IMPACTS FOR D7 (through next 5 days)

Winds - Moderate

Storm Surge - Low

Rainfall/Flash Flooding – Moderate to High

**Tornadoes – Low** 

Waves - Moderate to High

# TROPICAL STORM LAURA BRIEFING



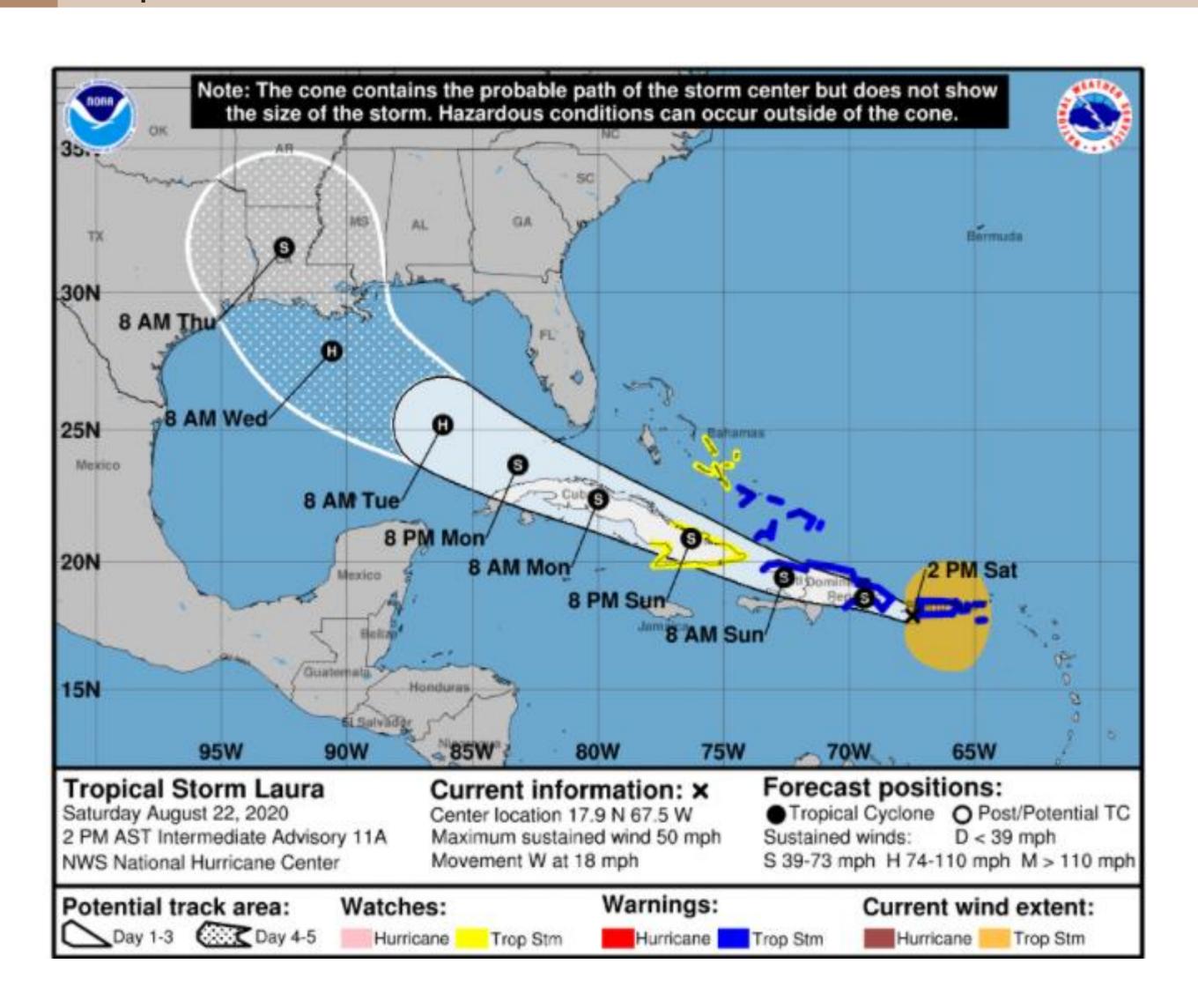
15:00 PM EDT Saturday, August 22, 2020

