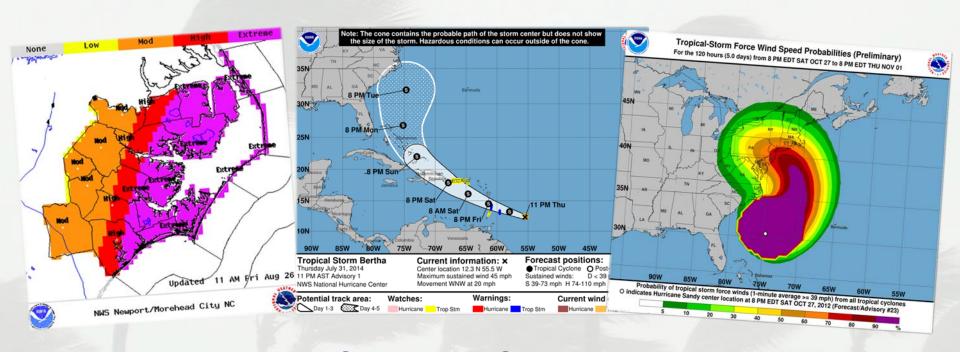
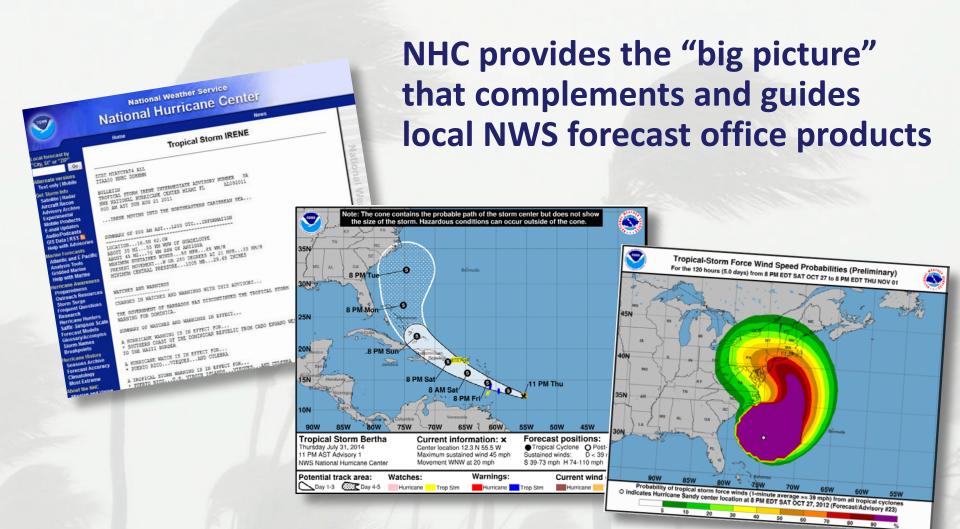
#### **NHC Forecasts**

#### There is a Storm. What's the Info?



# National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone Products

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> 5 Days

**3-5 Days** 

**2-3 Days** 

1-2 Days

Outlook

5 Day Forecast
Public Advisory
Wind Speed %
Forecast Discussion

**TS/Hurricane Watches** 

TS/Hurricane Warnings
TS/Hurricane Local Statements
Operational Storm Surge Products

Few products

Large uncertainty

More products
Forecast hazards

Detailed products Warnings

# National Hurricane Center Frequently Asked Questions

- What's going on in the Tropics?
- Anything to worry about?
- How many days out is the storm?
- How strong?
- What do the forecasters <u>really</u> think?

### National Hurricane Center Text Products

- > Tropical Weather Outlook
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- > Forecast Advisory
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- > Tropical Cyclone Reports
- > Monthly Tropical Weather Summary

### National Hurricane Center Graphical Products

- > Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook
- > Track Forecast Cone
- > Surface Wind Field
- > Wind Speed Probabilities
- > Cumulative Wind History
- > Storm Surge Probabilities
- > Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map
- > Storm Surge Warning Graphic

### Situational Awareness

What's going on in the tropics?

Tropical Weather Outlook

#### Scheduled Updates

- 2 am Tropical Outlook
- 8 am Tropical Outlook
- 2 pm Tropical Outlook
- 8 pm Tropical Outlook

#### Assessment of tropical activity



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
800 PM EDT MON OCT 20 2014

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Headed where?

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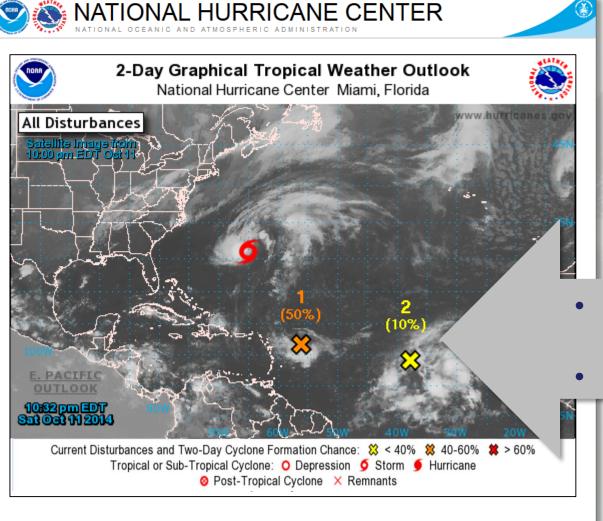
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Sending a plane?

# Situational Awareness Do we need to be concerned?

 Graphical Tropical Outlook (Tropical Outlook Probabilities)

#### 2-Day Formation Potential



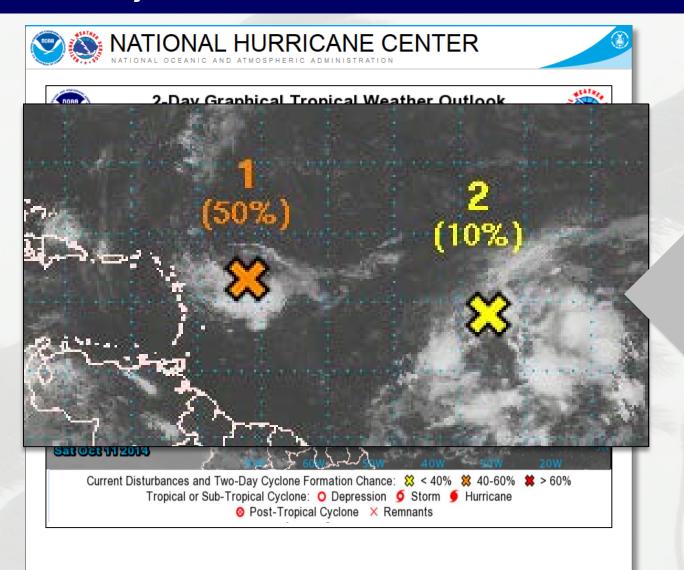
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(discussed in the Tropical Weather Outlook)

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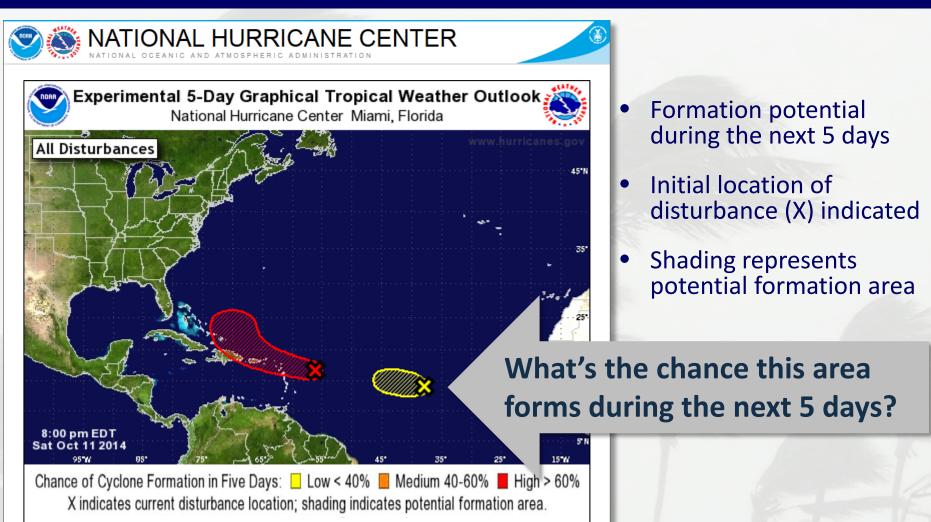
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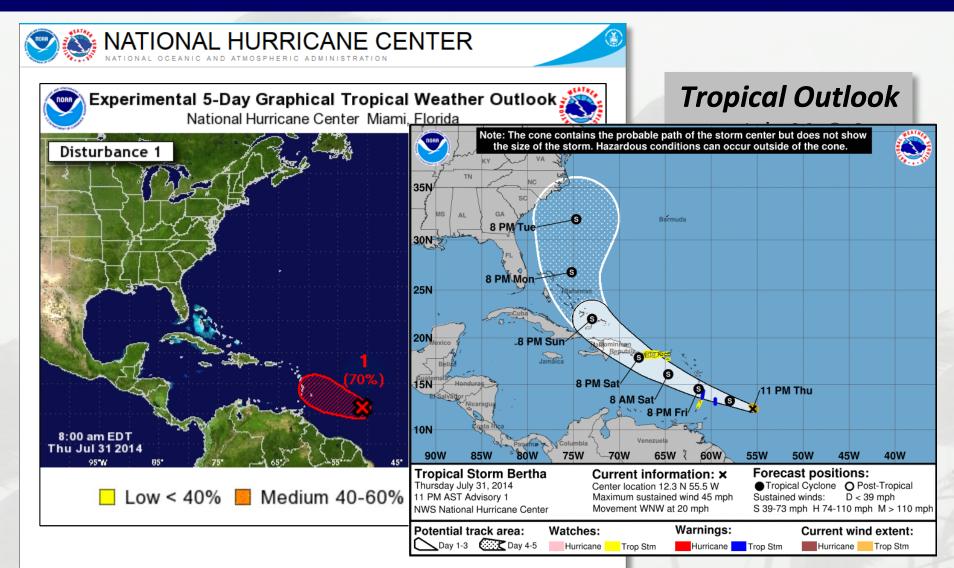


Should we be concerned?

