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Scott Stripling is a senior meteorologist with the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch at NOAA’s National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Northeast Louisiana University in 1985.

Stripling began his career with NOAA in 1988 as a meteorological intern with the New Orleans area National Weather Service Forecast Office, where he enjoyed the music and culture of New Orleans to its fullest. He later accepted a forecaster position at the NWS Forecast Office in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1992. His love for the ocean, surfing, and sailing aided him in transferring his experiences on the water into superior marine forecasts. After nearly 17 years in Puerto Rico, he transferred to the National Hurricane Center’s Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch in 2008, where he remains as a senior marine forecaster. Stripling serves on the NHC computer model evaluation team and contributes annually to the NOAA NDBC Mariners Weather Log.

Stripling is one of several Spanish speaking NHC staff members who provide television and radio interviews regarding tropical cyclones as well as tours to the public and visiting scientists. Since transferring to Miami, he has become intently involved in local environmental advocacy. Stripling has served in various positions on the board of the Miami Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, where he presently leads their water quality monitoring program. He also sits on the steering committee of the Biscayne Bay Marine Health Coalition.

Stripling lives on Miami Beach. In his spare time, he can frequently be found in the ocean kite surfing, paddle boarding and swimming. After a 30 plus year career with the NWS, he has begun planning retirement, and hopes to spend much time in the Caribbean in the coming years.

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