Naples Pier reopens after closure due to high waves Jan 24, 2016



Winds of nearly 50 mph forced the closure of the Naples Pier on Saturday.

The waves were so high that they actually reached the railings of the pier, and officials decided it was time to close the landmark down.

The pier was reopened once the wind and waves calmed down.

The entrance to the pier remained open Saturday, and a look at an EarthCam webcam showed dozens hanging out to see the wave action.

"It's horrible, you can hardly stand out there. The waves are just violent," said Barb Kase.

"This is crazy. Usually the Gulf of Mexico is pretty flat, but this is the strongest, highest waves I've seen, strongest winds outside of a tropical system," said Dan Gregoria, visiting from Miami..