# Tropical Outlook 5-Day Formation Potential



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# Special Tropical Outlook Significant or unexpected changes



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What did the aircraft find?

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Watches possible?

### There is a Storm.

#### Potential, Post-, Tropical Cyclones

#### **Tropical Cyclones**

- Tropical Depressions
- Tropical Storms
- Hurricanes

#### **Post-Tropical Cyclones**

 Remains a threat to land (e.g., Sandy & Hermine)



#### **Potential Tropical Cyclones**

- Systems not yet a tropical cyclone
- Threat of TS-force winds to land within 48 hours. (New for 2017)

Potential Tropical Cyclone Advisory example from Pre-Hermine (2016)

## There is a storm. What's the info?







...ISAAC DRENCHING SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA...DANGEROUS STORM SURGE AND FLOOD THREAT FROM HEAVY RAINS LIKELY TO CONTINUE THROUGH TONIGHT.....U.S. Warnings in Effect...

#### 10:00 AM CDT Wed Aug 29

Location: 29.6°N 90.7°W Moving: NW at 6 mph Min pressure: 972 mb Max sustained: 75 mph

**Public** Advisorv #10

1000 AM CDT

**NWS Local** Statements

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1000 AM EDT

US Watch/ Warning 1000 AM FDT **Forecast** Advisory #10 1500 UTC

Forecast Discussion #10 1000 AM CDT Wind Speed **Probabilities** #10 1500 UTC



Hurricane Wind Speed Probability



Warnings/Cone Interactive Map



Inundation



50-knot Wind Speed Probability



Warnings/Cone Static Images



**Potential** 



**Trop Storm Wind** Speed Probability



Warnings and Surface Wind



Wind History



Mariner's 1-2-3 Rule

## There is a storm.

How strong?
What are the hazards?
Any warnings?

Public Advisory

#### Location. Strength. Hazards. Warnings.



HURRICANE ISAAC ADVISORY NUMBER 34

NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092012

1000 AM CDT WED AUG 29 2012

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SUMMARY OF 1000 AM CDT...1500 UTC...INFORMATION

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- Plain-language text
- Originally intended as "rip and read"

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY...

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#### **Watches or Warnings?**

#### Location. Strength. Hazards. Warnings.



#### DISCUSSION AND 48-HOUR OUTLOOK

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HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

STORM SURGE...THE COMBINATION OF A STORM SURGE AND THE TIDE WILL CAUSE NORMALLY DRY AREAS NEAR THE COAST TO BE FLOODED BY RISING WATERS. THE WATER COULD REACH THE FOLLOWING DEPTHS ABOVE GROUND IF THE PEAK SURGE OCCURS AT THE TIME OF HIGH TIDE...

- \* MISSISSIPPI AND SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA...6 TO 12 FT
- \* ALABAMA...3 TO 6 FT
- \* SOUTH-CENTRAL LOUISIANA...3 TO 6 FT
- \* FLORIDA PANHANDLE AND APALACHEE BAY...2 TO 4 FT

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WIND...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE ACROSS THE WARNING AREA TODAY...AND HURRICANE CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO AFFECT PORTIONS OF SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI IN THE HURRICANE

How much storm surge is forecast?

Location. Strength. Hazards. Warnings.



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WINDS AFFECTING THE UPPER FLOORS OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRONGER THAN THOSE NEAR GROUND LEVEL. AT ABOUT THE 30TH STORY...WINDS WOULD LIKELY BE ONE SAFFIR-SIMPSON CATEGORY STRONGER THAN AT THE SURFACE.

RAINFALL...ISAAC IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE TOTAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 7 TO 14 INCHES...WITH POSSIBLE ISOLATED MAXIMUM AMOUNTS OF 20 INCHES...OVER MUCH OF LOUISIANA...SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI...AND SOUTHWEST ALABAMA THROUGH FRIDAY MORNING. THESE RAINS COULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT LOWLAND FLOODING. RAINS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE NORTHWARD INTO ARKANSAS ON THURSDAY...WITH AMOUNTS OF 3 TO 6 INCHES EXPECTED OVER SOUTHERN ARKANSAS BY FRIDAY MORNING.

TORNADOES...ISOLATED TORNADOES ARE POSSIBLE ALONG THE CENTRAL GULF COAST REGION AND PARTS OF THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER VALLEY THROUGH THURSDAY.

SURF...DANGEROUS SURF AND RIP CURRENT CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO

How much rain is forecast?

# Public Advisory Intermediate Advisories



HURRICANE ISAAC INTERMEDIATE ADVISORY NUMBER 34A
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092012
100 PM CDT WED AUG 29 2012

...ISAAC SOAKING SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA AND SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI WITH HEAVY RAIN...DANGEROUS COASTAL STORM SURGE AND INLAND FLOOD THREAT EXPECTED THROUGH TONIGHT...

SUMMARY OF 100 PM CDT...1800 UTC...INFORMATION

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LOCATION...29.7N 90.8W

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ABOUT 45 MI...75 KM WSW OF NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

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PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 310 DEGREES AT 6 MPH...9 KM/H

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...973 MB...28.73 INCHES

# Similar content but issued 3 hours after full advisory package

✓ Watch or Warning is in effect

#### WATCHES AND WARNINGS

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## There is a storm.

How big is it?
Where is it going?
I can't wait!

Forecast Advisory

#### Position. Size. Radii. Intensity.



HURRICANE ISAAC FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092012 1500 UTC WED AUG 29 2012

Only source for all the forecast data

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Data is used in HURREVAC

**Watches and Warnings** 

and other commercial tracking software

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Forecast wind radii

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NHC estimates and forecast cyclone

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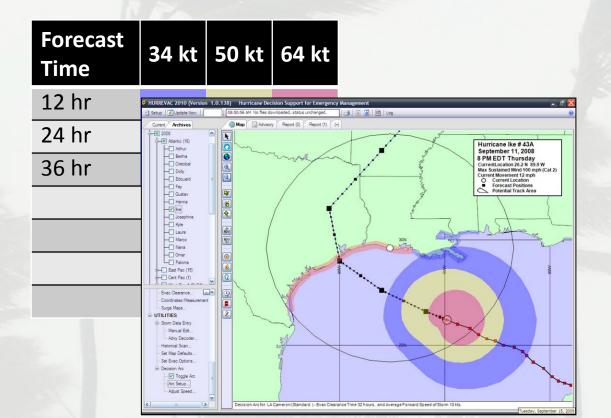
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Radii represent the largest distance from the center in particular quadrant

Leads to an inherent <sup>5 K</sup> over-estimate of radii, especially near land

Position. Size. Radii. Intensity.

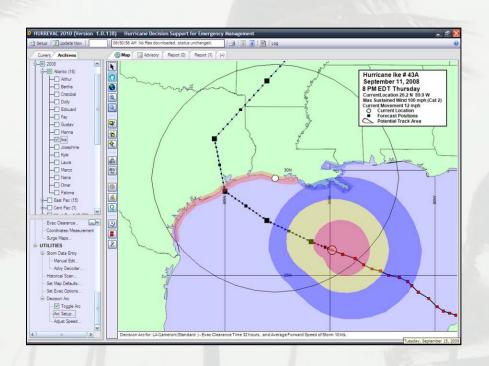
NHC estimates and forecast cyclone "size" via wind radii in four quadrants



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48 hr			N/A

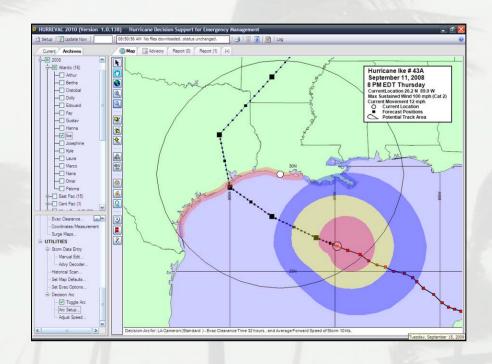


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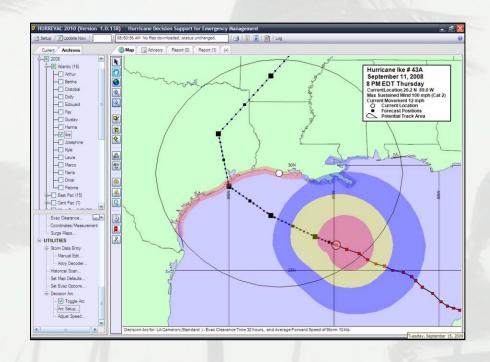


