



City of Marathon

News Release

Hurricane Dorian Update 3

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HIGH WINDS AND POTENTIAL FLOODING PREDICTED

Marathon FL – As Dorian approaches Florida and prediction accuracy increases, the City of Marathon continues to make preparations for potential high winds and possible flooding.

At 1500 Friday 8/23/19, the National Weather Service Key West states that potential impacts to the Florida Keys remain highly uncertain due to multiple track and intensity factors, including the timing of the westward turn beginning tonight, and slowing of the forward speed of the hurricane. Chances for sustained tropical storm force winds have increased throughout the Keys, possibly beginning as early as mid-day Sunday but more likely Monday morning.

There is an increasing threat for significant coastal flooding beginning early Monday in the Florida Bay near the far Upper Keys (Tavernier, Rock Harbor, and Key Largo), with peak flooding in the upper Keys possibly not occurring until Tuesday.

- A. Possibly 3 to 4 feet above mean sea level Bayside Upper Keys, highest near Buttonwood/Blackwater Sounds
- B. Possibly 2 to 2.5 feet above mean sea level around high tide Bayside/ Gulf side Middle/Lower Keys

No watches or warnings are in effect for any portion of the Florida Keys at this time. Watches could be issued for portions of the Florida Keys late today or Saturday. As of 1400 today, there is a 61% chance of tropical storm force winds (>39MPH) in Marathon by Sunday, with an increasing threat of flooding beginning Monday through next week.

The city is standing up its Emergency Operations Center this weekend and will continue to monitor Dorian and any potential impacts. Residents should pay close attention to weather conditions and forecasts over the weekend and continue taking necessary precautions. As more information becomes available, it will be released.

These updates may be found on the City webpage at www.ci.marathon.fl.us/ and Facebook at www.facebook.com/MarathonCityFL/

For more information on Hurricane preparation go to www.monroecountyem.com

For up to date storm tracking visit the National Hurricane Center at <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

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