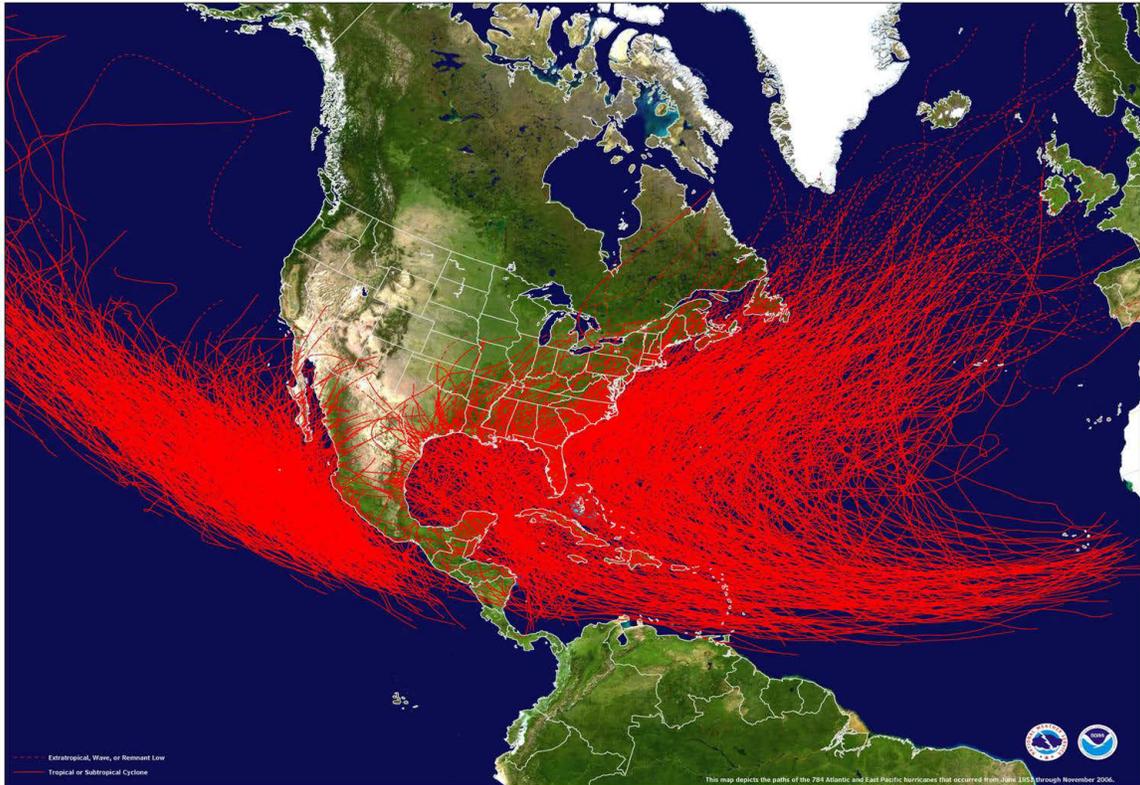


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National Hurricane Center Tropical Cyclone² Advisories

Whenever a tropical cyclone is active, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) issues tropical cyclone advisory packages comprising a suite of official text and graphical products. Advisory packages are also issued for certain post-tropical cyclones³ and potential tropical cyclones⁴. This suite of advisory products is issued every 6 hours, at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below⁵.

Basin	Advisory Issuance Times (UTC)	Local Issuance Times During Daylight Saving Time	Local Issuance Times During Standard Time
Atlantic	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 11 pm EDT	4 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm EST
Eastern North Pacific	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm PDT	1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm PST

The primary text products are the Public Advisory, the Forecast/Advisory, the Tropical Cyclone Discussion, and the Wind Speed Probability product. Graphical products include the track forecast cone/watch-warning graphic, wind speed probability graphics, arrival of tropical-storm-force wind graphics, the tropical cyclone wind field graphic, and a cumulative wind history graphic. A Storm Surge Watch and Warning Graphic will be available whenever life-threatening inundation from storm surge is possible along any portion of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts of the United States and along the coasts of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands within 48 hours. A potential storm surge flooding map, tropical cyclone storm surge probabilities, and exceedance probability graphics are also issued with each advisory whenever a storm surge watch or warning or a hurricane watch

² Except when clear from context, in this document the term “tropical cyclone” is understood to also include subtropical cyclones, potential tropical cyclones, and post-tropical cyclones. The definition of these terms can be found in the NHC on-line glossary at: <http://www.hurricanes.gov/aboutgloss.shtml>

³ Post-tropical cyclone advisories are issued when a post-tropical cyclone continues to pose a significant threat to life and property, and if the transfer or responsibility to another office would result in an unacceptable discontinuity of service.

⁴ Advisories on potential tropical cyclones may be issued for disturbances that are not yet a tropical cyclone, but which pose the threat of bringing tropical storm or hurricane conditions to land areas within 48 hours.

⁵ Local issuance times here are shown for the Eastern and Pacific time zones, however the time zone used will vary depending on the location of the tropical cyclone.

or warning is in effect for any portion of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts of the continental United States, and can be issued at other times as appropriate.

Intermediate Public Advisories are issued at 3-hour intervals between regular advisory packages when coastal tropical cyclone watches or warnings are in effect. A Special Advisory package may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone, or when watches or warnings for the United States need to be unexpectedly issued.

If a tropical cyclone dissipates, NHC advisories are discontinued. Under certain circumstances, advisory responsibility is transferred to the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center (WPC). This transfer will occur when a tropical depression or its remnants is inland over the conterminous United States or northern Mexico, poses a threat of heavy rains and flash floods in the United States, and is not forecast to regain tropical storm intensity or re-emerge over water.

NHC has the option to continue issuing advisory packages after tropical cyclones have become post-tropical (a post-tropical cyclone is any closed area of low pressure that used to be a tropical cyclone but no longer is one). NHC will continue its advisory packages on post-tropical cyclones when they pose a significant threat to life and property, and when the transfer of responsibility to another office would result in an unacceptable discontinuity in service. In addition, hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings can remain in place for these systems. For systems that become post-tropical over water and no longer pose a significant threat to life and property, the meteorological agency with marine warning responsibility will assume responsibility for the system.

NHC Text Product Descriptions

Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Public Advisory is the primary tropical cyclone information product intended for a general audience. It provides critical tropical cyclone watch, warning, and forecast information for the protection of life and property.

The Public Advisory has five sections:

- 1) A summary table of several cyclone parameters is placed at the top of the product in a fixed format that is suitable for parsing by computer software. This section contains the cyclone position in latitude and longitude coordinates, its distance from a well-known reference point, the maximum sustained winds, the cyclone's current direction and speed of motion, and the estimated or measured minimum central pressure.
- 2) A summary of all current coastal watches and warnings for the cyclone with recent changes to the watches and warnings highlighted at the top.
- 3) A discussion of the cyclone's current characteristics, including location, motion, intensity, and pressure and a general description of the predicted track and intensity of the cyclone over the next 72 hours. When conditions warrant, a discussion of the cyclone's forecast track and intensity through 5 days will be included. Any pertinent weather observations will also be included in this section.
- 4) A section that includes information on hazards to land, generally within the time period when watches and/or warnings are in effect. This section includes information on hazards such as storm surge, wind, rainfall, tornadoes, and rip currents associated with the cyclone.
- 5) A section that states the time of the next advisory issuance.

Availability: Public Advisories are part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table on the following page. When coastal watches or warnings are in effect, Intermediate Public Advisories are issued at 3-hour intervals between the regular Public Advisories. Special Public Advisories may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone's intensity or track or when watches or warnings for the United States are to be issued.

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Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below. The final numeric digit in each header is assigned on a rotating basis by system number, i.e., WTNT31 KNHC would be used for the first, sixth, and eleventh Atlantic system that NHC has written advisories on in a given year, while WTNT32 KNHC would be used for the second, seventh, or twelfth system, and so on.

Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	WTNT31-5 KNHC	MIATCPAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	WTPZ31-5 KNHC	MIATCPEP1-5

Example:

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ZCZC MIATCPAT1 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM

BULLETIN
Hurricane Florence Advisory Number 56
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL062018
500 AM EDT Thu Sep 13 2018
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Product header/valid time

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...OUTER RAIN BANDS OF FLORENCE ARE APPROACHING THE COAST OF NORTH
CAROLINA...
...LIFE-THREATENING STORM SURGE AND RAINFALL EXPECTED...
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Headline

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SUMMARY OF 500 AM EDT...0900 UTC...INFORMATION
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LOCATION...32.8N 74.7W
ABOUT 205 MI...325 KM ESE OF WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA
ABOUT 250 MI...405 KM ESE OF MYRTLE BEACH SOUTH CAROLINA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...110 MPH...175 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 315 DEGREES AT 15 MPH...24 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...956 MB...28.23 INCHES
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Summary table formatted for parsing

WATCHES AND WARNINGS

*Watch/Warning section with
changes highlighted at the top*

CHANGES WITH THIS ADVISORY:

The Tropical Storm Watch from north of the North Carolina/Virginia border to Cape Charles Light Virginia and for the Chesapeake Bay south of New Point Comfort has been changed to a Tropical Storm Warning.

SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT:

A Storm Surge Warning is in effect for...

- * South Santee River South Carolina to Duck North Carolina
- * Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, including the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers

A Storm Surge Watch is in effect for...

- * Edisto Beach South Carolina to South Santee River South Carolina
- * North of Duck North Carolina to the North Carolina/Virginia border

A Hurricane Warning is in effect for...

- * South Santee River South Carolina to Duck North Carolina
- * Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds

A Hurricane Watch is in effect for...

- * Edisto Beach South Carolina to South Santee River South Carolina

A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect for...

- * North of Duck North Carolina to Cape Charles Light Virginia
- * Chesapeake Bay south of New Point Comfort

Interests elsewhere in the southeastern and mid-Atlantic states should monitor the progress of Florence.

A Storm Surge Warning means there is a danger of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline. For a depiction of areas at risk, please see the National Weather Service Storm Surge Watch/Warning Graphic, available at hurricanes.gov. This is a life-threatening situation. Persons located within these areas should take all necessary actions to protect life and property from rising water and the potential for other dangerous conditions. Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials

A Storm Surge Watch means there is a possibility of life-threatening inundation, from rising water moving inland from the coastline.

A Hurricane Warning means that hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area, in this case within the next 12 to 24 hours. Preparations to protect life and property should be nearing completion.

A Hurricane Watch means that hurricane conditions are possible within the watch area. A watch is typically issued 48 hours before the anticipated first occurrence of tropical-storm-force winds, conditions that make outside preparations difficult or dangerous.

A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are expected somewhere within the warning area.

For storm information specific to your area, including possible inland watches and warnings, please monitor products issued by your local National Weather Service forecast office.

Storm discussion and outlook

DISCUSSION AND OUTLOOK

At 500 AM EDT (0900 UTC), the center of Hurricane Florence was located near latitude 32.8 North, longitude 74.7 West. Florence is moving toward the northwest near 15 mph (24 km/h), and this general motion, accompanied by a gradual decrease in forward speed, is expected to continue through today. A turn to the west-northwest and west at an even slower forward speed is expected tonight and Friday, and a slow west-southwestward motion is forecast Friday night and Saturday. On the forecast track, the center of Florence will approach the coasts of North and South Carolina later today, then move near or over the coast of southern North Carolina and eastern South Carolina in the hurricane warning area tonight and Friday. A slow motion over eastern South Carolina is forecast Friday night through Saturday night.

Location and movement

Maximum sustained winds are near 110 mph (175 km/h) with higher gusts. Little change in strength is expected before the center reaches the coast, with weakening expected after the center moves inland.