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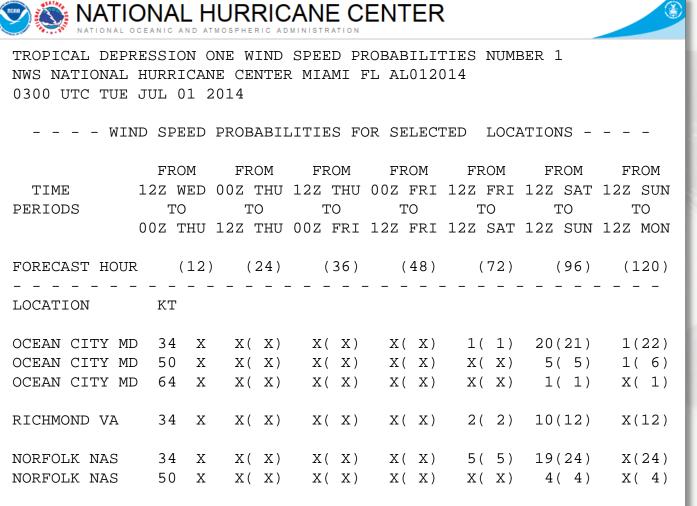
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120 hr	N/A	N/A	N/A



## There is a storm.

Chance for some effects? Will we get hurricane winds? Staging areas safe?

Wind Speed Probabilities



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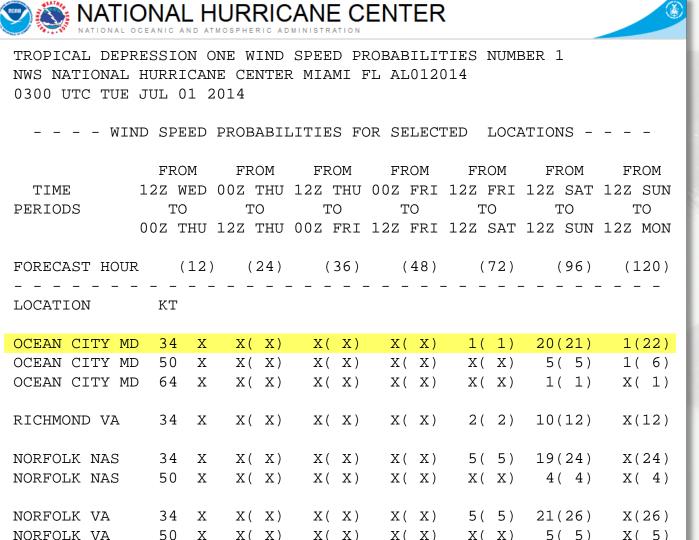
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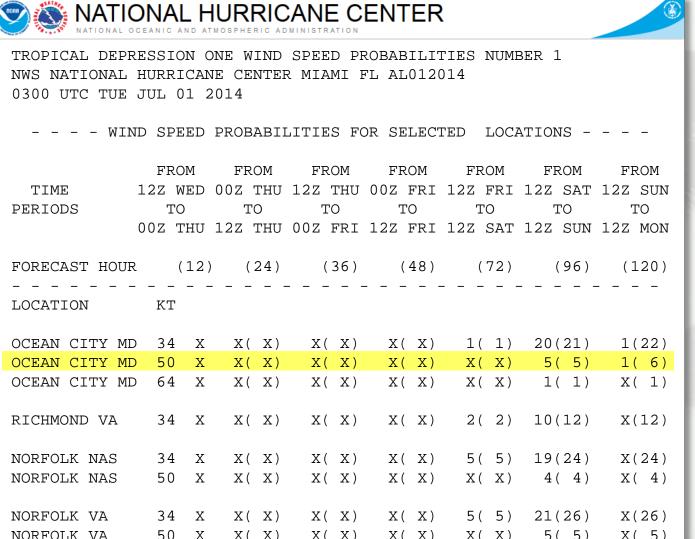
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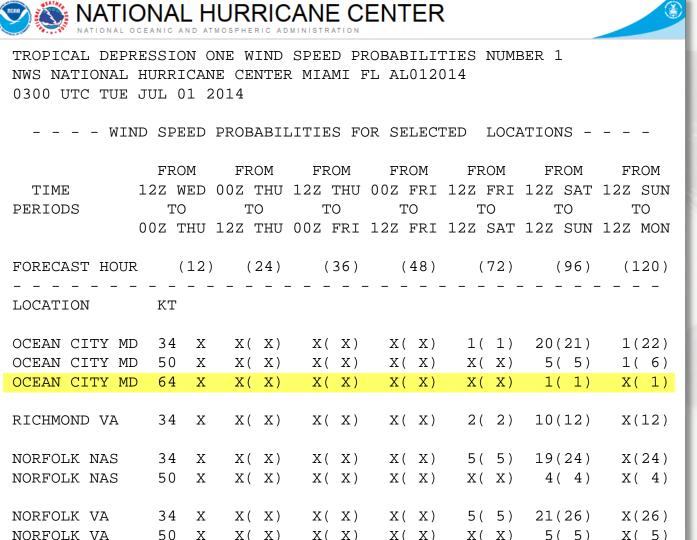
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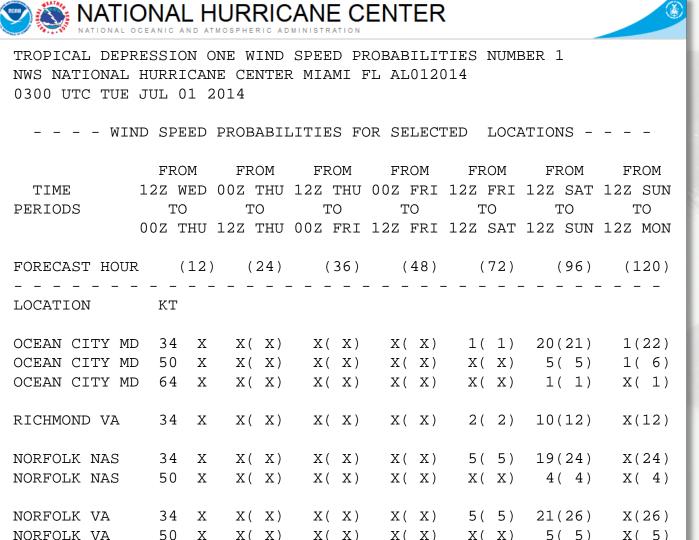
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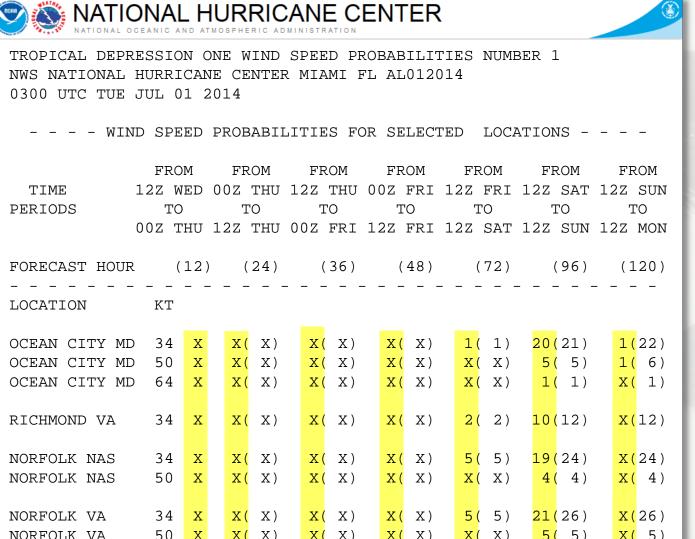


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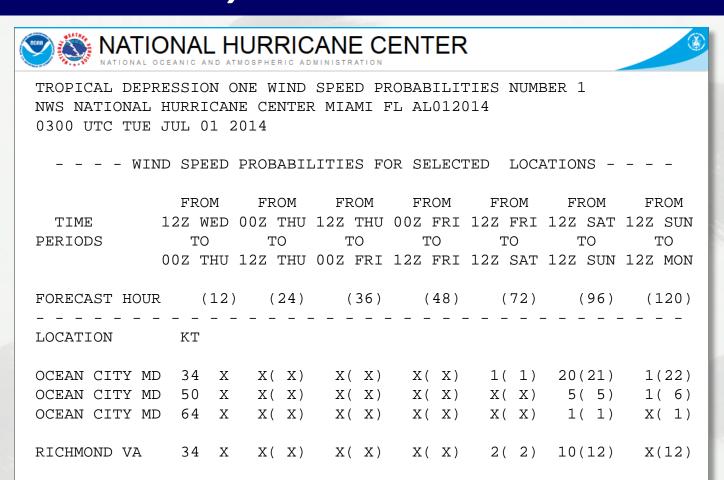


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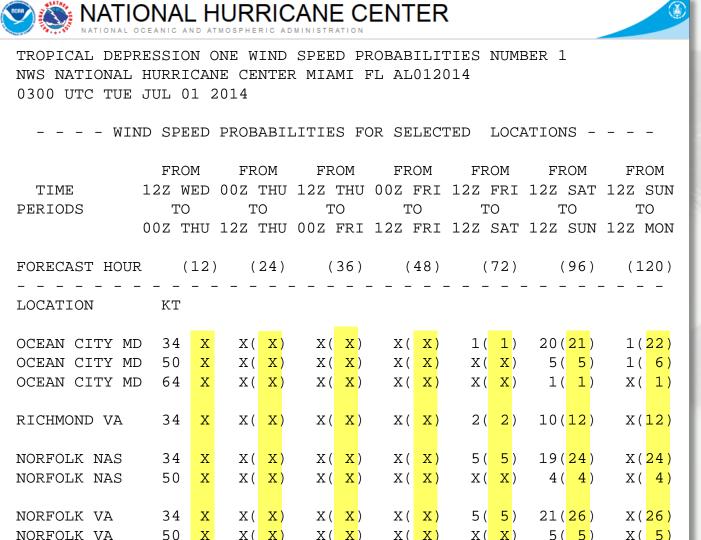
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# There is a storm.