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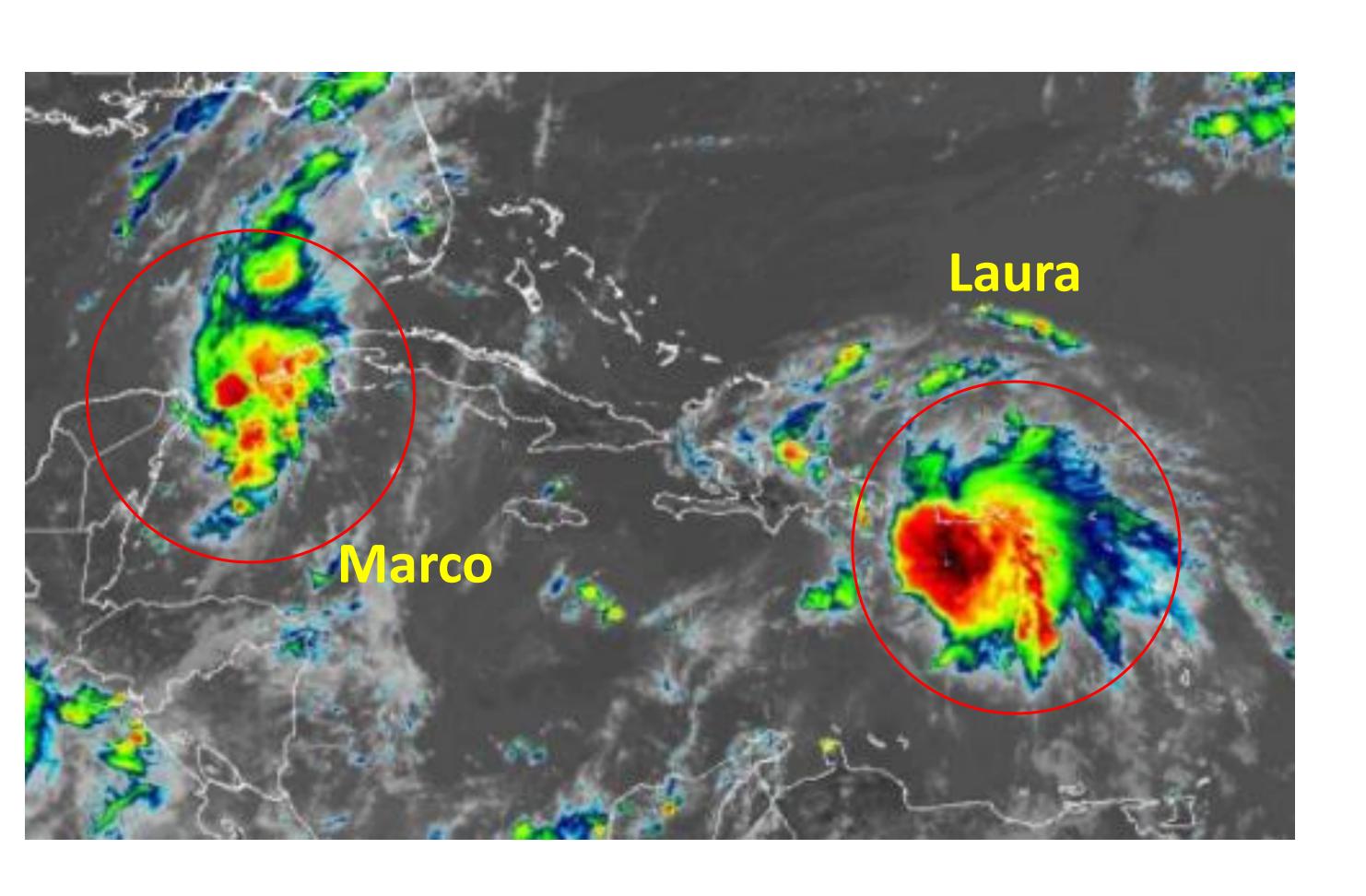


- Gradual strengthening is expected
- •Much will depend on exact track as it moves over or near high terrain of Hispaniola and Cuba
- •Favorable environment in Gulf by Tue

