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Maya: Good morning, Miami. It is Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six, and this is Tides and Fishing, your daily briefing for Biscayne Bay and the waters off Miami.

I am Maya.

Devon: And I am Devon. We start with the water itself, and it is running high. The Noah predictions for Virginia Key show above-normal high tides again today, the second of three straight days.

Maya: Both high tides today are flagged above normal. Your first high tide comes at four forty-seven A M, at two point five two feet, right around sunrise.

Devon: Then the tide drops fast. Low tide at eleven oh nine A M, just zero point five eight feet, a skinny midday low.

Maya: The big one is the second high tide, five thirty-one P M, at two point five eight feet, also flagged above normal. Expect extra water pushing into the bay all afternoon.

Devon: And the second low tide lands at eleven forty-one P M, zero point seven four feet. If you fish the flats, build your afternoon around that rising evening tide.

Devon: Tomorrow, Tuesday, the pattern repeats and the water keeps building. High tides at five fifty-four A M, two point six one feet, and six twenty-eight P M, two point six six feet, both above normal again, with a midday low at twelve twelve P M of zero point five six feet.

Maya: Three days in a row of above-normal highs, and each day taller than the last. Bank anglers, watch your footing along the seawalls on those evening tides.

Devon: Now the fishing, and it is the mullet run, front and center. Captain Alan Sherman's South Florida forecast says the fall migration is going off, and this morning's guide reports back that up.

Maya: Huge schools of mullet are sliding down the coast and pouring into the ocean inlets, and everything is eating them. Tarpon, snook, big jack crevalles, barracudas, and sharks are feasting on those mullet schools, and the best of it is on the outgoing tides.

Devon: In North Biscayne Bay, the baitfish schools are the whole game. Ladyfish, blue runners, bluefish, and Spanish mackerel are crashing through mullet and pilchards in open water, and silver spoons and flashy artificials are the ticket.

Maya: Up near the shorelines and mangroves, big jack crevalles, snook, tarpon, and barracudas are trashing the mullet schools. Over the grass flats, big sea trout are feeding under the mullet schools early. Get out at dawn, before the sun gets high.

Devon: South Bay is a split story. Stormy weather has muddied the water and made bonefishing difficult there, but guides in Islamorada report great bonefishing.

are feeding around the lights and the bridge shadow lines, best on the outgoing tide, on shrimp imitations and small paddle tails.

Maya: Offshore, the daytime bottom bite has been very good. Mutton and yellowtail snappers, porgies, grunts, and toros over the shallow wrecks and rock piles in eighty to one hundred twenty feet of water. Ballyhoo and Spanish sardines have been the top baits.

Devon: And off the Miami wrecks, cobia, blackfin tuna, and big amberjack are being reported. The nighttime reef bite is good for yellowtail snapper, schooled up on the deeper reefs.

Maya: Guides are already saying the sailfish will be rolling in soon, so offshore trolling season is knocking on the door. Keep the live mullet ready, because right now the mullet run is everything.

Devon: Marine weather for Biscayne Bay. No advisories in effect this morning. The National Weather Service shows a clean board for the bay.

Maya: Today, southeast winds five to ten knots, light chop on the bay. Tonight the wind eases to around five knots and the bay goes smooth.

Devon: Tuesday, south winds around five knots, smooth waters, with a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

Maya: For small boats, this is a go. Light chop, gentle winds, no warnings. The only real hazard is the afternoon thunderstorm cycle, so head for the ramp when the sky darkens.

Devon: Offshore out to twenty nautical miles, seas are under two feet, so the wrecks and the reef line are comfortably in range.

Maya: And the night sky, for the night anglers. The moon is a waning crescent, only about thirty percent lit. It rises at two twelve A M and sets at three fifty-eight P M, so the evening sky over the bay is dark.

Devon: That dark sky is your friend. Less moonlight means the dock lights pull baitfish harder, and snook and tarpon hunt right up in the light, so bring a headlamp with a red light.

Maya: Overhead, Saturn is glowing in the east at about thirty-nine degrees up after dark, sitting near the Great Square of Pegasus. A beautiful sight between drifts.

Devon: And a bonus tonight. The International Space Station makes a bright pass at seven twenty-eight P M, low in the southwest. If you are rigging up at dusk, look up and wave.

Maya: That is your Monday. Above-normal tides building, the mullet run going off, smooth water, and a dark sky over the bay tonight.

Devon: Tight lines, Miami. We will be back tomorrow morning with fresh water, fresh weather, and fresh reports.