How confident is the NHC? Contingencies? Are watches possible?

Forecast Discussion

## **Forecast Discussion**

### Confidence. Scenarios. Key Concerns.



HURRICANE JOAQUIN DISCUSSION NUMBER 15 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 1100 AM EDT THU OCT 01 2015

AL112015

An Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter aircraft reported 700-mb flight-level winds of 119 kt in the northwestern eyewall, with a 117 kt surface wind estimate from the Stepped Frequency Microwave Radiometer in the southwestern eyewall. The latest central pressure was 942 mb. Based on these data, the advisory intensity is increased to 110 kt. Satellite imagery indicates that an eye is trying to form in the central dense overcast, and that the cirrus outflow is good in all directions. Joaquin is expected to intensify a little more in the next 12 to 24 hours as it remains over very warm waters and in an environment of decreasing vertical shear. After that time, there could be some fluctuations in intensity due to eyewall replacement cycles. There is some uncertainty in the intensity forecast in the 48-96 hour period. The statistical models suggest that Joaquin should weaken due to increasing shear. However, several of the global models forecast the hurricane to move into an area of strong upper-level divergence and show a falling central pressure. The new forecast will continue to show weakening during this time, but it would not be a surprise if it is stronger than currently forecast. The initial motion is 220/5. Water vapor imagery shows a mid- to upper-level ridge north of the hurricane, with a developing deeplayer trough over the eastern and southeastern United States. The

- Forecast reasoning
- Relevant Observations
- Model Guidance
- Forecast Uncertainties

## **Forecast Discussion**

### Confidence. Scenarios. Key Concerns.



#### KEY MESSAGES:

- 1. Preparations to protect life and property in the central Bahamas should be complete. The slow motion of Joaquin over the next day or so will bring a prolonged period of hurricane force winds, storm surge, and very heavy rainfall to those islands.
- 2. Confidence in the details of the forecast after 72 hours is still low, since there have been some large changes in the model guidance overnight and a large spread in the model solutions remains, with potential impacts from the Carolinas through New England. It is also possible that Joaquin will remain far from the U.S. east coast. A hurricane watch for the U.S. coast would likely not occur until at least Friday morning.
- 3. Efforts to provide the forecast models with as much data as possible continue, with twice daily NOAA G-IV jet missions in the storm environment, and extra NWS balloon launches.
- 4. It's too early to talk about specific wind, rain, or surge impacts from Joaquin in the United States. Regardless of Joaquin's track, strong onshore winds will create minor to moderate coastal flooding along the coasts of the mid-Atlantic and northeastern states through the weekend.
- 5. Many portions of the eastern U.S. are currently experiencing

#### **Key Messages**

- Forecast Confidence
- Highlight Threats

# Forecast Discussion Confidence. Scenarios. Key Concerns.

#### NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

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- 5. Many portions of the eastern U.S. are currently experiencing heavy rains and gusty winds associated with a frontal system. These heavy rains are likely to continue for the next few days, even if the center of Joaquin stays offshore. The resulting inland flood potential could complicate preparations for Joaquin should it head toward the coast, and even more substantial inland flooding is possible if Joaquin later passes near or over these same areas.

#### FORECAST POSITIONS AND MAX WINDS

01/1500Z 23.0N 73.9W 110 KT 125 MPH INIT 02/0000Z 22.9N 74.2W 115 KT 130 MPH 12H 02/1200Z 23.7N 74.6W 120 KT 140 MPH 24H 03/0000Z 25.2N 36H 74.4W 120 KT 140 MPH 03/1200Z 27.5N 73.7W 110 KT 125 MPH 48H 04/1200Z 32.0N 73.0W 72H 95 KT 110 MPH 73.5W 05/1200Z 36.0N 75 KT 85 MPH 96H 72.5W 06/1200Z 40.0N 55 KT 120H 65 MPH

Table of track and intensity forecasts

## **Tropical Cyclone Update** Unexpected Changes. Location. Landfall.



HURRICANE ISAAC TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL 1100 AM CDT WED AUG 29 2012

AL092012

...ISAAC CONTINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY OVER SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA... HEAVY SQUALLS LASHING NEW ORELANS AND THE MISSISSIPPI COAST...

At 1100 am CDT...1600 UTC...The center of hurricane Isaac was Estimated near latitude 29.6 north...Longitude 90.7 west...Or ver • Cyclone landfall Near Houma Louisiana...And about 45 miles southwest of New Orlean Louisiana. Isaac is moving toward the northwest near 6 mph...9 Km/h and this general motion is expected to continue through tonight.

A gust to 67 mph was recently reported at Shell Beach, Louisiana. Tropical storm conditions continue along the Mississippi and Alabama coasts.

SUMMARY OF 1100 AM CDT...1600 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...29.6N 90.7W

ABOUT 1 MI...2 KM W OF HOUMA LOUISIANA

ABOUT 45 MI...75 KM SW OF NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...75 MPH...120 KM/H

PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 310 DEGREES AT 6 MPH...9 KM/H

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...972 MB...28.70 INCHES

- Unexpected changes occur in the cyclone
- Issuing international watches and warnings
- 1-hourly position estimates when a cyclone with an eye is nearing land

## There is a storm.

Where is the greatest concern? When will the hazards begin?

Watches and Warnings

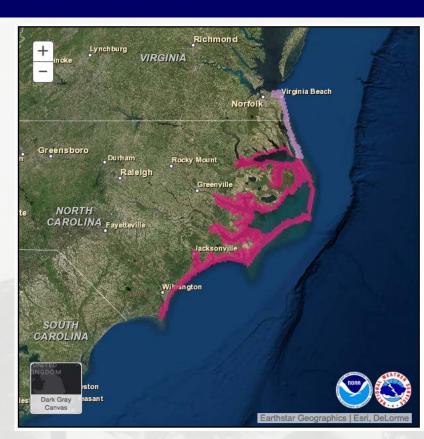
Where. When. What. Action.

#### **Storm Surge Watch**

 There is the <u>possibility</u> of lifethreatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within <u>48 hours</u>.

#### **Storm Surge Warning**

 There is a <u>danger</u> of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours.



