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Coast Guard, others rescue 28 at Holland Beach

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HOLLAND TOWNSHIP, Mich. -- The U.S. Coast Guard says the head of its Holland station joined other rescuers in helping at least 28 people escape dangerous wind-driven currents in Lake Michigan off the Holland Beach pier.

The Coast Guard says there was a big crowd Wednesday afternoon at the state beach. It's in Ottawa County's Holland Township west of Holland.

The guard says winds were gusting to 25 knots from the northwest and waves were four to six feet, with eight-to 10-knot rip currents.

Chief Petty Officer Mark Rose found a number of people yelling for help and used a life ring to rescue 13. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, county marine patrol and civilians rescued at least 15 others.

No serious injuries were reported.

Rose is from Harker's Island, N.C.

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