## Current Satellite View

#### Tropical Storm Laura





LOCATION...17.9N 65.5W ABOUT 80 NM SW OF PONCE, PR

MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...45 kt

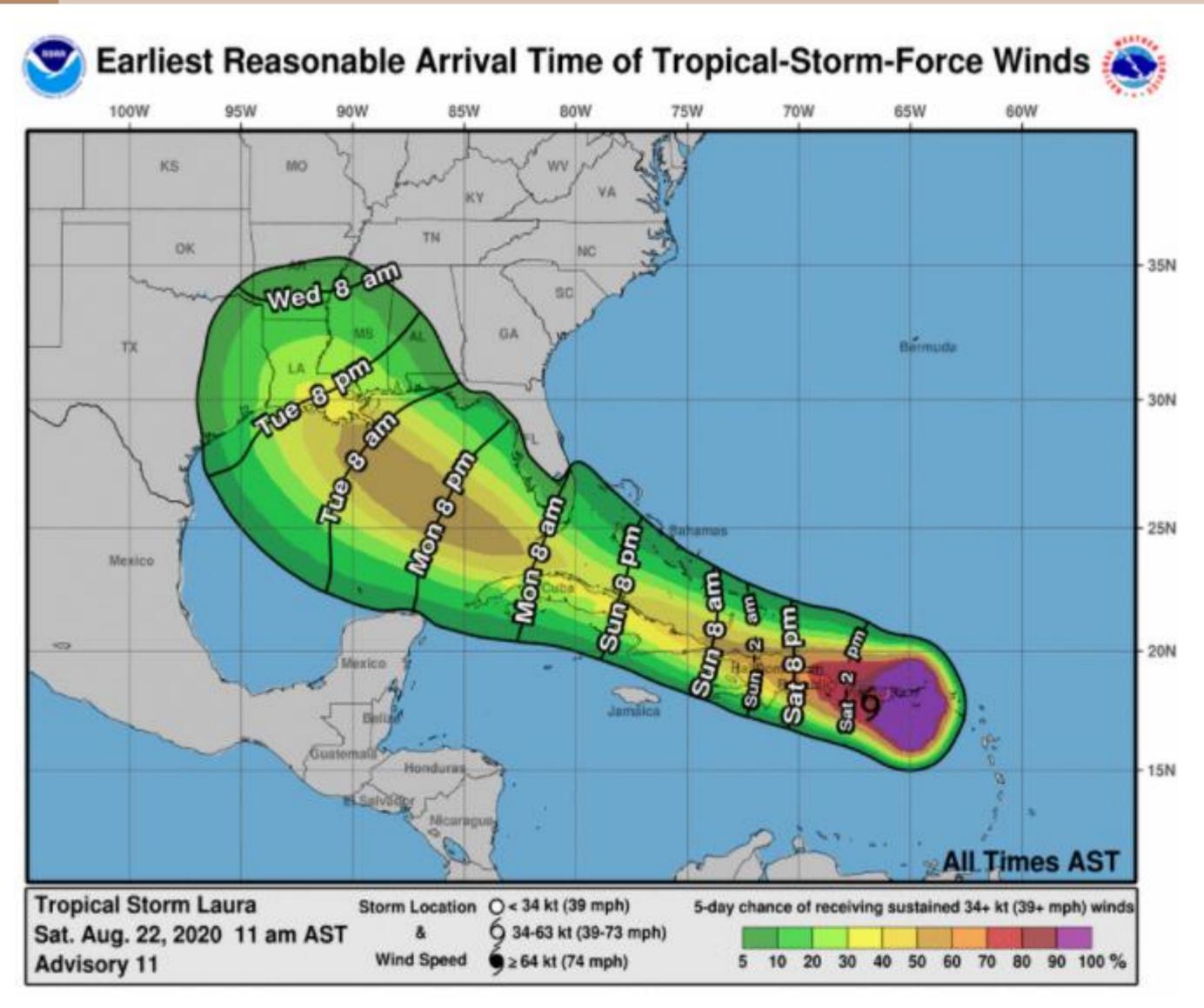
PRESENT MOVEMENT...W OR 280 DEGREES AT 15 kt