# Where. When. What. Action.



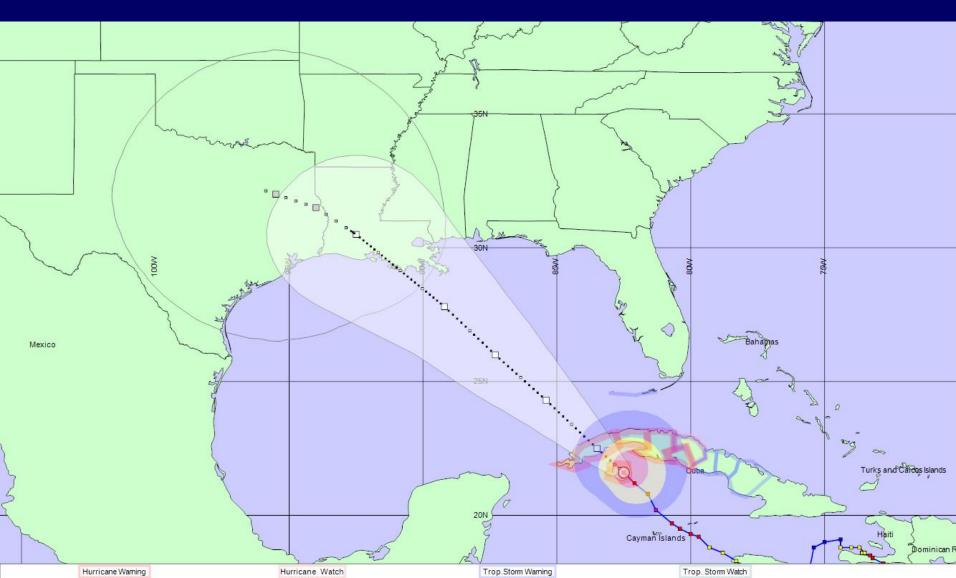
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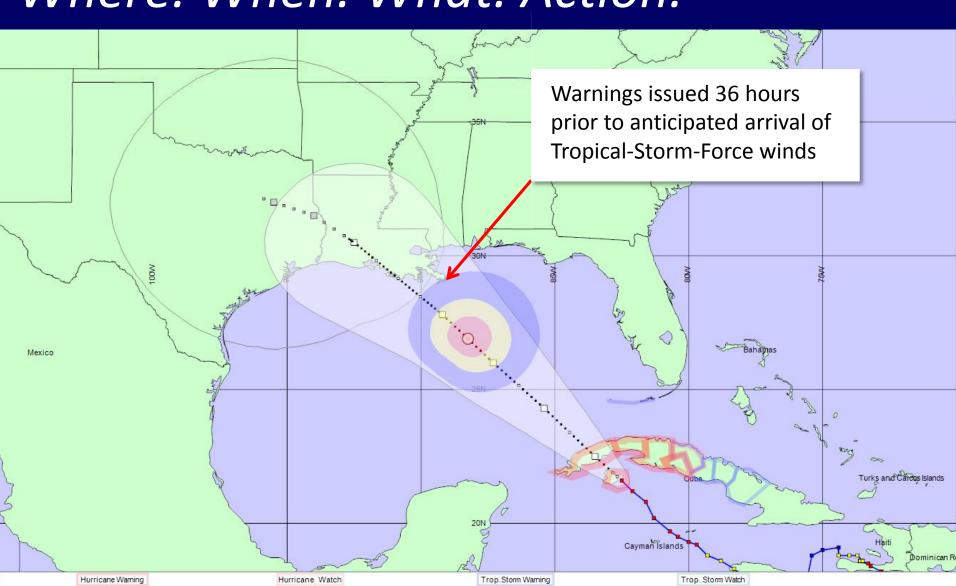
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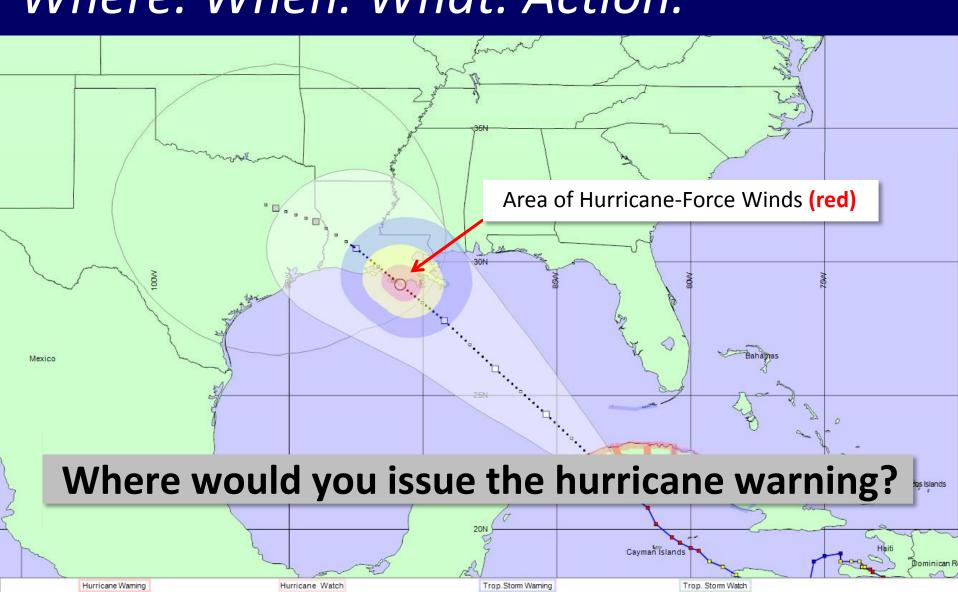
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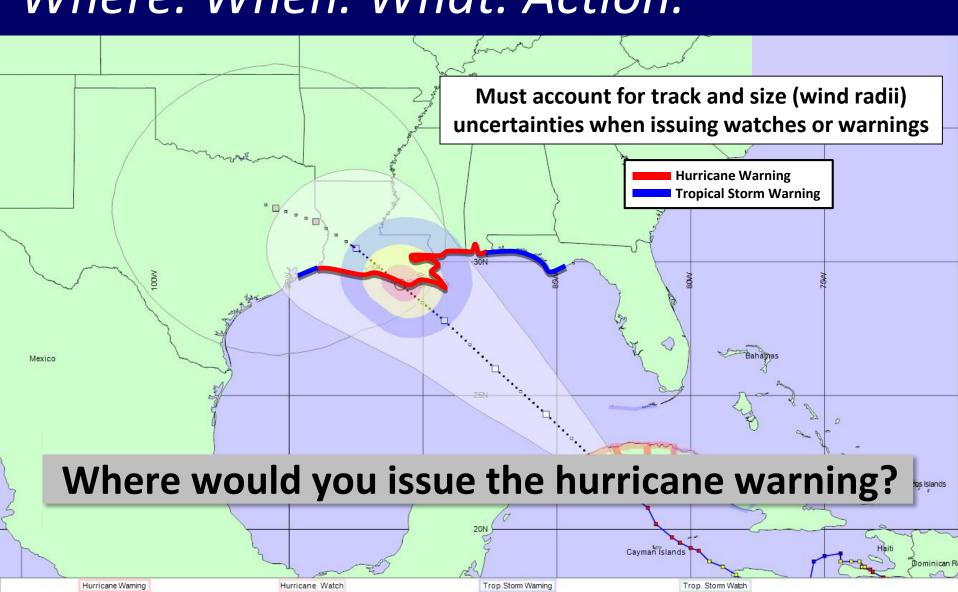
 Hurricane conditions are <u>expected</u> within the warning area, generally within <u>36</u> hours

**Note:** The lead time for Hurricane Watches and Warnings is tied to the anticipated **arrival time of tropical-storm-force winds** 









## There is a storm.

When is the next update? Can we get a briefing?

Timeline for advisories

## Timeline for Advisories

### Scheduled Updates

**No** Watches/Warnings In Effect

5 am – Advisory

- 11 am Advisory
- 5 pm Advisory

11 pm – Advisory

### Timeline for Advisories

### Scheduled Updates

Watches/Warnings In Effect

- 5 am Advisory
  - 8 am Intermediate Advisory
- 11 am Advisory
  - 2 pm Intermediate Advisory
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  - 8 pm Intermediate Advisory
- 11 pm Advisory
  - 2 am Intermediate Advisory

Time in EDT

### Timeline for Advisories

### Scheduled Updates

Watches/Warnings In Effect and Eye Tracked by Radar

- 5 am Advisory
  - 6 am Tropical Cyclone Update
  - 7 am Tropical Cyclone Update
  - 8 am Intermediate Advisory
  - 9 am Tropical Cyclone Update
  - 10 am Tropical Cyclone Update
- 11 am Advisory

# Timeline for Advisories Unscheduled Updates

### **Special Advisory**

- Issued whenever an unexpected significant change has occurred
- When watches or warnings are to be issued between regularly scheduled advisories.
  - (Watches or warnings may be discontinued on intermediate public advisories.)

## There is a storm.

Many words... little time. Any pictures to help explain?

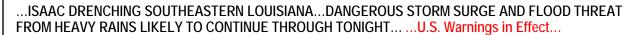
NHC Graphical Products

# **Graphical Products**

Location. Strength. Hazards. Warnings.



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Aviso

**Publico** 

#### 10:00 AM CDT Wed Aug 29

Location: 29.6°N 90.7°W Moving: NW at 6 mph Min pressure: 972 mb Max sustained: 75 mph

