

The SHORE LINE

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IT'S THE SEASON FOR HURRICANES!

A hurricane is probably the most dangerous and destructive storm situation on earth. Many people will tell you they have been through a hurricane, but the chances are they really haven't ... most likely they have been on the fringes of a hurricane... because very few people have ever survived a hurricane.

Hurricane winds are in excess of 74 miles an hour and have been recorded as high as 190 miles an hour. At 74 miles an hour anything loose, such as flower pots, garbage cans, pieces of lumber, wheel barrows will start to fly. The shingles on your house will start to loosen and shortly tear off. As the storm progresses a surge will develop on the ocean and Bogue Sound, which can reach a height of 10 to 15 feet. The weight and velocity of this water will simply dissolve the dune in front of your house, can left a house off its slab or foundation and can batter a house into a pile of rubble.

This sounds awesome, and it is; but it is also the facts of life with respect to a hurricane as it was discussed at a recent reorganization meeting of the Pine Knoll Shores Civil Preparedness Organization. With the resignation of Bob MacAnaw as director, Allen Mitchell was appointed by the Commissioners to fill the post. Others in the organization include George Eastland, Deputy Director and Operations Officer; Bill Macdonald, Damage Control Officer and Scott Cuthill and Mel Wylie, Traffic Controllers.

The Town of Pine Knoll Shores, for the purposes of civil preparedness has been divided into five areas. The coordinators of these areas are George Kloek, area one; Ray Hare, area two; Eric Hassel, area three; Milton Yaeck, area four; and Ed Sigall, area five.

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