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We're talking about a humanitarian disaster if these people lose all this water supply.*

Marine Corps Joint Task Force, part of the team repairing the Guajataca Dam in Puerto Rico

Marines, sailors try to avoid crisis by shoring up Puerto Rico dam

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Local's impression with some experience but still concerned about uncertain future

By Courtney Mahony

**Norfolk, VA**

The CH-53 Super Stallion was sent around the world to shore up the battered Puerto Rico dam in northwestern Puerto Rico. It has suffered significant damage following Hurricane Maria's heavy rains and now threatens everyone below.

Minutes before noon Friday, Marine Capt. Jaxx Rolfe landed his beloved Super Stallion from the spillway to the dam, where he took photographs. With a small team ofordnance technicians, the spot was checked for any questionable materials or debris. The grad crew was dropped in their place of origin.

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**TIDE**

Sea levels have amplified storms' effects

**Norfolk, VA**

By Dave Mayo/The Virginian-Pilot

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ACK ON Aug. 29, the rain came in buckets and an east-northeast wind rattled windows for hours. In the high tide that afternoon did what an inch of rain could not.

In the midst of that unrelenting storm, the high water at Sewells Point in Norfolk measured a peak water level deep into the minor floodshelf stage. Lots of low-lying streets in Hampton Roads were closed.

It was easy to explain.

A few days later, after weeks of unseasonably warm weather, the water levels dropped. People ventured onto their porches and into their cars to check the damage. There were a few that in Sept. 20-20 years, not like on Aug. 29, and barely a quarter of an inch fell over these three days at Norfolk International Airport, compared with weather stations that one blustery day in August. At times during

**FATAL DUE CASE WILL GO TO A GRAND JURY**

A 36-year-old man who was killed was identified in the crash on North River Road in Pungo.

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**Rats!**

As the weather cools down, don't let critters start finding ways into your home.

**HOME/LIVING**

You can join the Hampton Roads-wide citizen science project that will measure this year's astronomical high tide on Nov. 5. All you need is to register and download a smartphone app. Details: www.pilotonline.com/knight