Intensity

Florence is a large hurricane. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 80 miles (130 km) from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 195 miles (315 km). A NOAA buoy located about 80 miles (130 km) south of the center of Florence has recently reported sustained winds of 52 mph (83 km/h) with a gust to 64 mph (104 km/h).

Size

The estimated minimum central pressure based on data from the aircraft is 956 mb (28.23 inches).

Pressure

Hazards Section

HAZARDS AFFECTING LAND

STORM SURGE: The combination of a dangerous storm surge and the tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline. The water has the potential to reach the following heights above ground if peak surge occurs at the time of high tide...

- Cape Fear NC to Cape Lookout NC, including the Neuse, Pamlico, Pungo, and Bay Rivers...9-13 ft
- North Myrtle Beach SC to Cape Fear NC...6-9 ft
- Cape Lookout NC to Ocracoke Inlet NC...6-9 ft
- South Santee River SC to North Myrtle Beach SC...4-6 ft
- Ocracoke Inlet NC to Salvo NC...4-6 ft
- Salvo NC to North Carolina/Virginia Border...2-4 ft
- Edisto Beach SC to South Santee River SC...2-4 ft

Storm surge

The deepest water will occur along the immediate coast in areas of onshore winds, where the surge will be accompanied by large and destructive waves. Surge-related flooding depends on the relative timing of the surge and the tidal cycle, and can vary

greatly over short distances. For information specific to your area, please see products issued by your local National Weather Service forecast office.

RAINFALL: Florence is expected to produce heavy and excessive rainfall in the following areas...

Coastal North Carolina into far northeastern South Carolina...20 to 30 inches, isolated 40 inches. This rainfall would produce catastrophic flash flooding and prolonged significant river flooding.

Rest of South and North Carolina into southwest Virginia...6 to 12 inches, isolated 24 inches.

Rainfall

WIND: Hurricane conditions are expected to reach the coast within the hurricane warning area this evening or early Friday. Winds are expected to first reach tropical storm strength by later this morning or early this afternoon, making outside preparations difficult or dangerous. Preparations to protect life and property should be nearing completion.

Wind

TORNADOES: A few tornadoes are possible in eastern North Carolina through Friday.

Tornadoes

SURF: Swells generated by Florence are affecting Bermuda, portions of the U.S. East Coast, and the northwestern and central Bahamas. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions. Please consult products from your local weather office.

Surf

NEXT ADVISORY

Next intermediate advisory at 800 AM EDT.
Next complete advisory at 1100 AM EDT.

*Information on next
Advisory issuance*

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Tropical Cyclone Forecast/Advisory

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Forecast/Advisory contains current and forecast storm information in a fixed format suitable for parsing by computer software. It contains a list of all current coastal watches and warnings, cyclone position, intensity, and direction and speed of motion. It also includes the current maximum radial extent of 12-ft seas, as well as the maximum radial extent of winds of 34, 50, and 64 kt in each of four quadrants around the storm. The Forecast/Advisory contains quantitative forecast information on the track and intensity of the cyclone valid 12, 24, 36, 48, 72, 96, and 120 h from the forecast’s nominal initial time, with size information forecast out to 72 h. Tropical storm and 50-kt wind radii are forecast out to 72 and hurricane-force wind radii are forecast out 48 h.

The Forecast/Advisory also contains the predicted status of the cyclone for each forecast time. This status may include any of the following: inland, dissipating, dissipated, or post tropical. “Post tropical” describes a cyclone that no longer possesses sufficient tropical characteristics to be considered a tropical cyclone; however these cyclones can continue to produce heavy rains and high winds. A remnant low is a post-tropical cyclone that no longer possesses the convective organization required of a tropical cyclone and has maximum sustained winds of less than 34 knots. An extratropical cyclone is a cyclone of any intensity for which the primary energy source results from the temperature contrast between warm and cold air masses.

Availability: Forecast/Advisories are part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below. Special Forecast/Advisories may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone’s intensity or track or when watches or warnings are to be issued.

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Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	WTNT21-5 KNHC	MIATCMAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	WTPZ21-5 KNHC	MIATCMEP1-5

Example:

ZCZC MIATCMAT4 ALL
 TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM
 TROPICAL STORM MICHAEL FORECAST/ADVISORY NUMBER 6
 NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL142018
 0300 UTC MON OCT 08 2018

Product header/valid time

CHANGES IN WATCHES AND WARNINGS WITH THIS ADVISORY...
 NONE.
 SUMMARY OF WATCHES AND WARNINGS IN EFFECT...
 A TROPICAL STORM WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR...
 * THE CUBAN PROVINCES OF PINAR DEL RIO AND THE ISLE OF YOUTH
 * THE COAST OF MEXICO FROM TULUM TO CABO CATOCHE... INCLUDING COZUMEL
 A TROPICAL STORM WARNING MEANS THAT TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE WARNING AREA... IN THIS CASE WITHIN THE NEXT 12 HOURS.
 INTERESTS ALONG THE NORTHEASTERN AND CENTRAL U.S. GULF COAST SHOULD MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF MICHAEL. A HURRICANE WATCH WILL LIKELY BE REQUIRED FOR A PORTION OF THIS AREA ON MONDAY.

Watch/Warning section

TROPICAL STORM CENTER LOCATED NEAR 20.0N 85.4W AT 08/0300Z
 POSITION ACCURATE WITHIN 25 NM
 PRESENT MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NORTH OR 5 DEGREES AT 4 KT
 ESTIMATED MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE 997 MB
 MAX SUSTAINED WINDS 50 KT WITH GUSTS TO 60 KT.
 50 KT..... 40NE 0SE 0SW 0NW.
 34 KT.....120NE 150SE 90SW 90NW.
 12 FT SEAS..120NE 90SE 0SW 0NW.
 WINDS AND SEAS VARY GREATLY IN EACH QUADRANT. RADII IN NAUTICAL MILES ARE THE LARGEST RADII EXPECTED ANYWHERE IN THAT QUADRANT.
 REPEAT...CENTER LOCATED NEAR 20.0N 85.4W
 AT 08/0300Z AT 08/0000Z CENTER WAS LOCATED NEAR 19.8N 85.4W

Current position, intensity, and structure

FORECAST VALID 08/1200Z 21.1N 85.3W
MAX WIND 60 KT...GUSTS 75 KT.
50 KT... 40NE 40SE 0SW 0NW.
34 KT...120NE 150SE 90SW 90NW.

12 hour forecast

FORECAST VALID 09/0000Z 22.7N 85.6W
MAX WIND 65 KT...GUSTS 80 KT.
64 KT... 20NE 20SE 0SW 0NW.
50 KT... 50NE 50SE 0SW 0NW.
34 KT...130NE 140SE 90SW 90NW.

24 hour forecast

FORECAST VALID 09/1200Z 24.4N 86.0W
MAX WIND 75 KT...GUSTS 90 KT.
64 KT... 20NE 20SE 0SW 0NW.
50 KT... 50NE 50SE 0SW 0NW.
34 KT...130NE 130SE 80SW 90NW.

36 hour forecast

FORECAST VALID 10/0000Z 26.3N 86.1W
MAX WIND 85 KT...GUSTS 105 KT.
64 KT... 25NE 25SE 15SW 25NW.
50 KT... 60NE 60SE 30SW 40NW.
34 KT...130NE 130SE 70SW 90NW.

48 hour forecast

FORECAST VALID 11/0000Z 30.4N 84.5W...INLAND ERN FLORIDA PANHANDLE
MAX WIND 75 KT...GUSTS 90 KT.
50 KT... 60NE 60SE 30SW 40NW.
34 KT...130NE 130SE 70SW 80NW.

72 hour forecast

EXTENDED OUTLOOK. NOTE...ERRORS FOR TRACK HAVE AVERAGED NEAR 150 NM ON DAY 4 AND 175 NM ON DAY 5...AND FOR INTENSITY NEAR 15 KT EACH DAY

OUTLOOK VALID 12/0000Z 34.9N 78.4W...INLAND
MAX WIND 55 KT...GUSTS 65 KT.

96 hour forecast

OUTLOOK VALID 13/0000Z 40.7N 64.4W...POST-TROP/EXTRATROP OVER WATER
MAX WIND 55 KT...GUSTS 65 KT.

120 hour forecast

REQUEST FOR 3 HOURLY SHIP REPORTS WITHIN 300 MILES OF 20.0N 85.4W

INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC ADVISORY...WTNT34 KNHC/MIATCPAT4...AT 08/0600Z

NEXT ADVISORY AT 08/0900Z

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FORECASTER STEWART

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Tropical Cyclone Discussion

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Discussion describes the rationale for the forecaster’s analysis and forecast of a tropical cyclone. It will typically discuss the observations justifying the analyzed intensity of the cyclone, a description of the environmental factors expected to influence the cyclone’s future track and intensity, and a description of the numerical guidance models. It may also describe the forecaster’s degree of confidence in the official forecast, discuss possible alternate scenarios, and highlight unusual hazards, and provide a summary of key messages. The product also includes a table of forecast positions and intensities in knots and miles per hour out to 120 h. This table also indicates the forecast status of the cyclone, which may include any of the following: inland, dissipated, or post tropical. “Post tropical” describes a cyclone that no longer possesses sufficient tropical characteristics to be considered a tropical cyclone; however these cyclones can continue to produce heavy rains and high winds. A remnant low is a post-tropical cyclone that no longer possesses the convective organization required of a tropical cyclone and has maximum sustained winds of less than 34 knots. An extratropical cyclone is a cyclone of any intensity for which the primary energy source results from the temperature contrast between warm and cold air masses.

Availability: Tropical Cyclone Discussions are part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below. Special Discussions may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone or when watches or warnings are to be issued.

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Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	WTNT41-5 KNHC	MIATCDAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	WTPZ41-5 KNHC	MIATCDEP1-5

Product header/valid time

Example:

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ZCZC MIATCDAT1 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM
Hurricane Irma Discussion Number 23
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL112017
1100 PM AST Mon Sep 04 2017
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Free form forecast discussion

Irma's satellite presentation remains quite impressive with a well-defined eye and a symmetrical CDO containing very cold cloud tops. Flight-level and SFMR-observed surface winds from NOAA and Air Force Hurricane Hunter aircraft indicate that the current intensity is about 120 kt. Since the hurricane will be moving through an environment of low vertical wind shear, a moist mid-level atmosphere, and increasing upper-ocean heat content, additional intensification is likely. The only expected impediment to strengthening should be eyewall replacement cycles, which are difficult to predict. The official intensity forecast is very close to the latest model consensus, ICON. Although the consensus of the guidance shows slight weakening in the 96- to 120-hour time frame, Irma is forecast to remain a powerful hurricane throughout the 5-day forecast period.

Center fixes from the aircraft indicate a westward motion of about 270/11 kt. Irma should turn toward the west-northwest tomorrow while it is steered by the flow to the south of a mid-level ridge. A broad trough is forecast to amplify over the eastern U.S. in 72 hours and then lift northeastward leaving a weakness in the ridge to north of the hurricane. This should cause a slowing of the forward speed near the end of the forecast period. The official track forecast is similar to the previous one and is close to the model consensus.

Users are reminded to not focus on the exact forecast track, especially at the longer ranges, since the average NHC track errors are about 175 and 225 statute miles at days 4 and 5, respectively. *Key Messages. Note that these are not provided with every discussion*

KEY MESSAGES:

1. Irma is expected to affect the northeastern Leeward Islands a dangerous major hurricane, accompanied by life-threatening wind, storm surge, and rainfall impacts. Hurricane warnings are in effect for portions of the Leeward Islands. Preparations should be rushed to completion, as tropical-storm force winds are expected to first arrive in the hurricane warning area by late Tuesday.