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...1004 MB...29.65 INCHES

## Earliest Reasonable Time of Arrival

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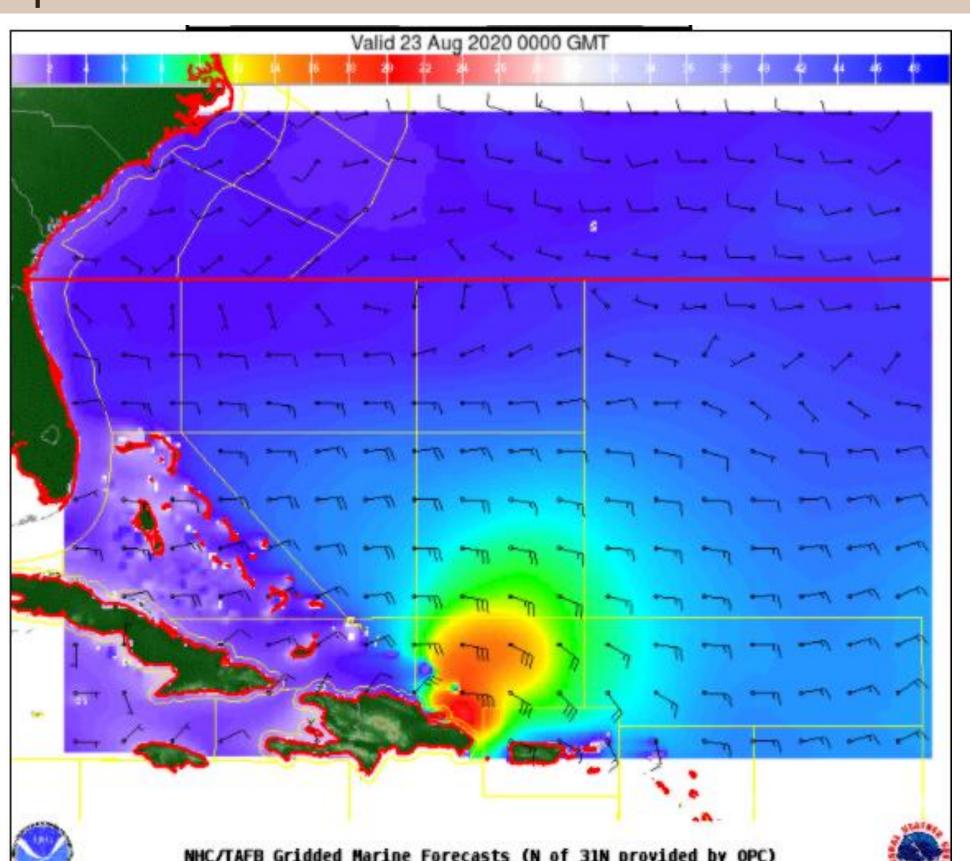
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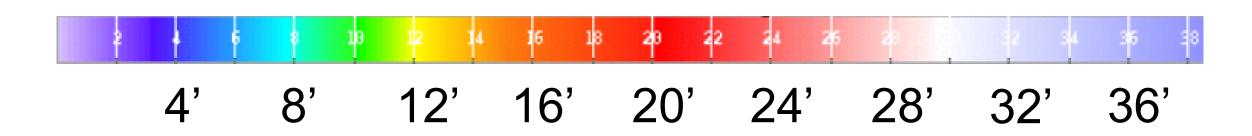
#### TS winds reaching:

- Eastern Cuba, Turks/Caicos, and southern Bahamas by early Sun
- Western Cuba, Straits of Florida and South Florida by early Mon
- North Central Gulf by early Tue

