

Jellyfish Keep Swimmers On Shore

Warm Waters Bring Cyaneas To New England

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MASHPEE, Mass. -- Some beachgoers on Cape Cod are staying out of the water after jellyfish have stung dozens of people.

NewsCenter 5's Jorge Quiroga reported that clouds and passing showers were not the only elements keeping swimmers away on Friday. On Cape Cod beaches, unwanted guests are putting a sting on summer fun.

"The jellyfish probably came in about a week ago and a few of the children have gotten Jill Purpura.



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This season's warm ocean water brought New England Portuguese War. And last week a new kind of jellyfish, cyaneas, also known as Portuguese man-of-war, have appeared. The cyaneas have kept lifeguards busy.

"We use a vinegar and a Sting combination to keep the sting lifeguard Rory Black.

Mashpee Harbormaster Perry has been patrolling the Cape's waters for years and said he has not seen anything like it.

"We haven't had 14 Man of Wars for 20 years and now we had them this year and the cyanea year seem to be thicker than we've seen them before," Ellis said.

The cyanea jellyfish are 4 to 5 inches long with tentacles about 12 inches long.

"We have had three or four dozen (people) stung along the shore -- nothing serious, but aggravate you," Black said.

Experts said nothing can be done but stay out of the animals way until nature takes its course in the cooling waters.

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