2. Irma is also expected affect the British and U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico as a dangerous major hurricane later this week. Hurricane warnings have been issued for these areas, and tropical-storm-force winds could arrive in these areas by early Wednesday.

3. Irma could directly affect Hispaniola, the Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas, and Cuba as a dangerous major hurricane later this week. Residents in these areas should monitor the progress of Irma and listen to advice given by officials.

4. There is an increasing chance of seeing some impacts from Irma in the Florida Peninsula and the Florida Keys later this week and this weekend. Otherwise, it is still too early to determine what direct impacts Irma might have on the continental United States. However, everyone in hurricane-prone areas should ensure that they have their hurricane plan in place.

FORECAST POSITIONS AND MAX WINDS					
INIT	05/0300Z	16.7N	55.6W	120 KT	140 MPH
12H	05/1200Z	16.9N	57.4W	125 KT	145 MPH
24H	06/0000Z	17.5N	60.0W	130 KT	150 MPH
36H	06/1200Z	18.3N	62.7W	130 KT	150 MPH
48H	07/0000Z	19.3N	65.5W	125 KT	145 MPH
72H	08/0000Z	21.2N	71.0W	120 KT	140 MPH
96H	09/0000Z	22.5N	76.0W	115 KT	130 MPH
120H	10/0000Z	24.0N	80.0W	115 KT	130 MPH

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*Forecast
position and
intensity table*

Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probability product is a tabular text product that provides the likelihood (expressed as a percentage) of sustained (1-min average) winds meeting or exceeding specific thresholds at particular locations. There is also a graphical version of this product, described in part immediately below and more fully later in this document.

Location-specific information is given in the form of probabilities of sustained winds occurring at or above the thresholds of 34 kt (tropical storm force), 50 kt, and 64 kt (hurricane force), over specific periods of time as discussed below. These probabilities are provided for coastal and inland cities as well as for offshore locations (e.g., buoys). These probabilities are based on the track, intensity, and wind structure (size) forecasts from the National Hurricane Center and their historical error characteristics.

Two kinds of location-specific probabilities are defined below:

Cumulative occurrence probabilities – These values tell you the probability the wind event will *occur* sometime during the specified *cumulative* forecast period (0-12, 0-24, 0-36 hours, etc.) at each specific point. These values are provided in both the text and graphical form of the Surface Wind Speed Probability product. In the text product, the cumulative probabilities appear in parentheses (example provided below). The graphical products depict only cumulative values.

Onset probabilities – These values tell you the probability the wind event will *start* sometime during the specified individual forecast period (0-12, 12-24, 24-36 hours, etc.) at each specific point. These values are provided only in the text NHC product. They are the values outside of the parentheses.

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Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	FONT11-5 KNHC	MIAPWSAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	FOPZ11-5 KNHC	MIAPWSEP1-5

Example:

ZCZC MIAPWSAT4 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM

TROPICAL STORM ISAAC WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES NUMBER 23
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL092012
2100 UTC SUN AUG 26 2012

AT 2100Z THE CENTER OF TROPICAL STORM ISAAC WAS LOCATED NEAR
LATITUDE 24.2 NORTH...LONGITUDE 82.3 WEST WITH MAXIMUM SUSTAINED
WINDS NEAR 50 KTS...60 MPH...95 KM/H.

Z INDICATES COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (GREENWICH)
ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME (AST)...SUBTRACT 4 HOURS FROM Z TIME
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)...SUBTRACT 4 HOURS FROM Z TIME
CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT)...SUBTRACT 5 HOURS FROM Z TIME

WIND SPEED PROBABILITY TABLE FOR SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

CHANCES OF SUSTAINED (1-MINUTE AVERAGE) WIND SPEEDS OF AT LEAST
...34 KT (39 MPH... 63 KPH)...
...50 KT (58 MPH... 93 KPH)...
...64 KT (74 MPH...119 KPH)...

FOR LOCATIONS AND TIME PERIODS DURING THE NEXT 5 DAYS

PROBABILITIES FOR LOCATIONS ARE GIVEN AS OP(CP) WHERE
OP IS THE PROBABILITY OF THE EVENT BEGINNING DURING
AN INDIVIDUAL TIME PERIOD (ONSET PROBABILITY)
(CP) IS THE PROBABILITY OF THE EVENT OCCURRING BETWEEN
18Z SUN AND THE FORECAST HOUR (CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY)

PROBABILITIES ARE GIVEN IN PERCENT
X INDICATES PROBABILITIES LESS THAN 1 PERCENT
PROBABILITIES FOR 34 KT AND 50 KT ARE SHOWN AT A GIVEN LOCATION WHEN
THE 5-DAY CUMULATIVE PROBABILITY IS AT LEAST 3 PERCENT.
PROBABILITIES FOR 64 KT ARE SHOWN WHEN THE 5-DAY CUMULATIVE
PROBABILITY IS AT LEAST 1 PERCENT.

- - - - WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES FOR SELECTED LOCATIONS - - - -

TIME PERIODS	FROM 18Z SUN		FROM 06Z MON		FROM 18Z MON		FROM 06Z TUE		FROM 18Z TUE		FROM 18Z WED		FROM 18Z THU	
	TO 06Z MON	TO 18Z MON	TO 18Z MON	TO 06Z TUE	TO 18Z TUE	TO 18Z TUE	TO 18Z WED	TO 18Z WED	TO 18Z THU	TO 18Z THU	TO 18Z FRI			
FORECAST HOUR	(12)	(24)	(36)	(48)	(72)	(96)	(120)							
LOCATION	KT													
FT PIERCE FL	34	9	2 (11)	X (11)	X (11)	X (11)	X (11)	X (11)						
W PALM BEACH	34	14	2 (16)	X (16)	X (16)	X (16)	X (16)	X (16)						
MIAMI FL	34	99	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)						
MARATHON FL	34	99	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)						
MARATHON FL	50	14	X (14)	X (14)	X (14)	X (14)	X (14)	X (14)						
KEY WEST FL	34	99	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)						
KEY WEST FL	50	99	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)						
MARCO ISLAND	34	99	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)	X (99)						
FT MYERS FL	34	48	1 (49)	2 (51)	X (51)	X (51)	X (51)	X (51)						
VENICE FL	34	37	5 (42)	2 (44)	1 (45)	X (45)	X (45)	X (45)	X (45)	1 (46)	1 (46)	1 (46)	X (46)	X (46)
TAMPA FL	34	18	8 (26)	3 (29)	2 (31)	X (31)	X (31)	X (31)	X (31)	1 (32)	1 (32)	1 (32)	X (32)	X (32)
TALLAHASSEE FL	34	X	7 (7)	10 (17)	6 (23)	6 (29)	6 (29)	6 (29)	6 (29)	1 (30)	1 (30)	1 (30)	X (30)	X (30)
ST MARKS FL	34	1	9 (10)	9 (19)	6 (25)	5 (30)	5 (30)	5 (30)	5 (30)	1 (31)	1 (31)	1 (31)	1 (32)	1 (32)
APALACHICOLA	34	3	11 (14)	16 (30)	9 (39)	7 (46)	7 (46)	7 (46)	7 (46)	1 (47)	1 (47)	1 (47)	X (47)	X (47)
APALACHICOLA	50	X	X (X)	2 (2)	2 (4)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1 (5)	1 (6)	1 (6)	1 (6)	X (6)	X (6)
APALACHICOLA	64	X	X (X)	X (X)	1 (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)	X (1)
PANAMA CITY FL	34	1	11 (12)	20 (32)	13 (45)	7 (52)	7 (52)	7 (52)	7 (52)	1 (53)	1 (53)	1 (53)	1 (54)	1 (54)
PANAMA CITY FL	50	X	X (X)	3 (3)	4 (7)	3 (10)	3 (10)	3 (10)	3 (10)	1 (11)	1 (11)	1 (11)	X (11)	X (11)
PANAMA CITY FL	64	X	X (X)	X (X)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (2)	X (2)	X (2)	X (2)	X (2)	X (2)
COLUMBUS GA	34	X	X (X)	3 (3)	6 (9)	11 (20)	11 (20)	11 (20)	11 (20)	2 (22)	2 (22)	2 (22)	1 (23)	1 (23)
MONTGOMERY AL	34	X	X (X)	7 (7)	10 (17)	18 (35)	18 (35)	18 (35)	18 (35)	3 (38)	3 (38)	3 (38)	1 (39)	1 (39)
MONTGOMERY AL	50	X	X (X)	X (X)	X (X)	5 (5)	5 (5)	5 (5)	5 (5)	2 (7)	2 (7)	2 (7)	X (7)	X (7)
MONTGOMERY AL	64	X	X (X)	X (X)	X (X)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (2)	1 (2)	X (2)	X (2)
PENSACOLA FL	34	X	6 (6)	24 (30)	25 (55)	14 (69)	14 (69)	14 (69)	14 (69)	2 (71)	2 (71)	2 (71)	X (71)	X (71)
PENSACOLA FL	50	X	X (X)	2 (2)	14 (16)	12 (28)	12 (28)	12 (28)	12 (28)	1 (29)	1 (29)	1 (29)	1 (30)	1 (30)
PENSACOLA FL	64	X	X (X)	X (X)	4 (4)	5 (9)	5 (9)	5 (9)	5 (9)	2 (11)	2 (11)	2 (11)	X (11)	X (11)
MOBILE AL	34	X	3 (3)	22 (25)	31 (56)	20 (76)	20 (76)	20 (76)	20 (76)	2 (78)	2 (78)	2 (78)	X (78)	X (78)
MOBILE AL	50	X	X (X)	2 (2)	15 (17)	21 (38)	21 (38)	21 (38)	21 (38)	2 (40)	2 (40)	2 (40)	X (40)	X (40)
MOBILE AL	64	X	X (X)	X (X)	3 (3)	12 (15)	12 (15)	12 (15)	12 (15)	1 (16)	1 (16)	1 (16)	X (16)	X (16)

Probability of winds of at least 34 kt beginning at Pensacola, FL during the 12-hour period from 06z Tuesday to 18z Tuesday

Cumulative probability of winds of at least 34 kt at Pensacola, FL for the 48-hour period ending at 18z Tuesday.

Note the sum of the onset probabilities from 0-48 hours is equal to the cumulative occurrence probability at 48 hours

$$0 + 3 + 22 + 33 = 58$$

GULFPORT MS	34	X	3	22	33	21	2	X
GULFPORT MS	50	X	X	2	19	22	2	X
GULFPORT MS	64	X	X	X	5	13	2	X
STENNIS SC	34	X	2	19	32	23	3	1
STENNIS SC	50	X	X	1	15	22	2	X
STENNIS SC	64	X	X	X	4	12	1	X
BURAS LA	34	X	5	29	33	14	2	1
BURAS LA	50	X	X	5	25	15	2	X
BURAS LA	64	X	X	1	8	11	1	X
JACKSON MS	34	X	X	3	11	33	6	1
JACKSON MS	50	X	X	X	X	12	4	X
JACKSON MS	64	X	X	X	X	3	2	X
NEW ORLEANS LA	34	X	1	16	29	23	3	1
NEW ORLEANS LA	50	X	X	1	10	18	3	1
NEW ORLEANS LA	64	X	X	X	1	9	1	X
BATON ROUGE LA	34	X	X	9	18	24	6	X
BATON ROUGE LA	50	X	X	X	2	14	3	X
BATON ROUGE LA	64	X	X	X	X	5	2	X
NEW IBERIA LA	34	X	X	7	12	20	7	X
NEW IBERIA LA	50	X	X	X	1	9	2	1
NEW IBERIA LA	64	X	X	X	X	3	2	X
SHREVEPORT LA	34	X	X	X	1	9	6	1
PORT ARTHUR TX	34	X	X	X	3	10	5	X
PORT ARTHUR TX	50	X	X	X	X	1	2	1
PORT ARTHUR TX	64	X	X	X	X	X	1	X

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Tropical Cyclone Update

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Update (TCU) is issued to inform users of significant changes in a tropical cyclone between regularly scheduled public advisories. Such uses include:

- To provide timely information of an unusual nature, such as the time and location of landfall, or to announce an expected change in intensity that results in an upgrade or downgrade of status (e.g., from a tropical storm to a hurricane).
- To provide a continuous flow of information regarding the center location of a tropical cyclone when watches or warnings are in effect and the center can be easily tracked with land-based radar.
- To provide advance notice that significant changes to storm information will be conveyed shortly, either through a subsequent TCU or Special Advisory.
- To announce changes to international watches or warnings made by other countries, or to cancel U.S. watches or warnings.
- To issue a U.S. watch or warning, but only if the TCU precedes a special advisory that will contain the same watch/warning information, and indicates the special advisory will be issued shortly.

