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POTENTIAL FOR DEBRIS AND FLOODING

A very large storm system will affect the eastern two-thirds of the country today and tomorrow. This system will bring a threat of severe storms today and tonight from the Ohio Valley into the Southeast, with heavy rain and strong winds possible over the weekend in the Northeast. The heavy rain will be falling on top of snow cover or in areas with recently melted snow cover, which will lead to a significant threat of flooding. Strong winds can also be expected along the Mid-Atlantic and Southern New England Coasts. With increasing astronomical tides, the threat of coastal flooding and beach erosion can be expected. The National Weather Service has issued a **Small Craft Advisory** which will be in effect through the afternoon of Saturday March 13th; **A Gale Warning** in effect from 7 PM EST this evening through late tonight. Low visibility (≤ 1 NM) is expected throughout the Chesapeake Bay area as well.

Some of the concerns associated with high water or flood conditions include; swift currents, heavy debris flow, and degradation of the aids to navigation system. These conditions may result in vessel casualties, pollution incident, and vessel breakaways. Mariners are urged to use caution when navigating and be prepared for potential difficulty in maneuvering. It is also recommended that mariners and members of the maritime industry check Broadcast Notice to Mariners frequently for updates and information on conditions.

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