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A Squall Blows Over



Sunday 7:43pm EST 28:00 Swim time

Angie Sollinger with the Media Ops team reported that just after 8pm EDT "all hell broke loose here." Out of nowhere, a squall "blew up very quick" and hit the flotilla with winds at one point reaching 14 knots, pushing Diana east. Stationed in Key West, Vanessa Linsley was closely monitoring the radar and giving Ops Chief Mark Sollinger regular updates. Vanessa believes that most likely they were waiting out the storm as it was building to the east and were trying to move west around it to avoid any potential lightning.

At this time, 1:00am EDT, we believe that the worst of the storm has moved past them and it is starting to settle down, though they are still experiencing moderate rainfall. Diana is in good spirits and is feeling strong. There have been no jellyfish sightings. The GPS tracker shows they have resumed their heading north towards Key West at a good pace. Stay tuned for more updates as they come in.

--Alex de Cordoba in Los Angeles

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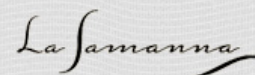
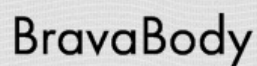
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