When a TCU is issued and any storm summary information has changed from the previous Public Advisory (e.g., upgrade from tropical storm to hurricane), a storm summary section identical in format to that found in the Public Advisory will also be included. If new data suggest that a change in status of the tropical cyclone has occurred, but the forecaster is not prepared to update all of the storm information, a TCU can be issued without the storm summary information and indicate that another TCU or special advisory changing the storm status will be issued shortly. In that case, the first TCU will not officially change the storm status, but will simply provide users with the information that a change in status is forthcoming. If a TCU is issued to only modify watches and warnings and there are no changes to the storm summary information (e.g., position, intensity, movement, pressure, etc.) from the previous NHC public advisory, then the storm summary information will not be included in the TCU.

Availability: TCUs issued to provide updated center position information when watches/warnings are in effect are issued in between scheduled TCPs near the beginning of each hour. All other TCUs are issued on an event-driven basis.

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below. The final numeric digit in each header is assigned on a rotating basis by cyclone number, i.e., WTNT61 KNHC would be used for the first, sixth, and eleventh Atlantic cyclones, while WTNT62 KNHC would be used for the second, seventh, or twelfth cyclones, and so on.

Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	WTNT61-5 KNHC	MIATCUAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	WTPZ61-5 KNHC	MIATCUEP1-5

Example 1: TCU to provide a continuous flow of information when watches or warnings are in effect and the center can be easily tracked with land-based radar.

ZCZC MIATCUAT4 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHHMM

Hurricane Isaac Tropical Cyclone Update
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL092012
1100 AM CDT Wed Aug 29 2012

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time*

...11 AM POSITION UPDATE...

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

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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

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Example 2: TCU to change the status of a tropical cyclone

ZCZC MIATCUAT4 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHHMM

Hurricane Isaac Tropical Cyclone Update
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL092012
1120 AM CDT Tue Aug 28 2012

*Product
header/valid
time*

...RECONNAISSANCE DATA INDICATE ISAAC FINALLY ACHIEVES HURRICANE STATUS...

Reports from and Air Force Reserve Hurricane Hunter Aircraft indicate that maximum winds associated with Isaac have increased to 75 mph (120 km/h). On this basis, Isaac is being upgraded to a hurricane

*Free form
discussion*

SUMMARY OF 1120 AM CDT...1620 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...28.1N 88.6W
ABOUT 75 MI...115 KM SSE OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER
ABOUT 160 MI...250 KM SE OF NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...75 MPH...120 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 310 DEGREES AT 10 MPH...17 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...975 MB...28.79 INCHES

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Example 3 - TCU to notify users that change in status is forthcoming

ZCZC MIATCUAT2 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM

Tropical Depression Seven Tropical Cyclone Update
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL072008
200 PM EDT Mon Aug 25 2008

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header/valid
time*

Preliminary reports from an Air Force Hurricane Hunter aircraft indicate that Tropical Depression Seven has strengthened. A Special Advisory will be issued within the next 30 minutes to update the intensity forecast and watches and warnings for Hispaniola.

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Example 4 - TCU to update watches or warnings (no change in storm summary information)

ZCZC MIATCUAT4 ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM

Hurricane Ike Tropical Cyclone Update
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL092008
600 PM AST Fri Sep 05 2008

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header/valid
time*

At 600 PM AST (2200 UTC), the Government of the Bahamas has issued a Hurricane Watch for the Southeastern Bahamas, including the Acklins, Crooked Island, the Inaguas, Mayaguana, and the Ragged Islands, as well as for the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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No other changes are required from the 500 PM AST Advisory.

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Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning Product

Product Description: The Tropical Cyclone Watch Warning product summarizes all new, continued, and canceled tropical cyclone wind and storm surge watches and warnings for the U.S. Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, in a form suitable for decoding by computer software.

Availability: This product is issued concurrently with all Tropical Cyclone Public Advisories (whether routine, Intermediate, or Special) for which a U.S. watch or warning is continued, posted, changed, or cancelled.

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below. The final numeric digit in each header is assigned on a rotating basis by cyclone number, i.e., WTNT81 KNHC would be used for the first, sixth, and eleventh Atlantic cyclones, while WTNT82 KNHC would be used for the second, seventh, or twelfth cyclones, and so on.

Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	WTNT81-5 KNHC	MIATCVAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	WTNT81-5 KNHC	MIATCVEP1-5

Example:

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WTNT84 KNHC 081457
TCVAT4
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MICHAEL WATCH/WARNING ADVISORY NUMBER 8
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL      AL142018
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018
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CAUTION...THIS PRODUCT ONLY APPROXIMATELY CONVEYS THE EXTENT OF TROPICAL
CYCLONE WIND AND SURGE WATCHES AND WARNINGS. PLEASE SEE THE LATEST
PUBLIC ADVISORY FROM THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER FOR THE PRECISE
LATERAL EXTENT OF WIND WATCHES AND WARNINGS ALONG THE COAST...AS WELL AS
THE APPROXIMATE LATERAL EXTENT OF SURGE WATCHES AND WARNINGS. THE
PRECISE EXTENT OF SURGE WATCHES AND WARNINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE NWS
NATIONAL DIGITAL FORECAST DATABASE HAZARD GRIDS.
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FLZ014-015-027-108-112-114-115-118-127-128-134-204-206-082300-
/O.CON.KNHC.HU.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
/O.CON.KNHC.SS.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018 /957 AM CDT MON OCT 8 2018/
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FLZ050-139-142-148-149-151-155-082300-
/O.CON.KNHC.SS.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
/O.CON.KNHC.TR.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018
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FLZ007>013-016>018-026-028-034-201>203-205-GAZ155>157-082300-
/O.CON.KNHC.HU.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018 /957 AM CDT MON OCT 8 2018/

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GAZ123-125-127-142>146-158-159-082300-
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/O.EXA.KNHC.HU.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018

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ALZ055>060-065>069-262>266-FLZ019-029-239-242-248-249-251-
GAZ120>122-124-126-128>131-147-148-160-161-082300-
/O.CON.KNHC.TR.A.1014.000000T0000Z-000000T0000Z/
1057 AM EDT MON OCT 8 2018 /957 AM CDT MON OCT 8 2018/

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ATTN...WFO...MOB...TAE...TBW...

Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory

Product Description: The Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory is issued to provide short-term tropical cyclone forecast guidance for international aviation safety and routing purposes. The Aviation Advisory lists the current cyclone position, motion, and intensity, and includes forecast positions and intensities valid 6, 12, 18, and 24 h after the advisory issuance time (0300, 0900, 1500, or 2100 UTC). This is in contrast to the forecast positions provided in the Tropical Cyclone Discussion and Forecast/Advisory, which are relative to the nominal initial times of 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC. It is important to note that forecast values in the Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory are obtained by interpolation from the values contained in the Forecast/Advisory.

Availability: This product is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below. Special Aviation Tropical Cyclone Advisory products may be issued at any time to advise of an unexpected significant change in the cyclone or when watches or warnings are to be issued.

Basin	Advisory Issuance Times (UTC)	Local Issuance Times During Daylight Saving Time	Local Issuance Times During Standard Time
Atlantic	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 11 pm EDT	4 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm EST
Eastern North Pacific	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm PDT	1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm PST

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below. The final numeric digit in each header is assigned on a rotating basis by cyclone number, i.e., FKNT21 KNHC would be used for the first, sixth, and eleventh Atlantic cyclones, while FKNT22 KNHC would be used for the second, seventh, or twelfth cyclones, and so on.

Basin	WMO Header(s)	AWIPS Header(s)
Atlantic	FKNT21-5 KNHC	MIATCAAT1-5
Eastern North Pacific	FKPZ21-5 KNHC	MIATCAEP1-5

Example:

FKPZ21 KNHC 260236
TCAPZ1

TROPICAL DEPRESSION ONE-E ICAO ADVISORY NUMBER 2
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL EP012019
0300 UTC WED JUN 26 2019

TC ADVISORY

DTG: 20190626/0300Z
TCAC: KNHC
TC: ONE-E
NR: 002
PSN: N1536 W10648
MOV: WNW 13KT
C: 1006HPA
MAX WIND: 030KT
FCST PSN +6 HR: 26/0900Z N1548 W10812
FCST MAX WIND +6 HR: 035KT
FCST PSN +12 HR: 26/1500Z N1600 W10934
FCST MAX WIND +12 HR: 035KT
FCST PSN +18 HR: 26/2100Z N1611 W11055
FCST MAX WIND +18 HR: 035KT
FCST PSN +24 HR: 27/0300Z N1625 W11210
FCST MAX WIND +24 HR: 035KT
RMK: THE FORECAST POSITION INFORMATION IN
THIS PRODUCT IS INTERPOLATED FROM
OFFICIAL FORECAST DATA VALID AT 0000...
0600...1200...AND 1800Z.
NXT MSG: 20190626/0900Z

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Tropical Weather Outlook

Product Description: The Tropical Weather Outlook discusses significant areas of disturbed weather and their potential for development during the next 5 days, including a categorical forecast of the probability of tropical cyclone formation during the first 48 hours, and during the entire 5-day forecast period. The 48 h and 5-day probabilities of formation for each disturbance are given to the nearest 10% and expressed in terms of one of the following categories: low probability of development (0-30%), medium probability (40-60%), and high probability of development (70-100%). The Outlook also includes a general description of locations of any active cyclones and their WMO and AWIPS headers during the first 24 hours of their existence.

Availability: Tropical Weather Outlooks are issued every six hours from 1 June–30 November for the Atlantic Basin and from 15 May–30 November for the eastern North Pacific Basin, at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below.

Basin	Outlook Issuance Times (UTC)	Local Issuance Times During Daylight Saving Time	Local Issuance Times During Standard Time
Atlantic	0000, 0600, 1200, 1800	2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm EDT	1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm EST
Eastern North Pacific	0000, 0600, 1200, 1800	5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 11 pm PDT	4 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm PST

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below.

Basin	WMO Header	AWIPS Header
Atlantic	ABNT20 KNHC	MIATWOAT
Eastern North Pacific	ABPZ20 KNHC	MIATWOEP

Example:

ZCZC MIATWOAT ALL
TTAA00 KNHC DDHMM

Tropical Weather Outlook
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL
800 PM EDT Mon Oct 14 2014

Product header/valid time

For the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on newly formed Tropical Depression Eleven, located in the central Gulf of Mexico.

A broad area of low pressure located a couple of hundred miles south-southwest of Jamaica is accompanied by showers and thunderstorms. This disturbance remains disorganized, and development, if any, should be slow to occur over the next couple of days while it moves slowly northward. Environmental conditions are expected to be marginally conducive for some development when the system moves over the northwestern Caribbean Sea and the southern Gulf of Mexico later this week. Locally heavy rainfall is possible over portions of Haiti and Jamaica today, and will likely spread across the Cayman Island and eastern Cuba on Tuesday.

- * Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10 percent.
- * Formation chance through 5 days...low...30 percent.

A trough of low pressure could form over the extreme southwestern Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Campeche in a few days...and some development of this system is possible by midweek.

- * Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.
- * Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent.

Free form discussion about existing disturbances

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Public advisories on Tropical Depression Eleven are issued under WMO header WTNT31 KNHC and under AWIPS header MIATCPAT1. Forecast/Advisories on Tropical Depression Eleven are issued under WMO Header WTNT22 KNHC and under AWIPS header MIATCMAT1.

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Product header information for active tropical cyclones that have formed within the past 24 h

Special Tropical Weather Outlook

Product Description: A Special Tropical Weather Outlook is issued when there have been important changes with areas of disturbed weather over tropical or subtropical waters that need to be conveyed before the next scheduled release of the Tropical Weather Outlook. The potential for tropical cyclone formation for each disturbance within the next 48 hours, and 5 days is given to the nearest 10% and expressed in terms of one of the following categories: low probability of development (0-30%), medium probability (40-60%), and high probability of development (70-100%). The Special Tropical Weather Outlook can be used to report the findings of reconnaissance aircraft missions, and can also be used for disturbances outside of the normal hurricane season when Tropical Weather Outlooks are not routinely issued. The disturbance being updated in the Special Tropical Weather Outlook will be highlighted at the top of the product, and other systems discussed in previous Tropical Weather Outlooks will also be included.

Availability: This is an event-driven product issued as needed.

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below.

Basin	WMO Header	AWIPS Header
Atlantic	ABNT20 KNHC	MIATWOAT
Eastern North Pacific	ABPZ20 KNHC	MIATWOEP

Example

Special Tropical Weather Outlook
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL
530 PM EDT Wed Jun 5 2013

For the North Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

Special Outlook issued to update discussion on the low pressure area in the Gulf of Mexico.

*Product
header/valid
time*

Updated...An Air Force reconnaissance aircraft was able to identify a well-defined circulation in the low pressure area over the east-central Gulf of Mexico late this afternoon. Based on this finding, the National Hurricane Center will initiate advisories on Tropical Storm Andrea within the next hour or so.

- * Formation chance through 48 hours...high...near 100 percent.
- * Formation chance through 5 days...high...near 100 percent.

Although the shower activity associated with a tropical wave located a little less than 1000 miles east of the Lesser Antilles has increased some, the wave is heading westward toward a region where the upper level winds are not favorable for development.

- * Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10 percent.
- * Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent.

*Free form
discussion*

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Forecaster Berg

Monthly Tropical Weather Summary

Product Description: The Monthly Tropical Weather Summary briefly describes the previous month's tropical cyclone activity and provides a summary table for all of the season's tropical cyclones to date.

Availability: The Monthly Tropical Weather Summary is issued at 8 am local time on the first day of the month following each month of the hurricane season. The Tropical Weather Summary issued on 1 December will give a brief account of the entire season.

Product Headers: WMO and AWIPS headers are given in the table below.

Basin	WMO Header	AWIPS Header
Atlantic	ABNT30 KNHC	MIATWSAT
Eastern North Pacific	ABPZ30 KNHC	MIATWSEP

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Monthly Tropical Weather Summary  
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL  
800 AM EDT Fri Oct 01 2010
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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. Also, the formation of eight named storms ties 2002 for the record number of named storms formation in 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.

Reports on individual cyclones, when completed, are at the web site of the National Hurricane Center: www.hurricanes.gov/2014atlan.shtml

SUMMARY TABLE

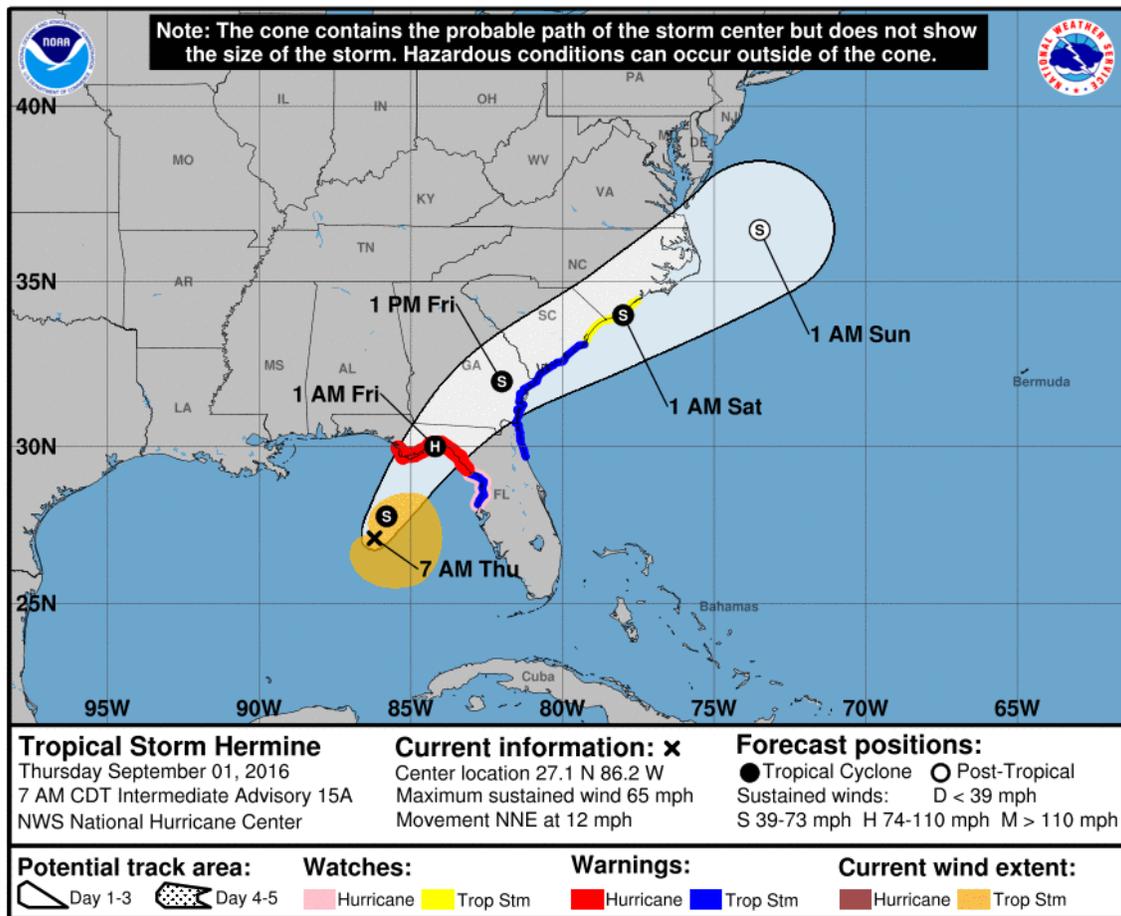
Name	Dates	Max Wind (MPH)
H Alex	25 Jun-2 Jul	105
TD Two	7-8 Jul	35
TS Bonnie	22-24 Jul	40
TS Colin	2-8 Aug	60
TD Five	10-11 Aug	35
MH Danielle	21-31 Aug	135
MH Earl	25 Aug-5 Sep	145
TS Fiona	30 Aug-4 Sep	60
TS Gaston	1-2 Sep	40
TS Hermine	6-8 Sep	65
MH Igor	8-21 Sep	155
MH Julia	12-20 Sep	135
MH Karl	14-18 Sep	120
H Lisa	21-26 Sep	80
TS Matthew	23-26 Sep	60
TS Nicole	28-29 Sep	40

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NHC Graphical Product Descriptions

Tropical Cyclone Track Forecast Cone and Watch/Warning Graphic



Product Description: This graphic depicts the most recent NHC track forecast of the center of a tropical cyclone along with an approximate representation of associated coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue) and tropical storm watch (yellow). The “X” indicates the current position of the center of the tropical cyclone. The black dots show the NHC forecast position of the center at the times indicated. The letter inside the dot indicates the forecast strength of the cyclone category: (D)epression, (S)torm, (H)urricane, (M)ajor hurricane, or remnant (L)ow. Systems forecast to be post-tropical are indicated by white dots with black letters indicating intensity using the thresholds given above. For example, a post-tropical system forecast to have winds of 65 kt would be depicted by a black H inside a white dot, even though it is not a hurricane.

The cone represents the probable track of the center of a tropical cyclone, and is formed by enclosing the area swept out by a set of circles (not shown) along the forecast track (at 12, 24, 36 hours, etc.). The size of each circle is set so that two-thirds of historical official forecast errors over a 5-year sample fall within the circle. The circle radii defining the cones in 2017 for the Atlantic and eastern North Pacific basins are given in the table below.

Radii of NHC forecast cone circles for 2019, based on error statistics from 2014–2018:

Forecast Period (hours)	2/3 Probability Circle, Atlantic Basin (nautical miles)	2/3 Probability Circle, Eastern North Pacific Basin (nautical miles)
12	26	25
24	41	38
36	54	48
48	68	62
72	102	88
96	151	115
120	198	145

One can also examine historical tracks to determine how often the *entire* 5-day path of a cyclone remains completely within the area of the cone. This is a different perspective that ignores most timing errors. For example, a storm moving very slowly but in the expected direction would still be within the area of the cone, even though the track forecast error could be very large. Based on forecasts over the previous 5 years, the entire track of the tropical cyclone can be expected to remain within the cone roughly 60-70% of the time.

It is important to remember that tropical cyclones are not a point. Their effects can span many hundreds of miles from the center. The area experiencing hurricane force (one-minute average wind speeds of at least 74 mph) and tropical storm force (one-minute average wind speeds of 39-73 mph) winds can extend well beyond the white areas shown enclosing the most likely track area of the center. A version of this graphic also shows the areas potentially being affected by the sustained (1 min average) winds of tropical storm force (in orange) and hurricane force (in red) at the time of the advisory issuance. Users are reminded that the wind radii represent the maximum possible extent of a given wind speed within particular quadrants around the tropical cyclone. As a result, not all locations falling within the orange or red shaded areas will be experiencing sustained tropical storm or hurricane force winds, respectively.

