



Moon Jelly
Aurelia aurita



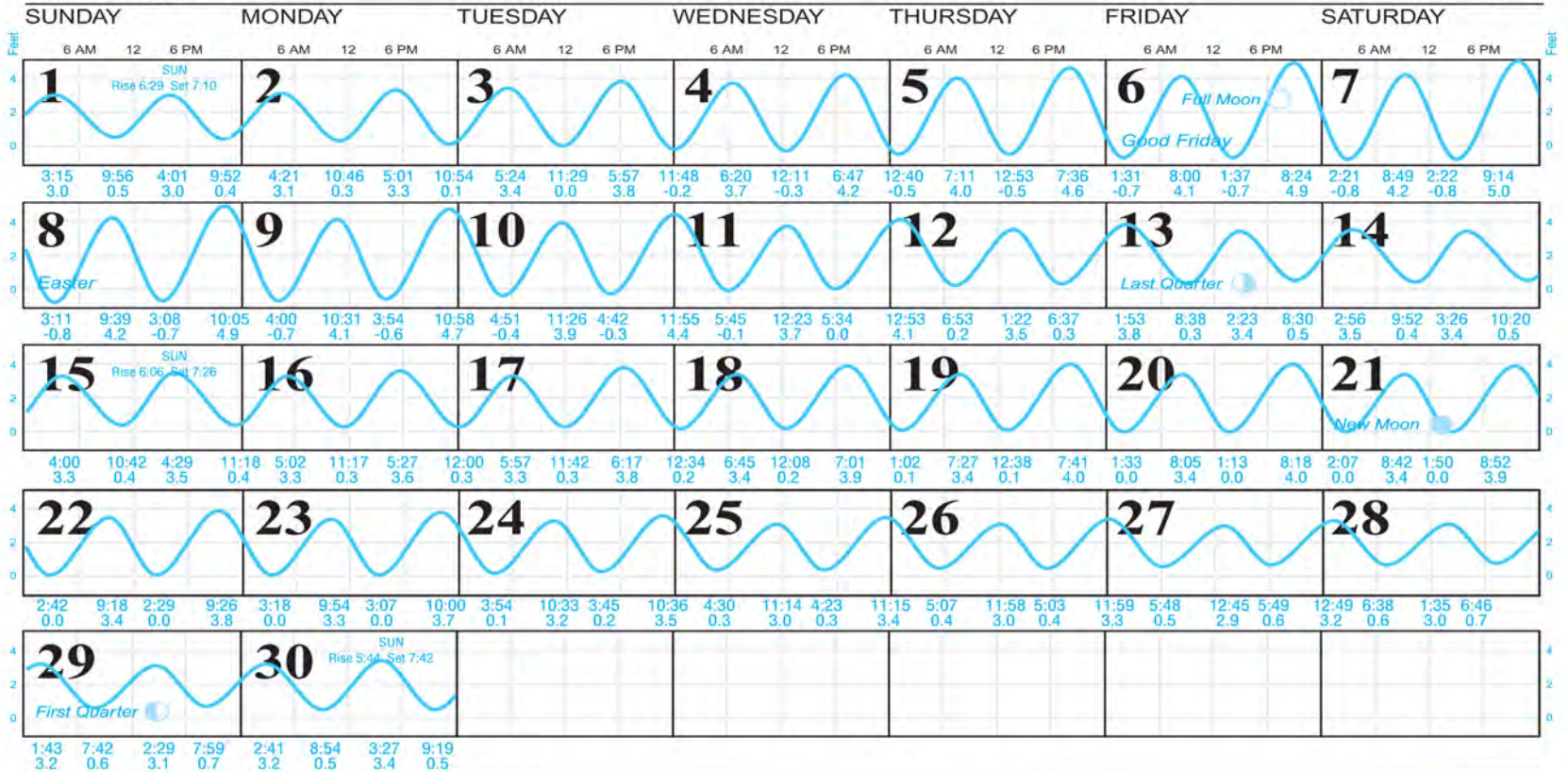
Sea Gooseberry
Pleurobrachia pileus

Made up almost entirely of water, jellyfish are simple-bodied creatures lacking a heart, brain and bones. Several species of jellyfish occur in the Bay waters during the spring and summer months, their slow movement dictated primarily by wind, currents, and tides. Large groups of jellyfish can often be an indicator of poor water quality, as studies have found many species are tolerant of polluted waters with low oxygen levels. Jellyfish are of vital importance in the food web, consuming vast quantities of plankton while serving as a food source for sea turtles and fish.

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