**Public** Advisory #10

1000 AM CDT

#10 1000 AM EDT

Forecast Advisory #10 1500 UTC

Forecast Discussion #10

Wind Speed **Probabilities** #10

1000 AM CDT 1500 UTC

**NWS Local** 

US Watch/ Warning

Statements





**Hurricane Wind** Speed Probability



Warnings/Cone Interactive Map



Inundation



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Warnings/Cone Static Images





Trop Storm Wind Speed Probability



Warnings and Surface Wind

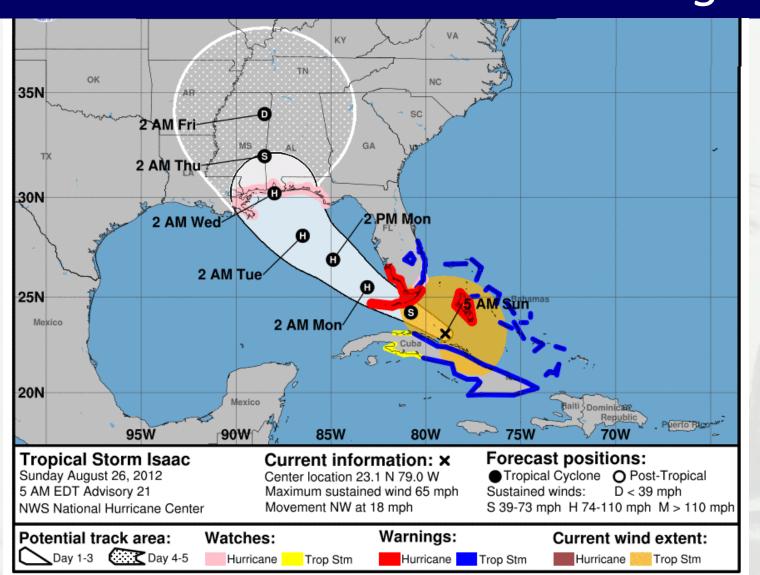


Wind History



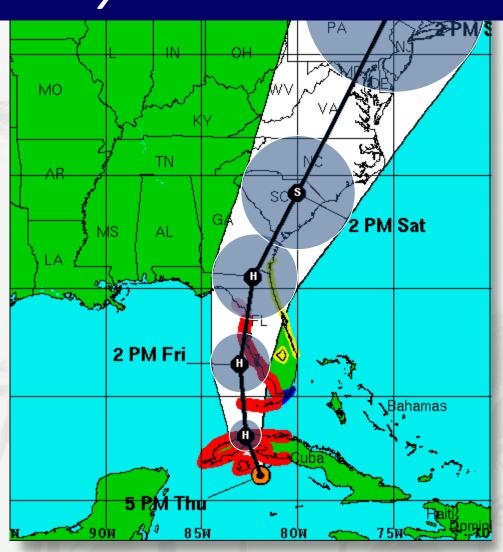
1-2-3 Rule

## 5 Day – Forecast Cone Probable Track. Watches. Warnings.



# NHC Forecast Cone The cure for the skinny black line?

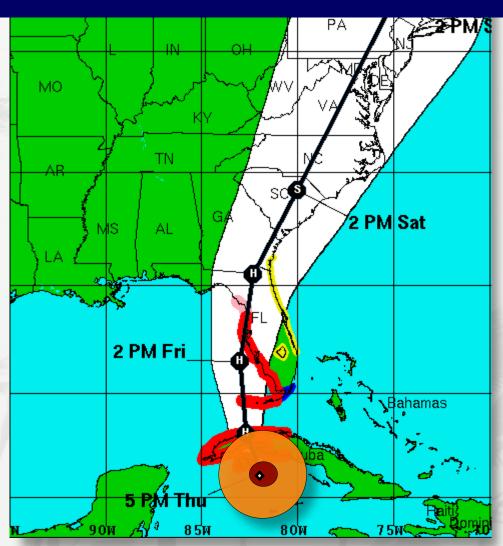
- Probable track of tropical cyclone center
- Formed by connecting circles centered on each forecast point
- Each circle uses NHC
   historical track errors
   Actual storm position will
   be within the circle 67% of
   the time.

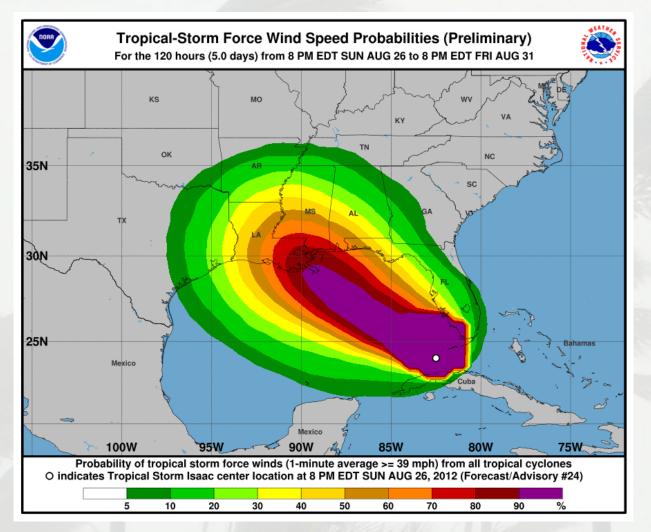


### **NHC Forecast Cone**

### No worries, not in the cone?

- Only displays information about track uncertainty No information about specific impacts
- Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone Center is expected to move outside the cone about 1/3 of the time.





## **Depicts location- specific probabilities**

- Tropical-storm-force
- 58 mph
- Hurricane-force

# Time of Arrival Graphic Timing of Onset of TS-force winds

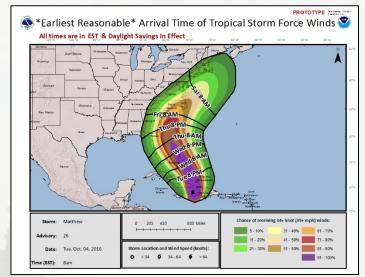
#### Earliest reasonable (10%) onset

Depicts the time window that one can safely assume will be free from TS-force winds

#### Most likely (50%) onset

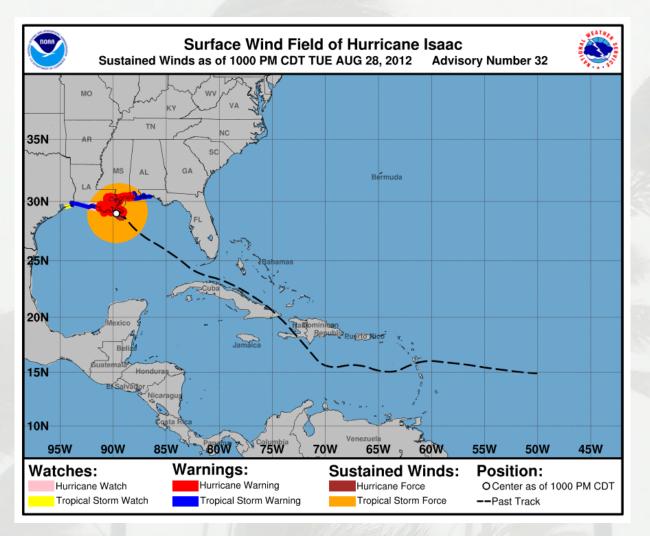
Depicts the time before or after which the onset is equally likely

Accounts for track, intensity, and size uncertainties.



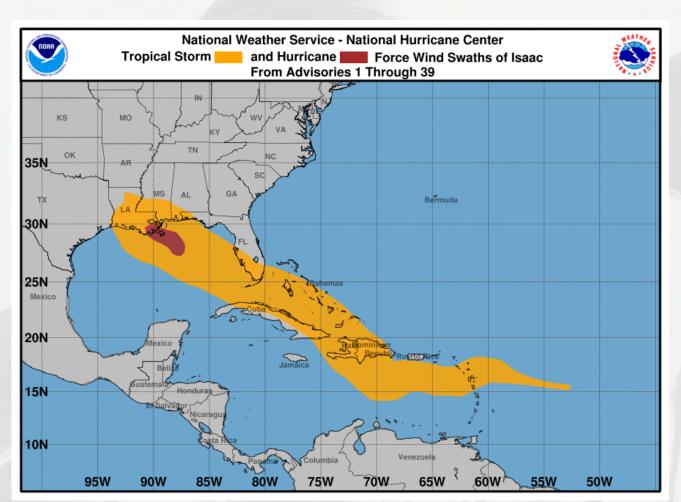


# Surface Wind Field Size. Watches. Warnings.



- Wind field
- Past track
- Current watches& warnings

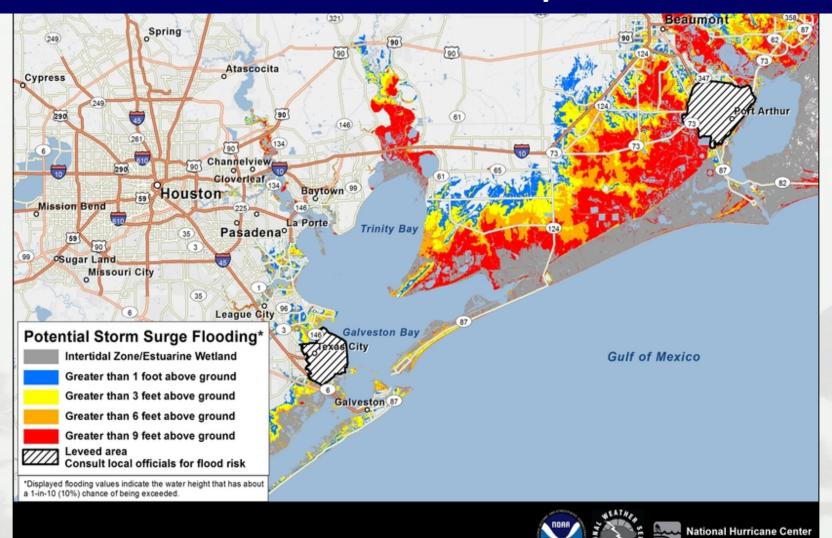
## Cumulative Wind History Areas Affected



Areas potentially affected by the Tropical Cyclone (through that advisory)

- Tropical Storm (in orange)
- Hurricane (in red)

