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Flash Flood Watch Remains in Effect Through Mid-Morning; Additional Showers Expected

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A Flash Flood Watch remains in effect through mid-morning Thursday as deep tropical moisture lingers over the area. Additional showers are expected with the most significant rainfall occurring during the morning hours. Daytime high temperatures should average in the mid 80s with easterly winds of 15 miles per hour.

A drier air pattern is anticipated by the end of the week and during the weekend. By early next week, additional patches of moisture are forecast to return to the area bringing more showers to the region. Cloudy skies and widespread rainfall was observed through the overnight hours across the Virgin Islands. St Thomas received the highest amounts of rain, with an estimated one to two inches since midnight, while less than a quarter of an inch of rain was observed elsewhere.

Choppy to hazardous marine conditions are expected today. Seas to eight feet are forecast across the Atlantic waters and the local passages. A Small Craft Advisory remains in effect. There is a high risk of rip currents for the eastern coastline of St. Croix, with a moderate risk of rip currents elsewhere.

In the Tropics

A tropical wave that has brought significant rainfall and possible flash flooding to the Virgin Islands is located over the east central Caribbean Sea. Satellite photos indicate the disturbance is gradually becoming better organized and a tropical depression will likely form by the weekend as it moves slowly westward over the central and western Caribbean Sea. The weather system will be well to the west of the Virgin Islands as it becomes better organized by the weekend.

Sunrise: 6:25 a.m.

Sunset: 5:43 p.m.

Observations at the 3D Mandahl Weather Station

Wednesday's high temperature: 82 degrees at 12:49 p.m.

Wednesday's low temperature: 73 degrees at 3:59 p.m.

Peak wind gust: 16 miles per hour at 8:20 a.m.

24-hour rainfall: 1.49 inches

Month rain: 8.81 inches

Year rain: 44.03 inches