#### Tropical Storm Laura



Wave heights are in feet



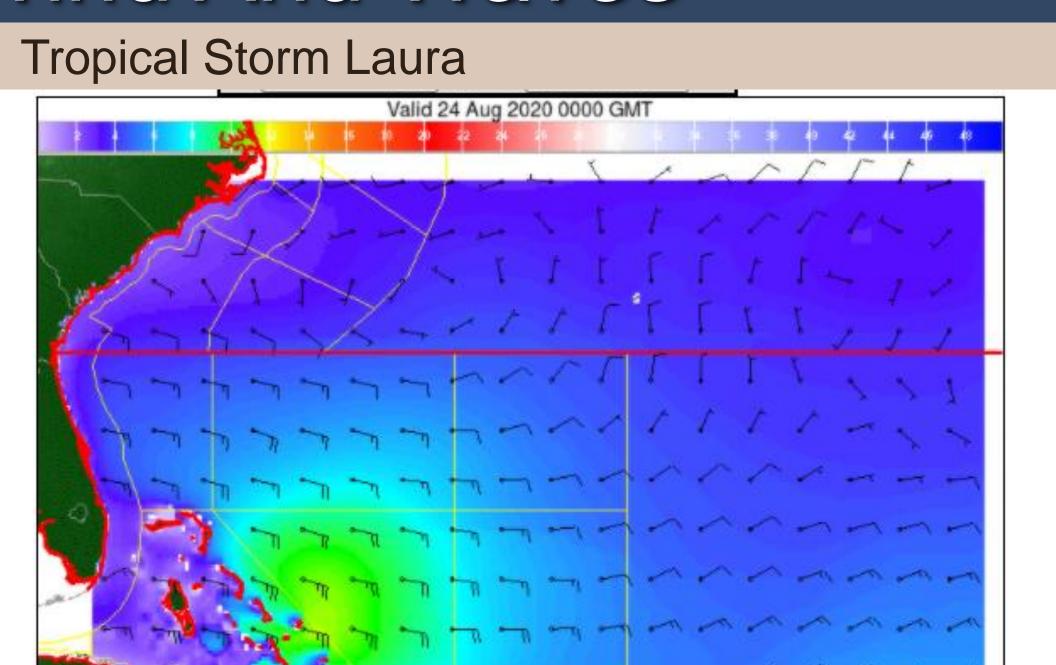


This evening

Saturday, 8 pm EDT, August 22, 2020

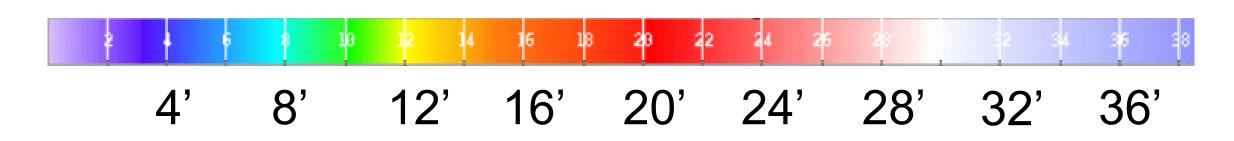
Peak Winds: 40 kt

Peak Seas: 20 ft



Wave heights are in feet

NHC/TAFB Gridded Marine Forecasts (N of 31N provided by OPC)