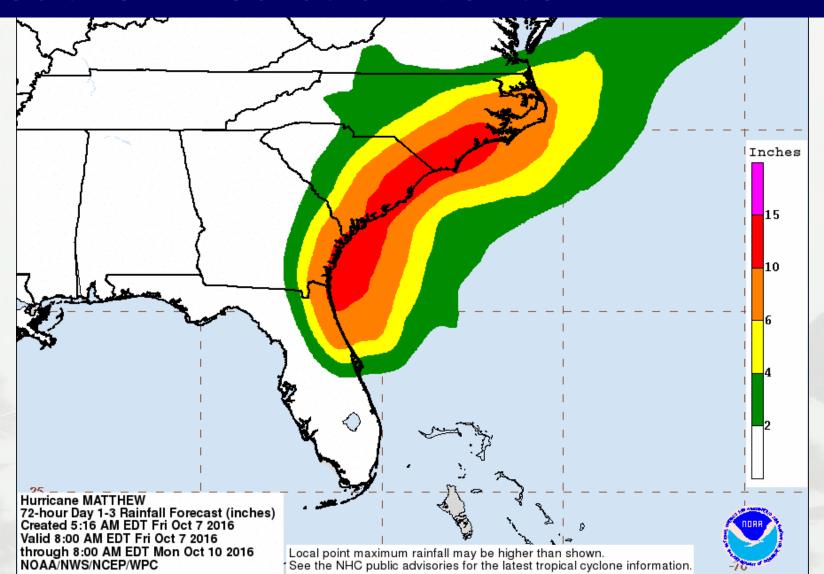
## **Storm Surge**Potential Inundation Graphic



Storm Surge Unit

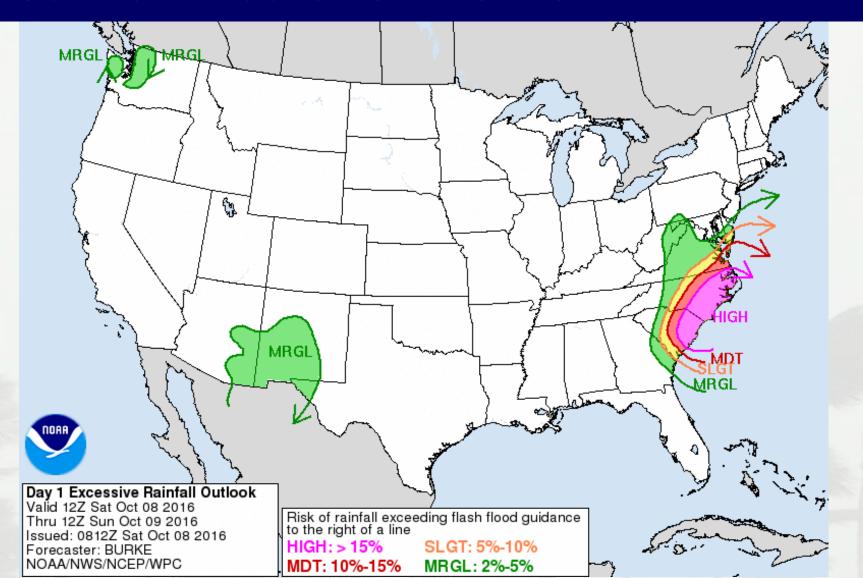
## **U.S.** Rainfall Potential

Weather Prediction Center



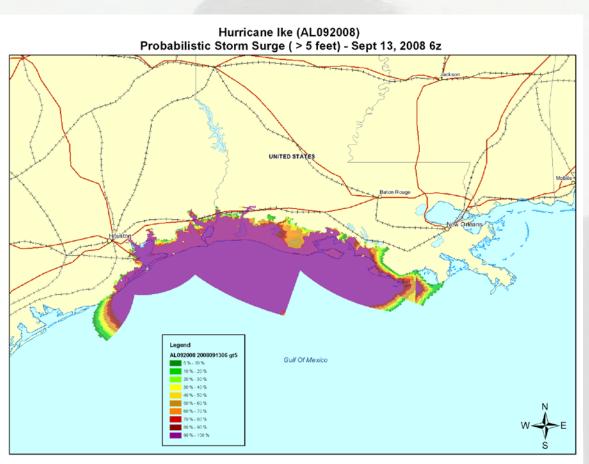
## **Excessive Rainfall**

### Weather Prediction Center



### **NHC GIS Products**

### hurricanes.gov/GIS



- Forecast Track/Cone/ Watches and Warnings
- Surface Wind Field
- Past Wind Swath
- Forecast Wind Radii
- Breakpoints
- Wind Speed Probability
- ProbabilisticStorm Surge

## There is a storm.

Local impacts?
Localized forecast information?

NWS Forecast Offices

### Localized Impacts. Local Products.







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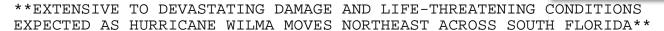
Mariner's 1-2-3 Rule

#### Hurricane Local Statements



HURRICANE WILMA LOCAL STATEMENT ADVISORY NUMBER 32 NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE MIAMI FL AL242005 530 AM EDT SUN OCT 23 2005

THIS PRODUCT COVERS MAINLAND SOUTH FLORIDA



#### NEW INFORMATION

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- ABOUT 405 MI SW OF NAPLES FL
- 22.1N 86.6W
- STORM INTENSITY 100 MPH WITH HIGHER GUSTS
- MOVING NORTHEAST AT 3 MPH

#### SITUATION OVERVIEW

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#### **Issued by local NWS office**

Hurricane (Tropical Storm)
 Watch/Warning in effect

#### **Situation overview**

- Watch/warning information
- Potential impact information
- Preparedness actions

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What is the affected area?

#### Hurricane Local Statements



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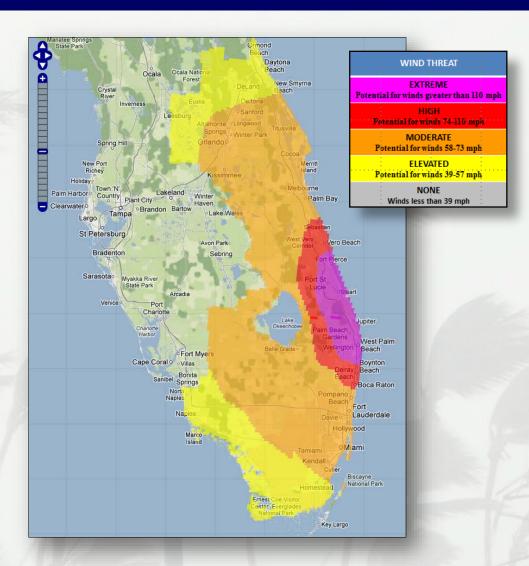
Are there any changes since the last update?

### Hurricane Threats & Impacts (HTI)

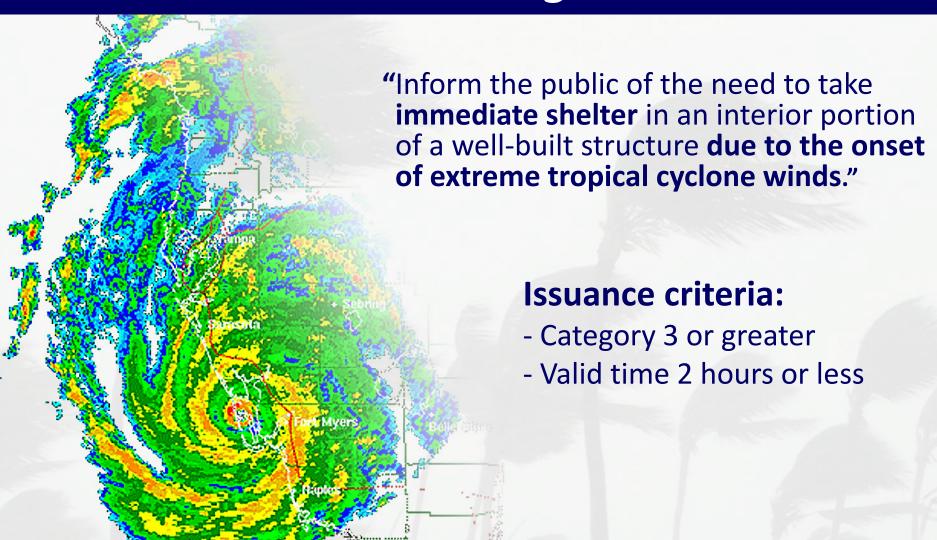
#### Hazards

- Wind
- Storm Surge Flooding
- Inland Flooding
- Tornadoes
- Marine Hazards
- Color-coded for risk, threat, and impact
  - Standard scheme applied
  - Elevated (yellow)

Extreme (Magenta)



### Extreme Wind Warning



## Other NHC Products Monthly Tropical Cyclone Summary



#### NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY TROPICAL WEATHER SUMMARY
NWS TPC/NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL
800 AM EDT FRI OCT 01 2010

FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC...CARIBBEAN SEA AND THE GULF OF MEXICO...

EIGHT TROPICAL STORMS FORMED IN THE ATLANTIC BASIN DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. THREE OF THESE STORMS...IGOR...JULIA...AND KARL... BECAME MAJOR HURRICANES...AND LISA REACHED HURRICANE STATUS. THESE NUMBERS ARE WELL ABOVE THE LONG-TERM (1944-2009) AVERAGES OF 4 TROPICAL STORMS...2 HURRICANES...AND ABOUT 1 MAJOR HURRICANE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. IN TERMS OF ACCUMULATED CYCLONE ENERGY... ACE...WHICH MEASURES THE COMBINED STRENGTH AND DURATION OF TROPICAL STORMS AND HURRICANES...TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER WAS ABOUT 78 PERCENT ABOVE AVERAGE.