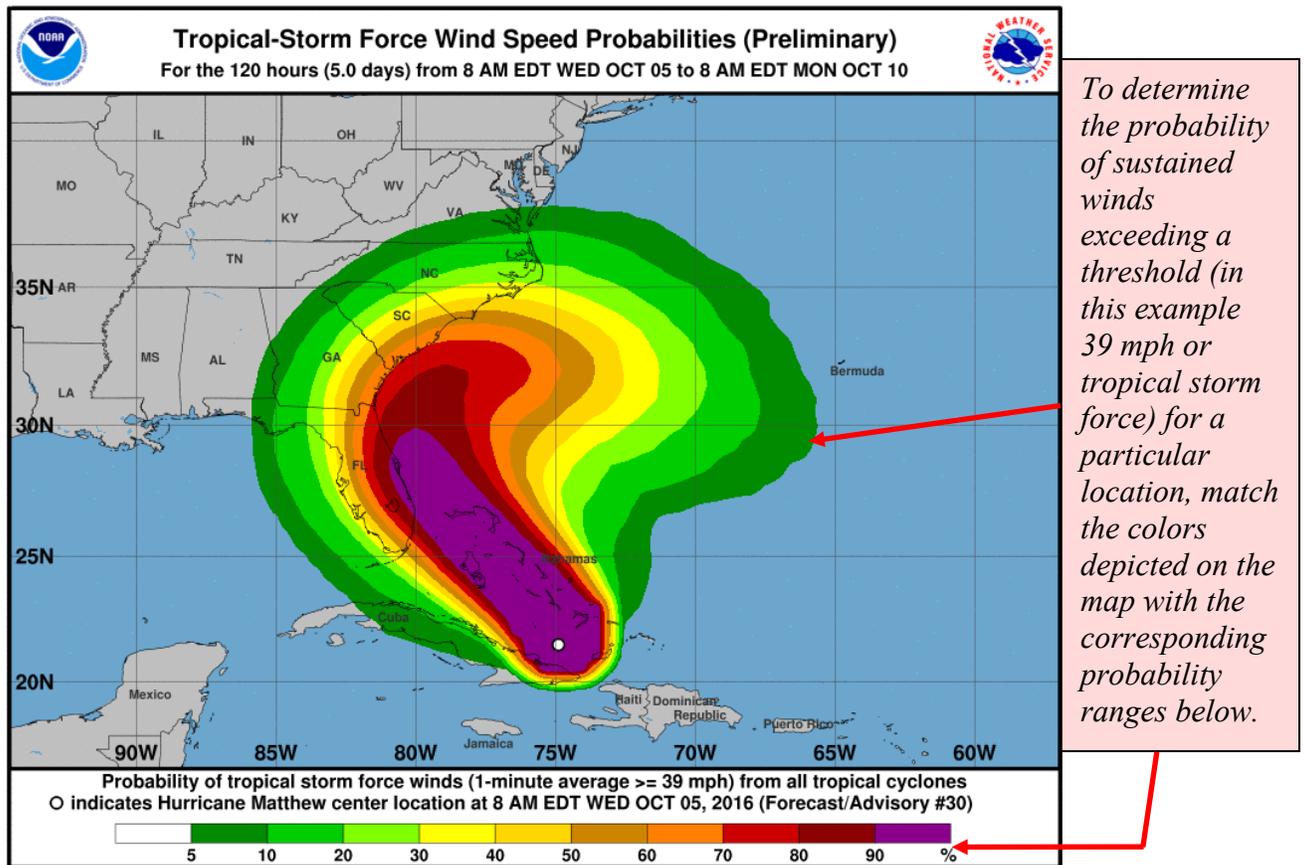
The distribution of hurricane and tropical storm force winds in this tropical cyclone can be seen in the Cumulative Wind Distribution graphic described below.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the

table on the next page. When coastal watches or warnings are in effect, the graphic will be updated at either two or three hour intervals concurrent with the issuance of Intermediate Public Advisories. The graphic will also be updated with the issuance of Special Advisories.

Basin	Graphic Issuance Times (UTC)	Local Issuance Times During Daylight Saving Time	Local Issuance Times During Standard Time
Atlantic	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 11 pm EDT	4 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm EST
Eastern North Pacific	0300, 0900, 1500, 2100	2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm PDT	1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm PST

Tropical Cyclone Surface Wind Speed Probabilities



Product Description: This graphic depicts the probability (likelihood, expressed as a percentage) that sustained (1-min average) winds meeting or exceeding specific thresholds will occur at particular locations over particular intervals of time. These probabilities are based on the track, intensity, and wind structure (size) forecasts from the National Hurricane Center and their historical error characteristics. Separate graphics are provided for the 34 kt (tropical storm force), 50 kt, and 64 kt (hurricane force) wind thresholds.

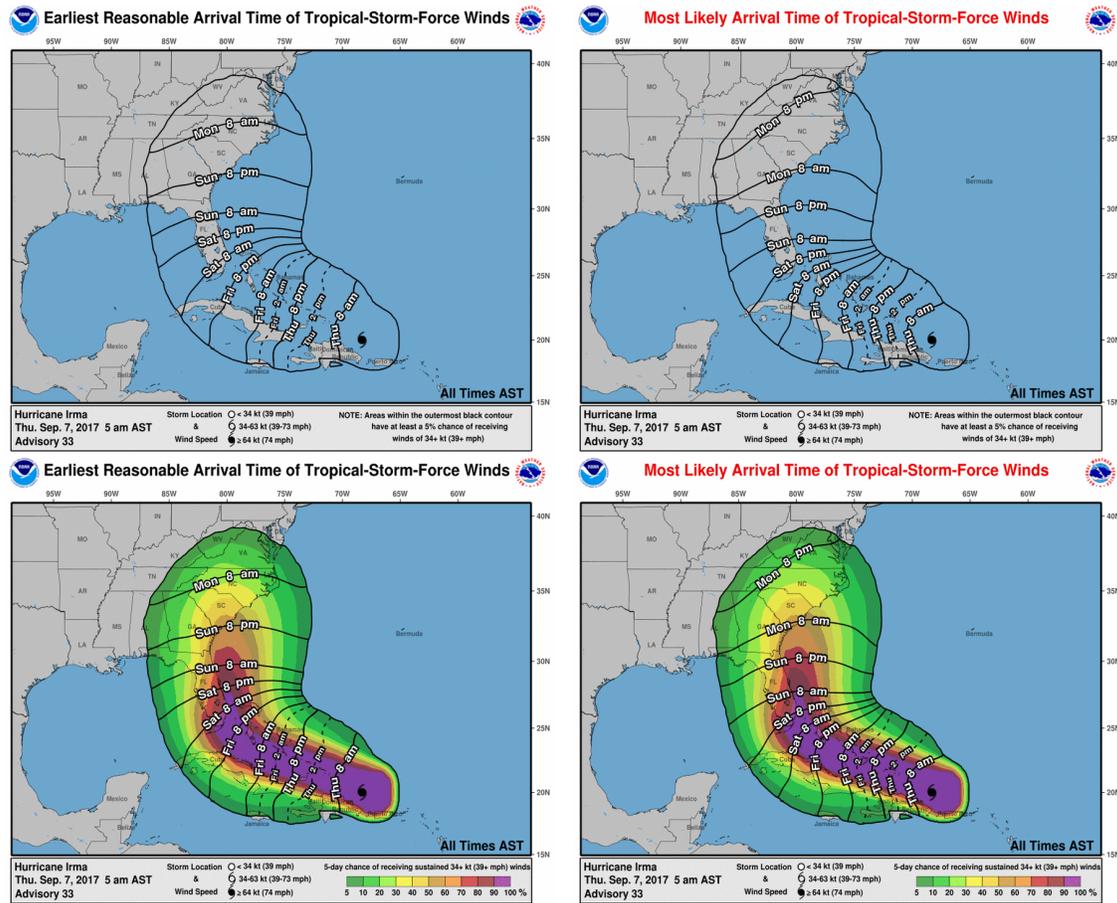
The graphic provides location-specific *cumulative occurrence probabilities* – these values tell you the probability the wind event will occur sometime during the specified cumulative forecast period (0-12, 0-24, 0-36 hours, etc., out to 0-120 h) at each specific point. The images can be looped to show how the threat evolves over the five-day period of the forecast.

It is important for users to realize that probabilities that may seem relatively small (e.g., 5-10%) may still be quite significant. Users are urged to consider the potentially large costs (in terms of lives, property, etc.) of not preparing for an extreme event.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below. The graphic will also be updated with the issuance of Special Public Advisories.

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Tropical-Storm-Force Wind Time-of-Arrival Graphics



Product Description: These graphics depict the earliest reasonable and most likely arrival times of sustained (1-min average) tropical storm force winds at a particular location on the map. These probabilities are based on the track, intensity, and wind structure (size) forecasts from the National Hurricane Center and their historical error characteristics. For many users, preparations for hazardous winds ideally should be completed by the earliest reasonable arrival time.

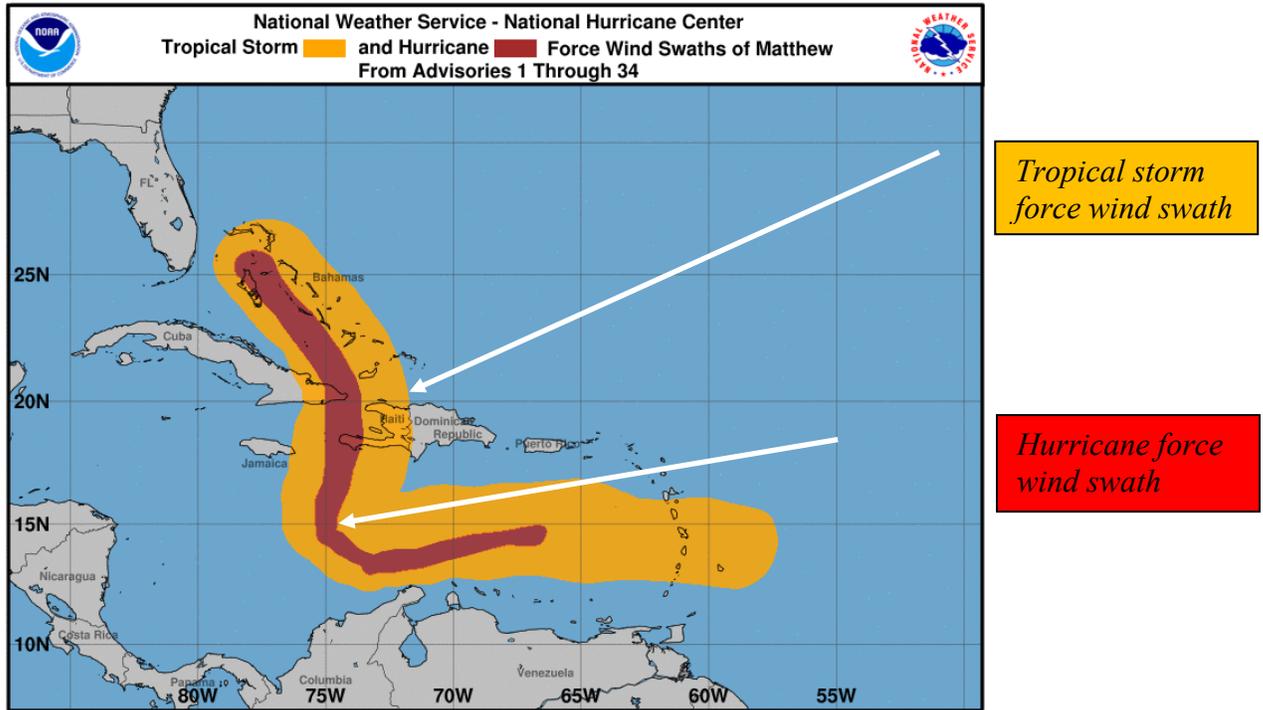
The earliest reasonable arrival time is based on the time at which the first 10% of the wind speed probability realizations bring tropical-storm force winds to a given location. The most likely time of arrival is the time at which the arrival of tropical storm force winds at a given location is equally likely to occur before or after the indicated time. The arrival times are shown along a series of black contours with the times depicted in local time, with the time zone based on the initial location of the cyclone.

A second version of the graphics also depicts the cumulative probability likelihood, expressed as a percentage) that sustained (1-min average) 34-kt winds thresholds will occur at particular locations during the next 5 days in color filled contours.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table below. The graphic will also be updated with the issuance of Special Public Advisories.

