13 to 18 feet last night, resulting in several ferry cancellations to and from Nantucket by Hy-Line Cruises and the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority.

Both ferry services said they would determine the status of today's crossings on a trip-by-trip basis and urged customers to call ahead for

information.

Despite the churning tides, U.S. Coast Guard Group Woods Hole reported a quiet time of it as of 4:30 p.m. yesterday, as did the Chatham and Provincetown harbor master offices.

NStar spokesman Michael Durand reported scattered power failures on Cape Cod as a result of the storm, "considerably less than 100 customers," he said.

NStar crews were scheduled to remain on duty last night as remnants of the storm passed over the region, headed for the Canadian Maritimes.

The theme of the day?

"Is that all you got?"

That's what holiday-fortified Cape Codders said to Mother Nature yesterday.

"It's as snug as a bug in a rug," reported an official in the Provincetown harbor master's office who declined to link himself by name to such a cliché.

It could have been worse. Heck, yesterday was a walk in the park compared with Monday night at the South Pole, where, according to Weather Underground, the Amundsen-Scott weather station reported a temperature of



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A winter storm and high tide combined to produce stormy seas in Provincetown Harbor yesterday, but no major flooding was reported.

-17 degrees with a wind chill of -34 degrees.

Of course, it could be better.

"I don't envy you," said Bev Fraser, office manager of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce on Hawaii.

"It's gorgeous and sunny here like it always is. I look out my window and all I can see is palm trees and blue skies."

Can anyone say, "Aloha?"

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