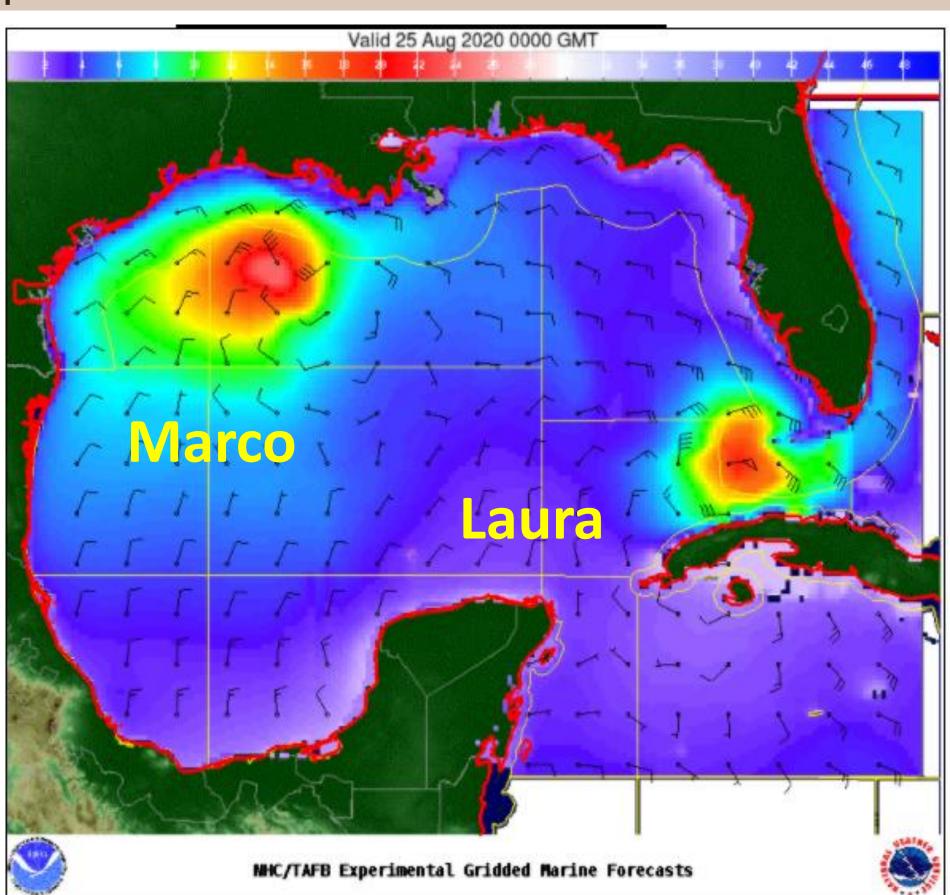
24 Hour Forecast

Sunday, 8 pm EDT, August 23, 2020

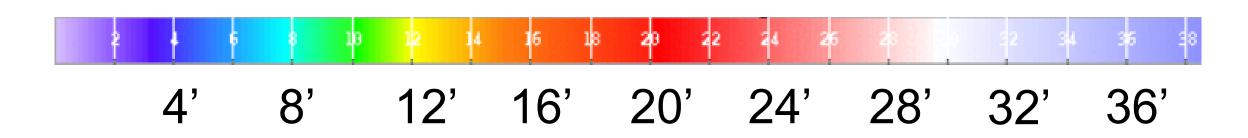
Peak Winds: 45 kt

Peak Seas: 19 ft

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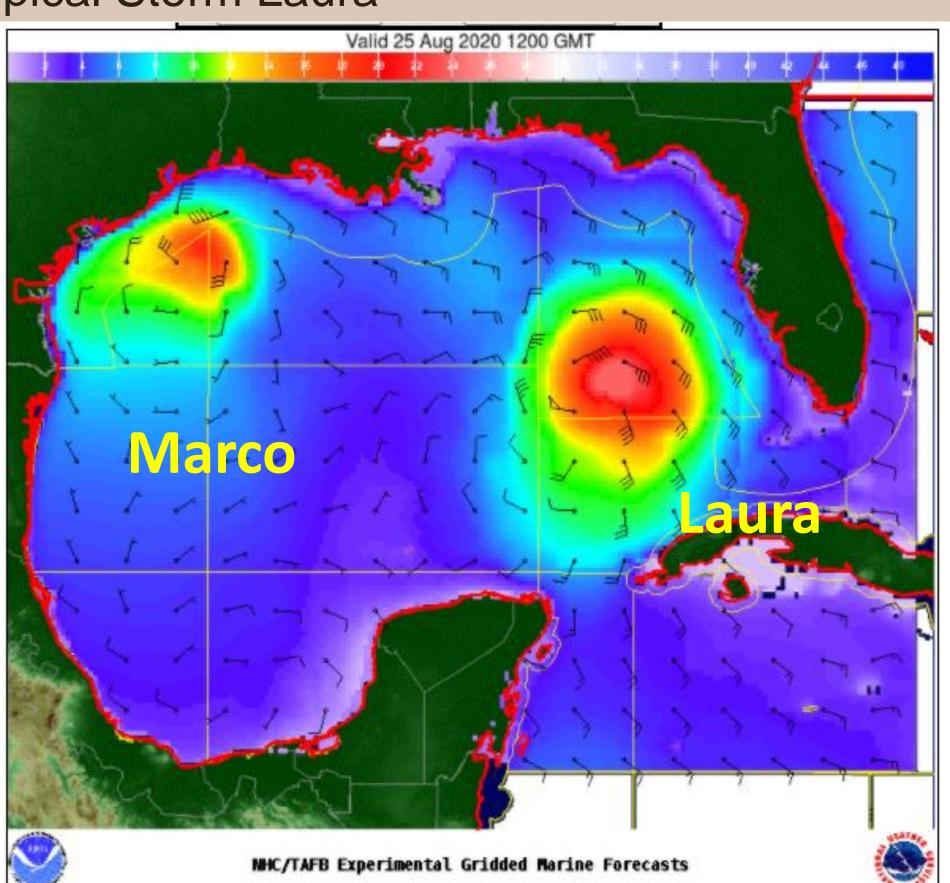
48 Hour Forecast