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Cumulative Wind History



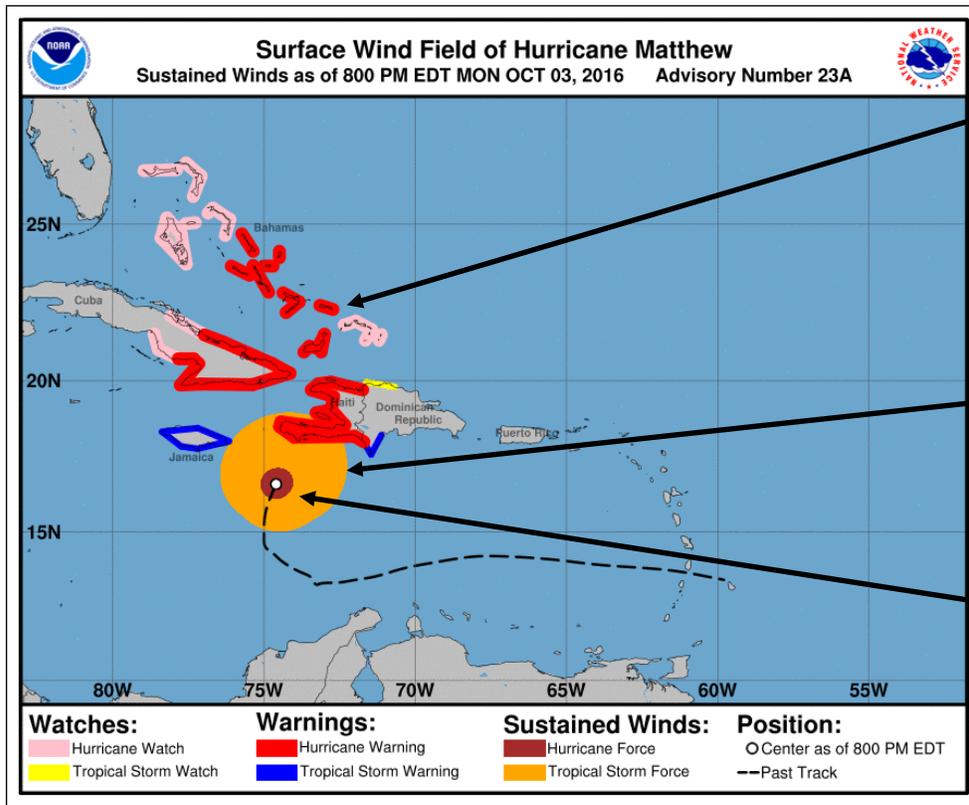
Product Description: This graphic shows how the size of the storm has changed, and the areas potentially affected so far by sustained winds of tropical storm force (in orange) and hurricane force (in red). The display is based on the wind radii contained in the set of Forecast/Advisories indicated at the top of the figure. Users are reminded that the Forecast/Advisory wind radii represent the maximum possible extent of a given wind speed within particular quadrants around the tropical cyclone. As a result, not all locations falling within the orange or red swaths will have experienced sustained tropical storm or hurricane force winds, respectively.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table at the top of the following page. The graphic will also be updated with the issuance of Special Public Advisories.

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Tropical Cyclone Wind Field Graphic



- Includes representation of coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue) and tropical storm watch (purple).
- Graphic shows the areas potentially being affected by the sustained winds of tropical storm force (in orange) and hurricane force (in red)
- Current position of the center of the tropical cyclone shown with white dot while the past track is shown with a dashed line.

Product Description: This graphic shows the areas potentially being affected by the sustained (1 min average) winds of tropical storm force (in orange) and hurricane force (in red). The display is based on the wind radii contained in the latest Forecast/Advisory (indicated at the top of the figure). Users are reminded that the Forecast/Advisory wind radii represent the maximum possible extent of a given wind speed within particular quadrants around the tropical cyclone. As a result, not all locations falling within the orange or red shaded areas will be experiencing sustained tropical storm or hurricane force winds, respectively.

In addition to the wind field, this graphic shows an approximate representation of coastal areas under a hurricane warning (red), hurricane watch (pink), tropical storm warning (blue) and tropical storm watch (purple). The white dot indicates the current position of the center of the tropical cyclone, and the dashed line shows the previous track of the center of the tropical cyclone.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table at the top of the next page. The graphic will also be updated with the issuance of Special Public Advisories.

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Storm Surge Watch and Warning Graphic

Tropical Storm Harvey
Advisory 015 Issued: 4:00 AM CDT Thu Aug 24

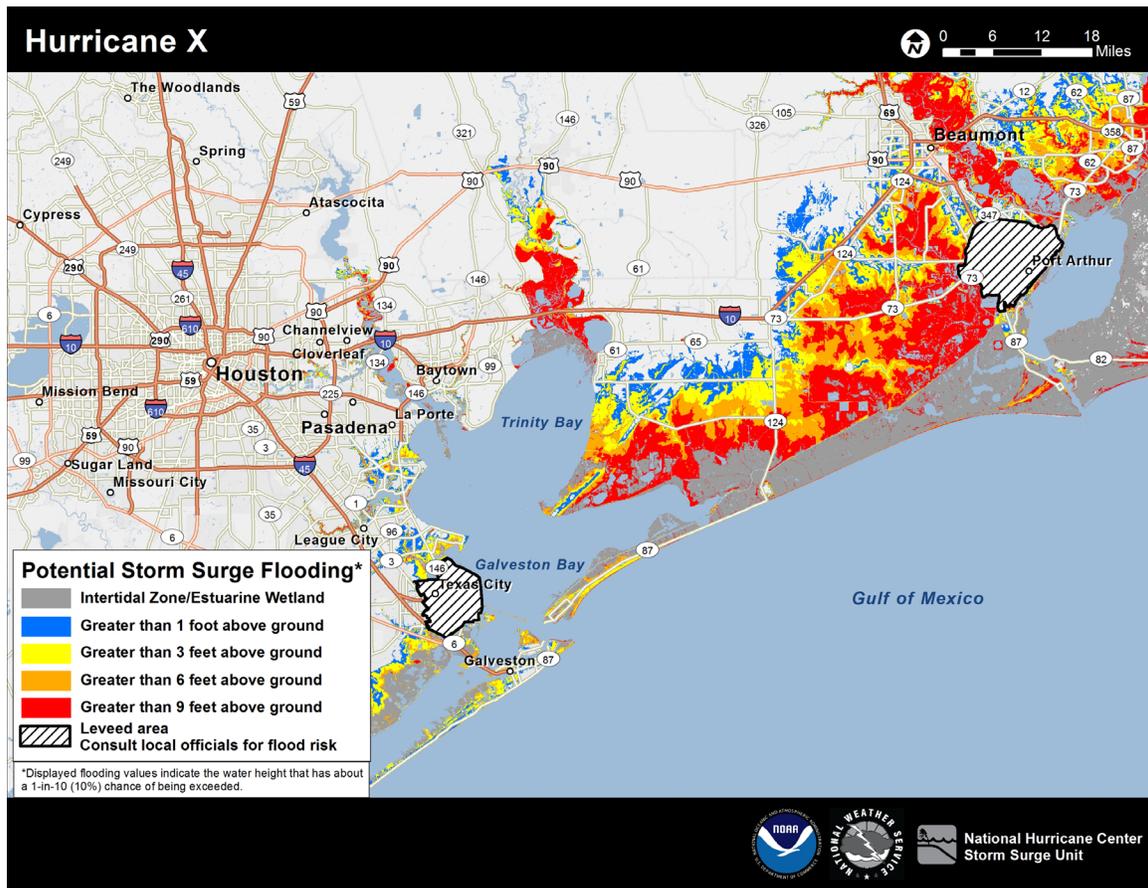


Product Description: Storm surge is rising water moving inland from the shoreline, pushed onshore by the force of the wind. The storm surge watch/warning graphic displays areas under a storm surge watch or warning. A storm surge warning means that there is a danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours. A storm surge watch means that life-threatening inundation is possible somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

Due to forecast uncertainty, the actual areas that experience life-threatening inundation may differ from the areas shown on this map. All persons, regardless of whether or not they are in the highlighted areas shown by the graphic, should promptly follow evacuation orders and other instructions from local emergency management officials.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC whenever storm surge watches or warnings are in effect along any portion of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts of the continental United States.

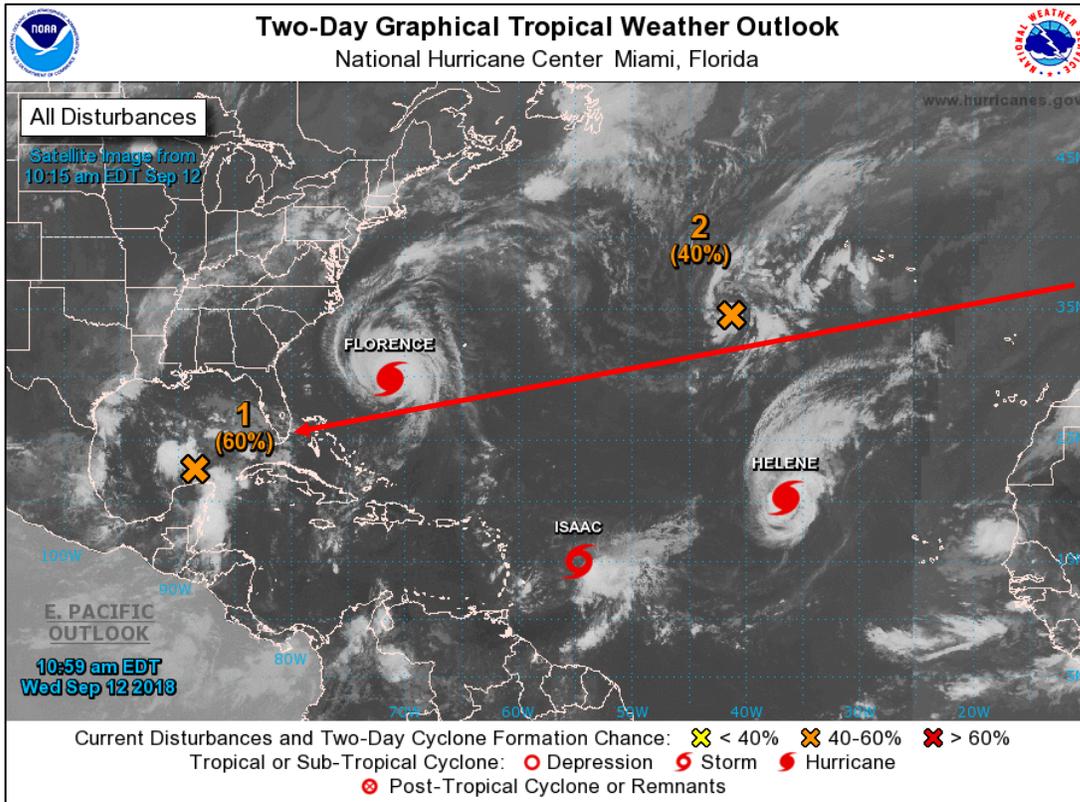
Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map



Product Description: The Potential Storm Surge Flooding Map shows geographical areas where inundation from storm surge could occur and how high above ground the water could reach in those areas. The map is based on the latest forecast track and intensity of the tropical cyclone, and takes into account likely forecast errors. The shading represents inundation levels that have a 10 percent chance of being exceeded, which can therefore be thought of as representing a reasonable worst-case scenario for any individual location. The first map will usually be issued at the same time as the initial hurricane watch or, in some cases, with a tropical storm watch. The map is subject to change every six hours in association with every new NHC full advisory package.

Availability: This graphic is part of a suite of products issued for active cyclones every six hours at 0300, 0900, 1500, and 2100 UTC, whenever a hurricane or storm surge watch or warning is in effect for any portion of the Gulf or Atlantic coasts of the continental United States. The graphic can be issued at other times as appropriate, including for some tropical storm watches or warnings. *Due to the processing time required to produce the map, there will generally be a delay of an hour or more in the posting of this graphic to the NHC web site, or soon after the availability of the Probabilistic Tropical Cyclone Storm Surge and Tide products.*

48-Hour Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook



Area 1 in the graphic corresponds with area 1 discussed in the text below. Users can also mouse over the disturbance in the graphic and a pop-up window will appear providing the same text as below.

