RIP CURRENTS
Break the Grip of the Rip!

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT
◆ Don’t fight the current
◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
◆ If you can’t escape, float or tread water
◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY
◆ Know how to swim
◆ Never swim alone
◆ If in doubt, don’t go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usafa.org

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