SEA TURTLE REPORT

Rain, Storms, and King Tides Disrupt Sea Turtle Nests

By Maria Lamb

Monsoonal heavy rainfall has been steady in Southwest Florida over the weekend and more rain is predicted for the coming week. On Sunday morning, Marco Beach had ponding and mushy sand in many areas, with several sea turtle nests very close to the waterline. According to experts, some sea turtle eggs can withstand storm-related inundation and still produce hatchlings.

Storm surges and heavy rainfall can flood coastal areas, submerge nests, and lead to the loss or decrease of the number of sea turtle eggs, as well as reduce hatch-

Turtle continued on A/10



Photo by Maria Lamb

Some sea turtle eggs may be able to withstand water inundation for a short duration of time and still produce hatchlings.



The weekend rain created large areas of ponding from South Beach to South Seas condos and beyond.

Sea Turtle Activity Update September 2 - 8, 2025

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	300	222	280	187	232	104	35
Delnor Wiggins	65	55	99	75	59	21	0
Vanderbilt	274	221	205	199	226	118	35
Parkshore	217	213	272	188	178	75	53
City of Naples	268	244	224	277	212	71	53
Keewaydin Island	556	420	736	658	403	172	0
Sea Oat & Cannon Island	19	10	24	17	11	0	0
Marco Island	118	97	310	231	76	36	13
Kice & Cape Romano	188	135	216	190	55	34	0
10,000 Islands	155	129	171	134	102	56	0
Collier County Totals	2160	1746	2537	2156	1554	687	189

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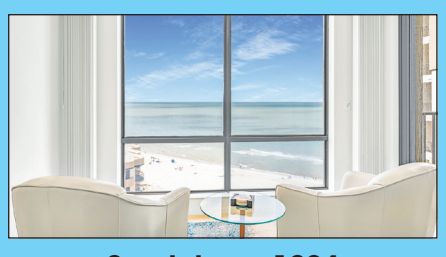
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