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Tropical Depression Ernesto left the Florida mainland Wednesday, and like a pent up post

pubescent teenager, quickly regained its stamina over the warm Atlantic waters. Ernesto was officially declared Tropical Storm Ernesto around 11 o'clock that night.

About the same time, the beaches east of Jacksonville experienced the first band of Ernesto, rapidly moving cumulus clouds accompanied by thunderous booms and bright flashes, winds around 25 mph and brief but torrential downpours. The bands continued racing onshore intermittently throughout the night and by morning it was over. Or was it?

The eye of Tropical Storm Ernesto had actually passed well offshore of North Florida, continuously gathering strength and churning up the waters as it made its way to landfall in the Carolinas.

Weather wise, the storm was no big deal in the North Florida beaches area, and most people slept through it with little incident. But there were those who retired that evening with tense anticipation of what was to come the next day. As Ernesto passed offshore and north east winds turned to south west winds, a phenomenon typical of cyclonic storms occurred in the area.

As the waves generated by a passing storm pound the shore with the fierce power of a nor'easter, they can at times be huge, but are generally sloppy, poorly formed mush. These waves, backed by the winds from the east, can last as long as the storm is out there churning up the waters.

If the storm is paralleling the coast, and is close enough that it is effecting our wind direction, once it passes and is to the north, the winds will shift, coming out of the west.

Those big ole waves that were once pounding our beach are now standing up proud, spitting back foam from their tips with the blustering wind hollowing out the face, preventing the wave to break until it can no longer hold back, finally curling down in a thunderous crash of white foamy water peeling the wave left and right.

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The chop is gone, and the surrounding water is as smooth as a baby's butt. The water can look as calm as a lake, only to be up heaved by sets of incoming swells standing at attention until finally bursting at the seams at the last possible moment.

>From a surfer's standpoint, this is as good as it gets in North East Florida, but you better be there on time, because it only lasts a few tide cycles.

And that's the downside. This west wind is so good at cleaning up the surf, that over time it totally knocks the waves down, and they keep getting as long as the west wind lasts. In an absence of anything creating waves in the Atlantic, the surf can diminish to less than 6 inches. Not an uncommon occurrence in Jax Beach or the entire east coast for that matter.

Due to the geography of the coastline in north Florida, we seldom get a direct hit from hurricanes or tropical storms. This is not to say that we won't, and if we do, it will no doubt be disastrous. We do however get a lot of storms passing by, and some very close calls. Floyd is one that comes into mind

that skirted our coast on its way to wreak devastation further north. The surfing community here has come to know what to look for, and with an excellent bottom that is in place at the Jacksonville Beach Pier, they also know where to go.

Tropical Storm Ernesto was small by any comparison and did not spend a lot of time off our shore generating waves. But every surfer knows that when the right circumstances converge, and all the conditions are met, there is a real potential for some very fun, if not huge surfing opportunities. In this case, this little tropical storm called Ernesto delivered!

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<http://JaxBeach-Pier.com>

### **A Strong Anchor**

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Stories have been told about the only thing that saved the lives of the people aboard a ship in a storm was a strong anchor. But, there are also stories of those who perished when their anchor did not hold.

Luke and the Apostle Paul were aboard a ship that was tossed by a raging storm. Luke writes in Acts 27:29, about the actions of the crew, "Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight."

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It is written, "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knows them who trust Him."  
(Nahum 1:7)

What, or who, are you depending on to hold you in your storm? Is it God? Or, is it a particular person?  
How about money?

If you are a Christian, God is your anchor and salvation can be found in no other. Jesus said, "I do not pray that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from evil." (John 17:15) This is a promise that God will be our anchor in the storm and that He will keep us in His care.

Ray Boltz is one of my favorite artists, and "The Anchor Holds," is one of my favorite songs by him. It is a great message for those who are in the midst of a storm in their life. If you have never heard this song I encourage you to find a copy and take a listen.

In times of fair weather we have comfort of knowing our anchor is there. But, in the storm, our faith is tested and we must continue to know that our anchor is still there. Sometimes, to remember the strength of our anchor, we need to feel the strength of the storm.

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