SO FAR THIS SEASON...OVERALL TROPICAL CYCLONE ACTIVITY TO DATE IS ABOUT 53 PERCENT ABOVE THE LONG-TERM MEDIAN.

NAME	DATES	MAX WIND (MPH)
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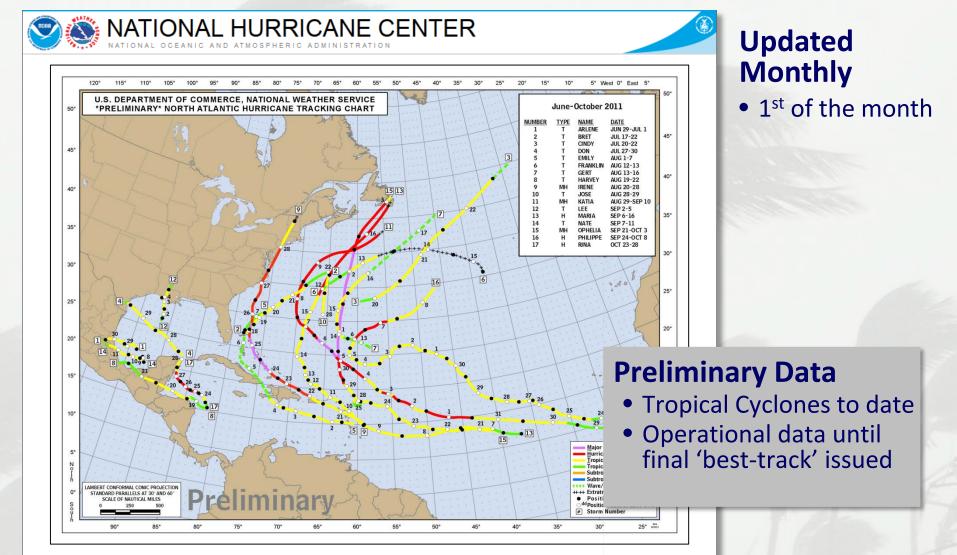
#### **Issued monthly**

 July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Tropical Summary**

- Summarizes activity for the previous month
- Preliminary statistics for the season

## National Hurricane Center Preliminary Track Maps



## National Hurricane Center Tropical Cyclone Reports

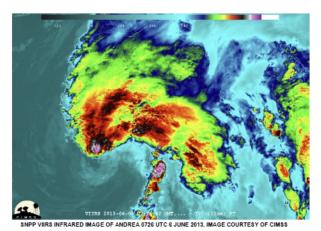


NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER
TROPICAL CYCLONE REPORT

TROPICAL STORM ANDREA (AL012013)

5 – 7 June 2013

John L. Beven II National Hurricane Center 22 August 2013

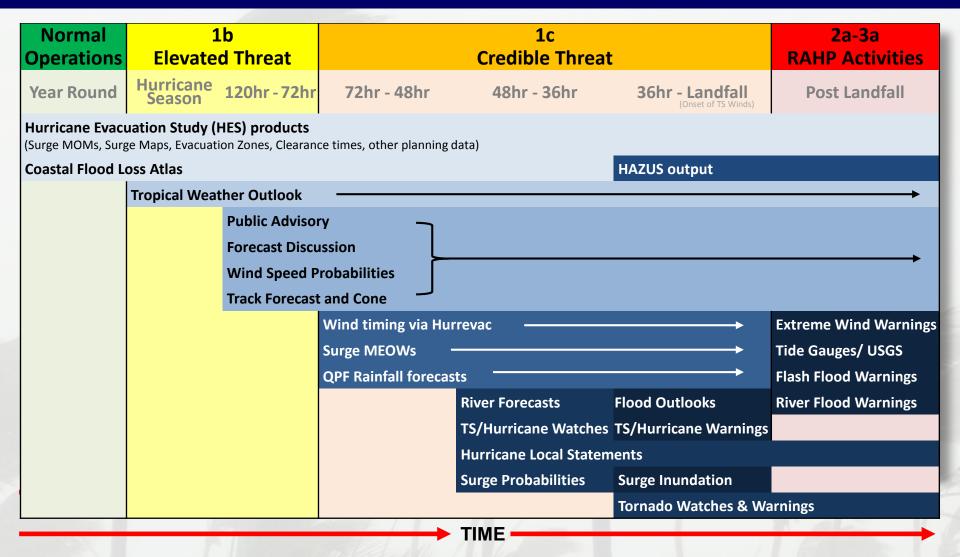


Andrea was a tropical storm that made landfall on the northwest coast of the Florida Peninsula. It became a gale-force extratropical low over the southeastern United States.

## Tropical Cyclone Reports provide a complete summary report for every Atlantic and East Pacific storm

- Available on NHC website weeks to a few months after each storm
- Provide final track, intensity, and size information
- Damage and casualties figures
- Forecast critique

## National Weather Service When is key information available?



## National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone Products

> 5 Days

**3-5 Days** 

**2-3 Days** 

1-2 Days

Outlook

5 Day Forecast
Public Advisory
Wind Speed %
Forecast Discussion

**TS/Hurricane Watches** 

TS/Hurricane Warnings
TS/Hurricane Local Statements
Operational Storm Surge Products

Few products

Large uncertainty

More products
Forecast hazards

Detailed products Warnings



Questions/Comments?

## Learn More Recommended Sessions

#### **THURSDAY**

#### 8:30-10:00 - National Hurricane Program (NHP) Technology Modernization

Updates on the next generation HURREVAC (HVX) and RtePM model

#### 10:30-12:00 – New Products to Aid in Hurricane Forecast and Hazard Communication

- What's New and What's Next in Tropical Cyclone Forecasting and Observations
- New Products to Communicate Tropical Cyclone Hazard Arrival Times

#### 1:30-3:00 - Potential Tropical Cyclone Forecasts and Warnings

Tropical Cyclone Genesis Forecasting and Potential Tropical Cyclone Advisories

#### 3:30-5:00 – NWS Storm Surge Products

- How NHC Real-Time Storm Surge Products are Created
- First Impressions of the New NWS Storm Surge Watch/Warning
- Use of Real-Time Storm Surge Products in Decision Making

# What's the 411? National Weather Service Tropical Cyclone Products

**Questions & Answers** 

Which product shows the probable track or path of the center of the tropical cyclone?

A. Cumulative Wind History

B. Wind Speed Probability Graphic

C. Cone Graphic

D. Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

Which product gives the chance of tropical cyclone formation?

A. Tropical Weather Outlook

B. Tropical Cyclone Discussion

C. Public Advisory

D. Wind Speed Probability Graphic

Which product provides wind timing information beyond 72 hours?

A. Forecast Advisory

**B.** Cone Graphic

C. Public Advisory

D. Wind Speed Probabilities

Which product shows the current size of the tropical cyclone wind field?

- A. NWS Hurricane
  Threats and Impacts
  Graphic (HTI)
- C. Tropical Cyclone Cumulative Wind History

B. Wind Speed Probability Graphic

D. Cone Graphic

Which product provides the reasoning behind the forecast?

A. Public Advisory

**B. Forecast Discussion** 

C. Hurricane Local Statement

**D. Forecast Advisory** 

Which product shows areas of possible tropical cyclone formation?

A. Cone Graphic

B. Tropical Weather Outlook

C. Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

D. Wind Speed Probability Graphic

Which product contains forecast position, intensity, and wind radii information?

A. Public Advisory

B. Tropical Cyclone Discussion

C. Tropical Weather Outlook

D. Forecast Advisory

# What's the 411? When are Special Advisories issued?

A. Upon request

C. When a significant, unexpected change in the storm occurs

A. When a tropical cyclone is within Radar range

D. Before an Emergency Management briefing

Which products provide continuous flow of information when a tropical cyclone is near land?

A. Public Advisory & Tropical Outlook

B. Public Advisory & Forecast Discussion

C. Public Advisory & Cone Graphic

D. Public Advisory,Intermediate Advisory,& TC Update

When are intermediate public advisories issued?

A. All of the time

B. When the 5-day forecast reaches land

C. When ships are crossing the path of the storm

D. When coastal watches and warnings are in effect

Which warning is issued when a major (cat 3 or stronger) hurricane is about to make landfall?

A. Extreme Wind Warning

**B.** Hurricane Warning

C. Tornado Warning

D. Severe Thunderstorm Warning

How many days does the forecast information in the Public Advisory cover?

A. 1 day

B. 2 days

C. 5 days

D. 7 days

The lead time for a Hurricane Watch or Warning is tied to the arrival of \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Hurricane force winds

B. Life threatening inundation

- C. Tropical storm force winds
- D. Strong tropical storm force winds

Which product is often issued when a hurricane makes landfall?

A. Special Advisory

B. Intermediate Public Advisory

C. Tropical Cyclone Update

D. Special Tropical Weather Outlook

Which product shows the areas that may have been affected by sustained tropical storm winds?

- A. Tropical Cyclone Cumulative Wind History
- C. Tropical Cyclone Report

- B. Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Field Graphic
- D. Monthly Tropical Cyclone Summary