Monday, 8 pm EDT, August 24, 2020

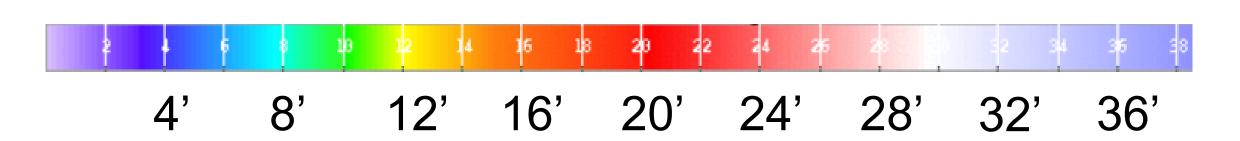
Peak Winds: 55 kt

Peak Seas: 23 ft

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72 Hour Forecast

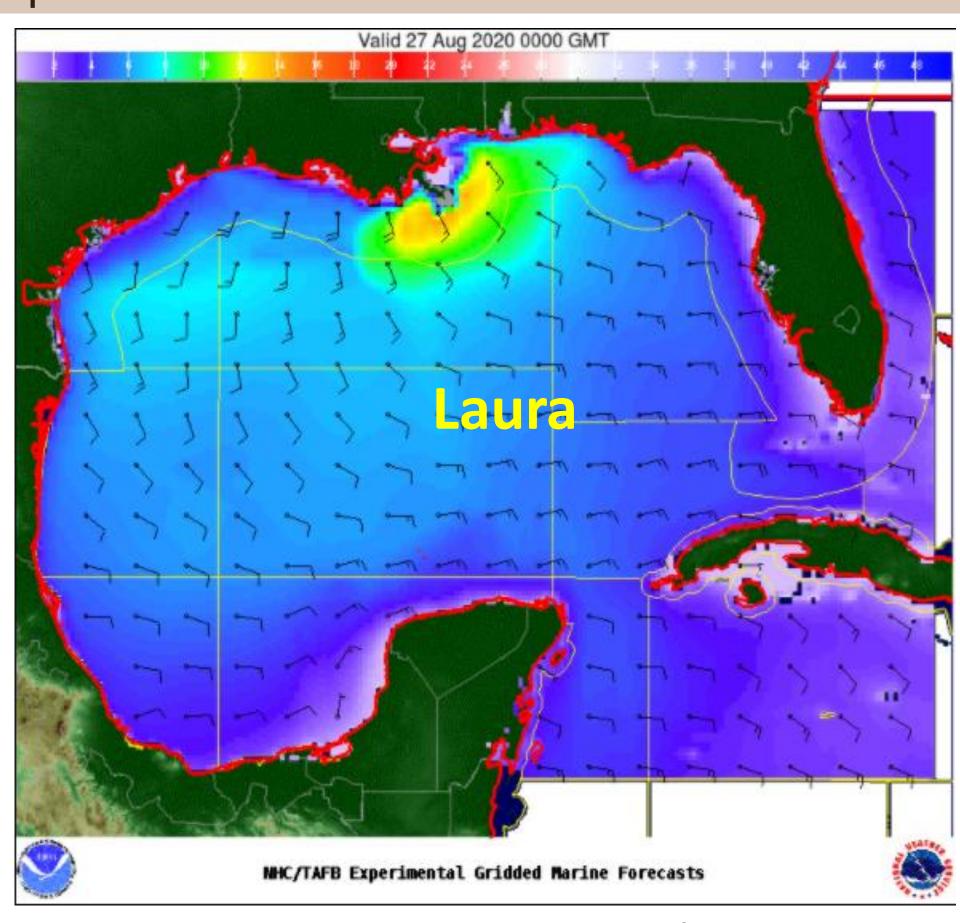
Tuesday, 8 pm EDT, August 25, 2020

Peak Winds: 65 kt (hurricane)

Peak Seas: 30 ft

#### Tropical Storm Laura





Wave heights are in feet

4' 8' 12' 16' 20' 24' 28' 32' 36'

96 Hour Forecast

Wednesday, 8 pm EDT, August 26, 2020

Peak Winds: 75 kt (inland)

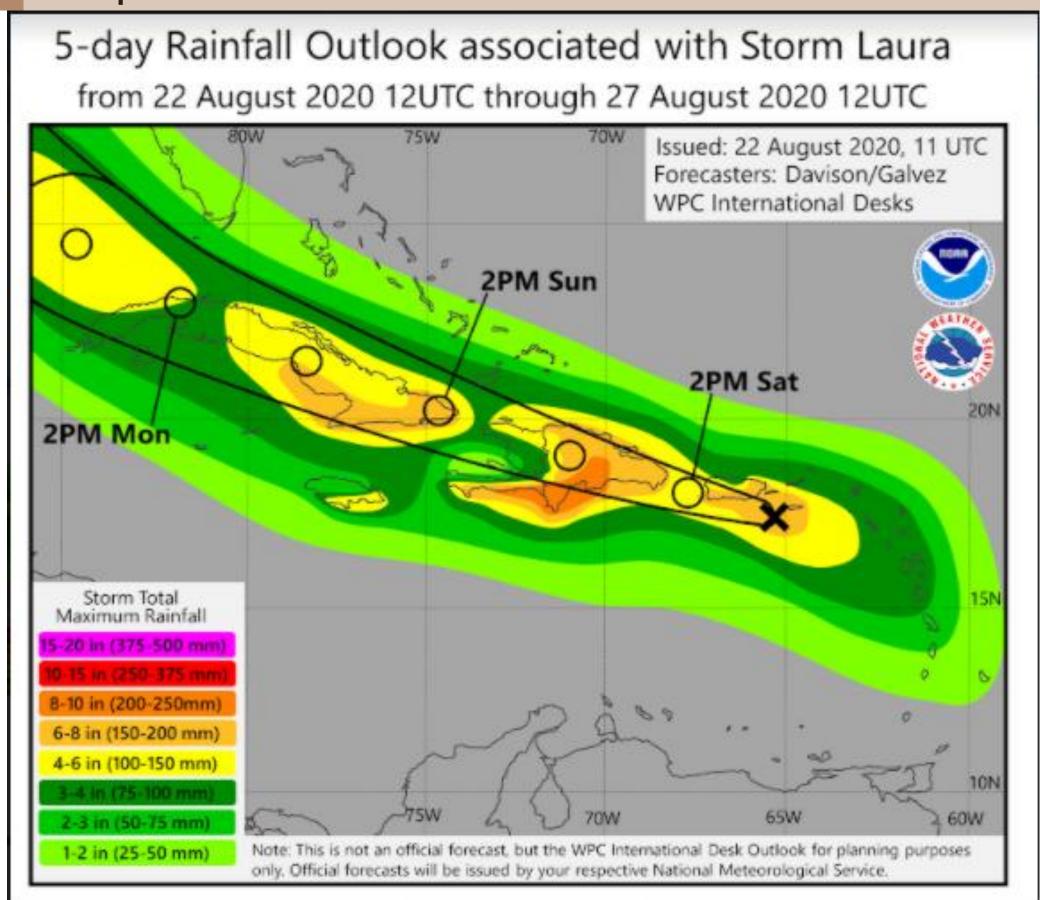
Peak Seas: 13 ft

Note: for the 96 hour forecast, track error is near 150 nm, an intensity error is near 15 kt

