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- Southerly winds ahead of the cold front did not switch to westerly/onshore until near 12Z when the tide was receding
- Peak observed water levels were generally between 2 and 4 feet MHHW, with 3 new top-5 highest water levels established, along with 3 new top-10 highest levels



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