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Tropical Weather Outlook
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL
800 AM EDT Wed Sep 12 2018

For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on Hurricane Florence, located over the western Atlantic Ocean, on Hurricane Helene, located over the eastern Atlantic, and on Tropical Storm Isaac, located several hundred miles east of the Lesser Antilles.

1. Cloudiness and showers associated with a trough of low pressure over the south-central Gulf of Mexico have decreased since yesterday and the Air Force reconnaissance plane scheduled to investigate the system for today will likely be cancelled. However, upper-level winds are forecast to become a little more conducive for development, and a tropical depression could still form Thursday or Friday before the system reaches the western Gulf Coast. Regardless of development, heavy rainfall and gusty winds are expected across portions of northeastern Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana late this week, and interests there should monitor the progress of this system.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...60 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...60 percent.

2. A non-tropical area of low pressure located several hundred miles west-southwest of the Azores is producing a large area of showers and thunderstorms and gale-force winds. This system could gradually acquire tropical or subtropical characteristics during the next couple of days while it meanders over the northeastern Atlantic Ocean, and before it becomes absorbed by a larger trough of low pressure. For more information, see High Seas Forecasts issued by the National Weather Service.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...40 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...50 percent.

3. An area of low pressure is expected to develop near Bermuda late this weekend or early next week. Some gradual development is possible after that time while the system drifts westward over the western Atlantic.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent

High Seas Forecasts issued by the National Weather Service are under AWIPS header NFDHSFAT1, WMO header FZNT01 KWBC, and available on the Web at <https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDHSFAT1.shtml>.

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Product Description: The 48-hour Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook depicts significant areas of disturbed weather and their potential for development during the next 48 hours. The Outlook also shows the locations of any active tropical cyclones and potential tropical cyclones that NHC is issuing advisories on. The location of areas of disturbed weather on the graphic are denoted by an X and numbered, with text discussions for each disturbance given beneath the graphic. The potential for tropical cyclone formation for each disturbance within the next 48 hours will be indicated by the color of the X: yellow indicates a low probability of development (0-30%), orange indicates medium likelihood (40%-60%), and red indicates a high likelihood of development (70-100%). Potential tropical cyclones that NHC is issuing advisories on will be denoted by an X color-coded by the probability of development, and the number of the potential tropical cyclone will be shown above the X. The graphic is interactive; users can mouse over cyclones or disturbances in the graphic and pop-up windows will appear with cyclone advisory information or the text Outlook discussion for that disturbance. Clicking on a tropical cyclone symbol or a potential tropical cyclone will take the user to a new web location that contains all advisories and products for that system.

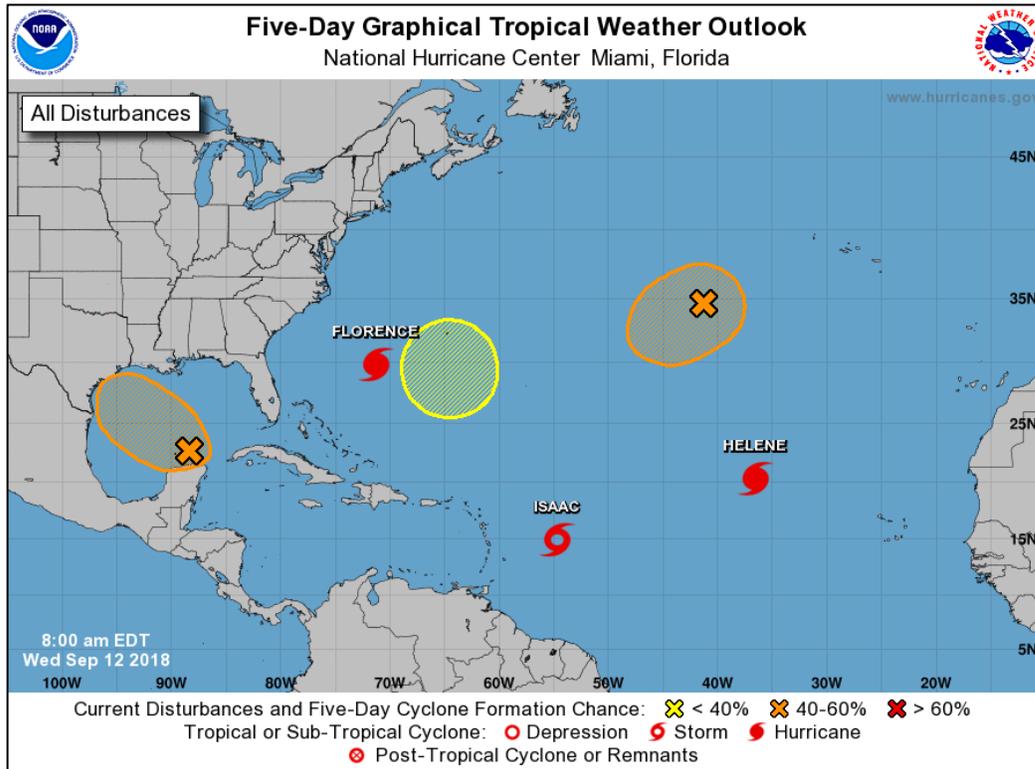
Information on the motion and potential impacts of each disturbance is available in the text descriptions but is not displayed graphically.

Availability: Graphical Tropical Weather Outlooks are issued every six hours from 1 June–30 November for the Atlantic Basin and from 15 May–30 November for the eastern North Pacific Basin, at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC. Local issuance times are

shown in the table at the top of the next page. The Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook is also updated whenever a Special Tropical Weather Outlook is issued.

Basin	Outlook Issuance Times (UTC)	Local Issuance Times During Daylight Saving Time	Local Issuance Times During Standard Time
Atlantic	0000, 0600, 1200, 1800	2 am, 8 am, 2 pm, 8 pm EDT	1 am, 7 am, 1 pm, 7 pm EST
Eastern North Pacific	0000, 0600, 1200, 1800	5 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 11 pm PDT	4 am, 10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm PST

5-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook



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Tropical Weather Outlook
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL
800 AM EDT Wed Sep 12 2018

For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on Hurricane Florence, located over the western Atlantic Ocean, on Hurricane Helene, located over the eastern Atlantic, and on Tropical Storm Isaac, located several hundred miles east of the Lesser Antilles.

1. Cloudiness and showers associated with a trough of low pressure over the south-central Gulf of Mexico have decreased since yesterday and the Air Force reconnaissance plane scheduled to investigate the system for today will likely be cancelled. However, upper-level winds are forecast to become a little more conducive for development, and a tropical depression could still form Thursday or Friday before the system reaches the western Gulf Coast. Regardless of development, heavy rainfall and gusty winds are expected across portions of northeastern Mexico, Texas, and Louisiana late this week, and interests there should monitor the progress of this system.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...60 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...60 percent.

2. A non-tropical area of low pressure located several hundred miles west-southwest of the Azores is producing a large area of showers and thunderstorms and gale-force winds. This system could gradually acquire tropical or subtropical characteristics during the next couple of days while it meanders over the northeastern Atlantic Ocean, and before it becomes absorbed by a larger trough of low pressure. For more information, see High Seas Forecasts issued by the National Weather Service.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...40 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...50 percent.

3. An area of low pressure is expected to develop near Bermuda late this weekend or early next week. Some gradual development is possible after that time while the system drifts westward over the western Atlantic.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent

High Seas Forecasts issued by the National Weather Service are under AWIPS header NFDHSFAT1, WMO header FZNT01 KWBC, and available on the Web at <https://ocean.weather.gov/shtml/NFDHSFAT1.shtml>.

Forecaster Avila

Product Description: The 5-day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook provides formation potential for individual disturbances during the next 5-day period. The areas enclosed on the graph represent the potential formation area during the forecast period⁵. The areas are color-coded based on the potential for tropical cyclone formation during the next 5-days. Areas in yellow indicate a low probability of development (0-30%), orange indicates medium likelihood (40-60%), and red indicates a high likelihood of development (70-100%). The location of existing disturbances is indicated by an X. If the formation potential of an existing disturbance does not include the area in which the disturbance is currently location, an arrow will connect the current location of the disturbance to its area of potential formation. Areas without an X or connected by an arrow to an X indicate that the disturbance does not currently exist, but is expected to develop during the 5-day period. Potential tropical cyclones that NHC is issuing advisories on will be denoted by a X and the number of the potential tropical cyclone will be shown above the X; note, however, that formation areas are not provided for potential tropical cyclones. The graphic is interactive; users can mouse over disturbances in the graphic and pop-up windows will appear with the text Outlook discussion for that disturbance. Clicking on a disturbance will take the user to a graphic that shows only that disturbance. Beginning in 2017, active tropical cyclones and potential tropical cyclones will be depicted on this graphic. Clicking on a tropical cyclone symbol or a potential tropical cyclone will take the user to a new web location that contains all advisories and products for that system.

⁵ Development areas for potential tropical cyclones that NHC is issuing advisories on will not be depicted on the graphic.

Availability: Graphical Tropical Weather Outlooks are issued every six hours from 1 June–30 November for the Atlantic Basin and from 15 May–30 November for the eastern North Pacific Basin, at 0000, 0600, 1200, and 1800 UTC. Local issuance times are shown in the table on the next page. The Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook is also updated whenever a Special Tropical Weather Outlook is issued.

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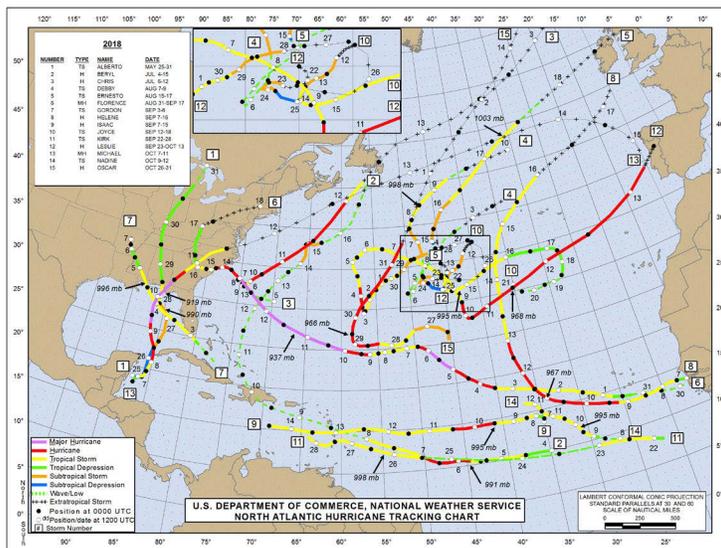
NHC Non-Operational Product Descriptions

Tropical Cyclone Reports

Product Description: The National Hurricane Center's Tropical Cyclone Reports (TCRs) contain comprehensive information on each storm, including a final best track and synoptic history, meteorological statistics, casualties and damage, and a forecast and warning critique.

Availability: TCRs are available in the data archive portion of the NHC website (www.nhc.noaa.gov/data#tcr) in pdf format. The time to prepare a TCR after the tropical cyclone has ended can vary from a couple of weeks to several months, depending on the longevity of the cyclone, available data, and the extent of the cyclone's impacts.

Seasonal Summary Table and Track Maps



Product Description: The National Hurricane Center publishes a seasonal summary table and seasonal track map near the beginning of each month from July through December. The table provides a summary of all of the season's tropical cyclones to date and the map shows the tracks of all of the season's tropical cyclones. The data for each tropical cyclone are considered preliminary until the Tropical Cyclone Report is issued. The seasonal summary table and track maps can be found in the archive section of the NHC website with the season's tropical cyclone reports.