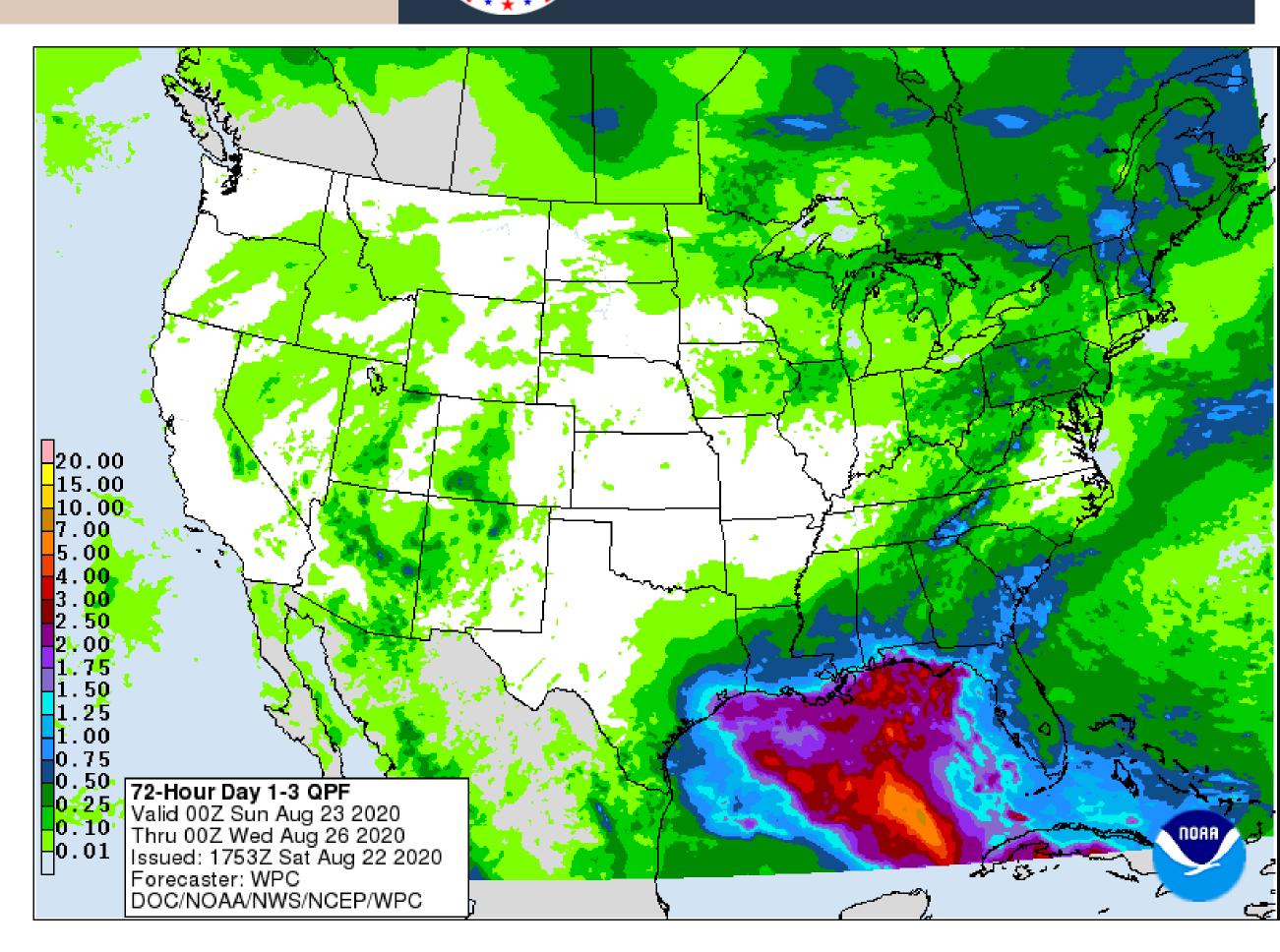
## Expected Storm Total Rainfall

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 Total rainfall in inches through early Thursday.



 Total rainfall in inches through late Tuesday.



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