



MARINE NOTICE

05/2022

COASTAL INUNDATION AND STRONG WIND WARNINGS ISSUED FOR PARTS OF THE FIJI GROUP

1. All Ship Masters, Owners & Ship Agents for foreign & local ships, Pilots and Port Management Companies/Operators, Marinas and Yacht Clubs are advised that tropical cyclone season is from 1st November 2021 to 30th April 2022.
2. All are required to take precautionary measures to keep yourselves, your crews and the ships safe.
3. Any action taken must not pose undue risk to seafarers and their vessels within any sheltering area.
4. Mariners living in the coastal areas in the following locations, Kadavu, Beqa, Vatulele, Southern Viti Levu (Lomawai-Sigatoka-Korolevu-Pacific Harbour-Navua areas), Moala, Matuku, Totoya, Moce, Kabara, Ogea, Fulaga, Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau are advised that a high pressure system to the far southwest of Fiji is expected to generate strong winds and large waves which may result in coastal inundation or sea flooding over the southern coastal parts of the group.
5. Therefore, a Coastal Inundation Warning is in force for the southern coastal areas of Kadavu, Beqa, Vatulele, Southern Viti Levu (Lomawai-Sigatoka-Korolevu-Pacific Harbour-Navua Areas), Moala, Matuku, Totoya, Moce, Kabara, Ogea, Fulaga, Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau.
6. A Strong Wind Warning is also in force for Southwest Viti Levu Waters, Kadavu and Vatu-i-Ra passages, Koro Sea and Lau Waters, Yasawa and Mamanuca Waters.
7. Coastal sea flooding especially during high tides on Thursday (today) to Sunday is likely for the southern coastal areas of Kadavu, Beqa, Vatulele, Lomawai-Sigatoka-Korolevu-Pacific Harbour-Navua areas, Moala, Matuku, Totoya, Moce, Kabara, Ogea, Fulaga, Vatoa and Ono-i-Lau.
8. Wave heights is anticipated to range between 3.0 to 4.0 meters in the above mentioned areas.
9. Those living along these coastal areas are advised to remain cautious and vigilant of occasional sea flooding especially during high tide.
10. Hazardous breaking waves, strong currents are risky for swimming, fishing, boating and other sea activities. Vessel operators are advised against navigating in these conditions as small boats can capsize due to large waves and rough seas.

11. Meanwhile, a Strong Wind Warning is in force for the land areas of Kadavu and nearby smaller islands, Beqa, Vatulele, Lau and Lomaiviti Group and Yasawa Group.
12. Strong southeast winds with average speed of 50 kilometers per hour is expected over the above mentioned land areas. Winds of this strength can damage trees and plants as well as houses of very light materials and can cause old galvanized iron roofs to be blown off.

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Appendix

Table 1: For expected approximate high tides from Thursday 28th April to Monday 02nd May, 2022.

Date

	Time	Approximate High Tides Expected
Thursday (28 th April)	4.58pm	1.82 meters (moderate chance of sea flooding)
Friday (29 th April)	5.52am	1.89meters (Moderate to High chance of sea flooding)
	5.54pm	1.80 meters (Moderate to High chance of sea flooding)
Saturday (30 th April)	6am	1.90 meters (High chance of sea flooding)
	6.30pm	1.70 meters (High chance of sea flooding)
Sunday (1 st May)	6.45am	1.89 meters(Moderate chance of sea flooding)
	7.14pm	1.70 meters (Moderate chance of sea flooding)
	7.24am	1.87 meters (Low chance of Sea Flooding)
Monday (2 nd May)	7.24am	1.87 meters (Low chance of Sea Flooding)
	7.57pm	1,70 meters(Low chance of Sea Flooding)