

1 Drowns in Va. Beach, 1 in N.C.

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# Riptide Alarm Spans Beaches

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A treacherous undertow extending from Cape Hatteras to Ocean City, Md., was blamed for the drowning of two people Sunday, one in Virginia Beach and the other in Buxton, N.C.

The Weather Bureau issued a dangerous riptide alarm for the 300-mile stretch of beaches shortly before noon Sunday and warned bathers and surfers to

beware of the strong undertow at least through today.

Virginia Beach Patrolman C. W. Cover said Julio Fajardo, 19, of Guatemala, disappeared about 11:30 a.m. despite rescue attempts by his brother and two lifeguards.

Fajardo was swimming about 50 yards offshore at 34th Street when he got into trouble, Cover said. Fajardo's brother, Juan, of Arlington, grabbed a float and went to Julio's aid.

Julio, Cover said, g r a b b e d

Juan around the neck and almost drowned him. Two lifeguards, John Havilmand and Joe Shepherd, then went to help the brothers but were able to save only Juan.

The body had not been recovered Sunday night.

The Fajardos came to Virginia Beach Sunday to spend the day, Cover said.

The other drowning victim was a young woman vacationing with her husband on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Mrs. Susan Jones, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio, drowned in rough surf behind the Cape Hatteras Court Motel in Buxton. A Coast Guard spokesman said she apparently was swimming alone.

Witnesses reported seeing her swimming the back stroke before she disappeared. Her body was recovered by a Coast Guard amphibious vehicle beyond the breakers four minutes after rescue personnel arrived.

Efforts to revive Mrs. Jones

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Witnesses indicated that the children apparently got out too far from shore and into water over their heads.

Rescue workers recovered the body of Keith Piggott early in the evening, but had not found the other child's body by late Sunday night.

Cover, a retired Navy man, said he had "never seen anything like this" in 20 years in the Navy. He quoted Hugh Kitchin, captain of the Virginia Beach Patrol, the lifeguard service, as saying Sunday's undertow was only the fourth time in 40 years he had seen the water at Virginia Beach so treacherous.

Riptides occur when water, piled onto a beach by waves or swells, rushes quickly back into the ocean. Sunday, swells of up to eight feet and tides up to six feet were reported in Virginia Beach.

Cover put it this way:

"There is a rough surf and strong undertow coming from the south-southeast. The waves come in, crash down on top of the water and immediately go back out, creating a suction effect that carries swimmers out with it.

"Normally the waves come in, break and flow up on the beach. They weren't doing that. They'd

just come, crash down and move back out."

Police tried to close the entire oceanfront from Ft. Story to the North Carolina line at 12:30 p.m., but found that all they could do legally was issue warnings.

Police, Coast Guardsmen, and National Park Service officials patrolled beaches from Fort Story to Cape Hatteras Sunday. Despite warnings, they reported, some swimmers entered the water.

The Coast Guard dispatched the cutter Pt. Huron to cruise the Virginia capes to help boatmen in distress. Hundreds were reportedly experiencing difficulty returning to calm water, but no incidents were recorded.

The weekend sea conditions apparently were a spinoff from the tropical disturbance, now dissipated, which Friday caused a delay in the departure of a shipload of nerve gas from Sunny Point, N.C. The Weather Bureau said the trough of low pressure caused

squalls and generally rough weather offshore. This turbulence kicked up the waves and swells which produced the riptides.

The tide Sunday was extremely low about 12:30 and although not directly related to the undertow situation, it did cause the grounding of the biggest charter fishing boat operating out of Rudee Inlet.

Earl Paul, owner of the Sea Robin II, 1 65-foot, \$70,000 party boat, said he went aground in the Rudee Inlet channel at 12:40 as he tried to make it to dockside.

A second boat, the Jo-Dee, owned by policeman J. T. Haley, came in behind Paul, but didn't have enough clearance around the Sea Robin II to make it through the channel.

Paul said he was temporarily in danger of cracking up the boat against the rock jetties before he could tie the boat securely.

Haley put a line from the Jo-Dee on the Sea Robin to help

keep it from going onto the rocks.

Paul said he didn't think his boat was damaged, and he was able to make it dockside at 3:30 p.m. Haley followed.

The Sea Robin is new and started operating in Rudee in June.

Paul said he ran aground every day for the first two weeks he had the boat in operation.

Sunday he said he believed a northeaster earlier this week dumped about six inches of sand in the Rudee channel and that was what caused his problem. "That six inches was our margin of safety," he said.

Sam Scott, director of the Bureau of Tourism, whose job includes the development of Rudee Inlet, was called to the scene Sunday but declined to comment on the situation.

Another spokesman Sunday said dredging probably will begin today to open the channel.

Stranded charter vessel and passengers soak in sun as Jo-Dee assists.

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Dr. S.

Mr. Otto Binder

A most interesting situation has arisen now. As a result of the Saga article, I was fired from the office where I worked...because the most stupid boss there (called "Double Ugly" by the employees) has a deathly fear of UFO's... when he found out about the articles. As a result...am now without a car, without money, without proper clothes...and age 50. You figure it out. I could make 20 to 30 thousand a year...you bet...with a bankroll to start it off. But have no bankroll. Anyway...enclosed find some clippings. Couldn't enclosed the second clipping re the 74 mph storm yesterday, because of lack of funds to get downtown, and to get the necessary papers. Anyone else will have to check with you.

Now, to business. And it is very, very interesting. As you know, I had signaled the Si's, and they put a "grid" over this area...and per my daily signals as per my training, they sent weekly tough thunderstorms into this Norfolk/Virginia Beach area. Then Larry Maddry wrote me and said, "I give the hell up...let's have an interview..." in order to get this area off the hook. He did the interview, and I stopped signaling the Si's. This per my agreement with Maddry and the newspaper. I explained to Maddry that the mechanism as set up (ODE mechanism) would not instantly go away...that it would have to be slowly phased out...taking some weeks.

Sunday a tremendous, and rare, killer undertow hit Virginia Beach...which only two weeks ago was hit by a lightning attack like you've never seen... then Monday, a tremendous thunderstorm which flooded the area, WITH 74 MPH WINDS.

(Otto...you've got clippings to cover both...as I explained above, the other contacts will have to do without the "74 mph storm"...reason as explained above.)

You see...although the Si's have trained me rigorously...in over a hundred ways to USE ODE methods...PK methods...they haven't given me a single method of REMOVING the PK, or the ODE mechanism! And I thought this would interest you to know it. I had, of course, assumed that if I stopped my daily signals, then the phenomena would cease. But...that might not be the case. If ODE attacks keep on happening into September, then I'll have to contact my "professors" in the other dimension...and get some specialized training in how to remove this thing.

In closing...am deeply disappointed that I have been unable to get a written confirmation on my "Multiple Miracle" of recent date from my friendly scientists, who are observing. (This is why the Si's are hostile to scientists.) They were in on it from the beginning. If Dr. S, Dr. H, or Dr. F...would like to give me a detailed written (perhaps notarized) confirmation on my recent "Multiple Miracle"...which am very proud of... it would help me, and the Si's, very very much. Of course, if they do not wish...it is their prerogative. Personally I feel it is a matter of truth over scientific "image". And what I have accomplished is TRUTH. After all...I can only send in my written predictions in advance, before the fact. I cannot be there in the scientists' offices to date-stamp the material, and collate their file for them...so that they can see the miracle that is happening.

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