

IMPACTS FOR District 7

Winds/US Coast – Low

Winds/SRR – High

Waves/US Coastal – Low

Waves/SRR – High

through next 5 days

US Storm Surge – none

US Rainfall/Flash Flooding – none

US Tornadoes – none

HURRICANE RAFAEL BRIEFING



8:30 AM EST
Thursday, November 7, 2024

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Changes since yesterday

Hurricane Rafael



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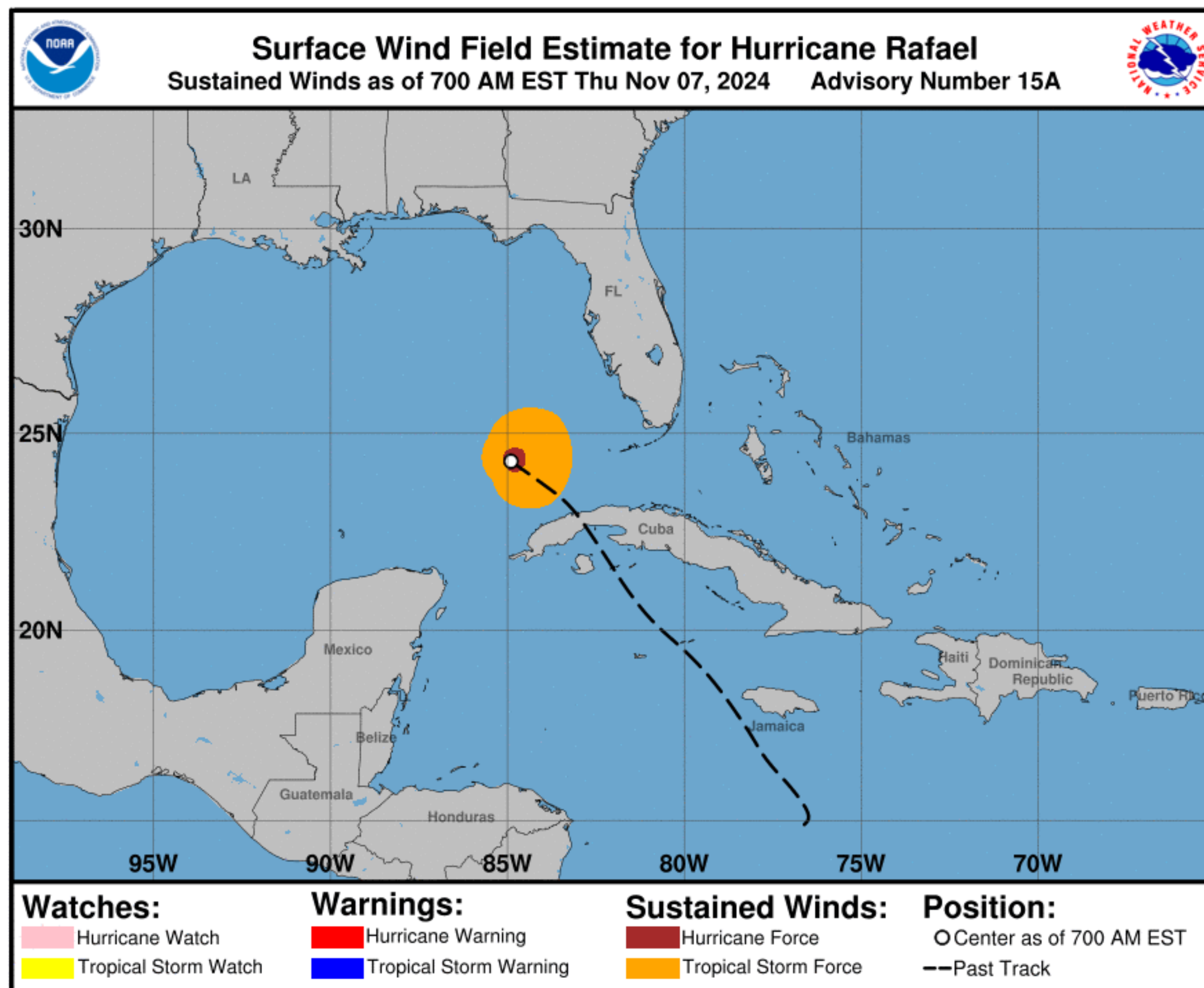
- Rafael has emerged into the SE Gulf
- Weakened slight to a Category Two Storm
- All land Tropical Storm and Hurricane Watches and Warnings cancelled

Situation Overview

Hurricane Rafael



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...AIR FORCE AND NOAA HURRICANE HUNTERS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING RAFAEL...

SUMMARY OF 700 AM EST...1200 UTC...

LOCATION...24.3N 84.9W
ABOUT 180 NM W of Key West, FL
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...90 KT
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW AT 8 KT

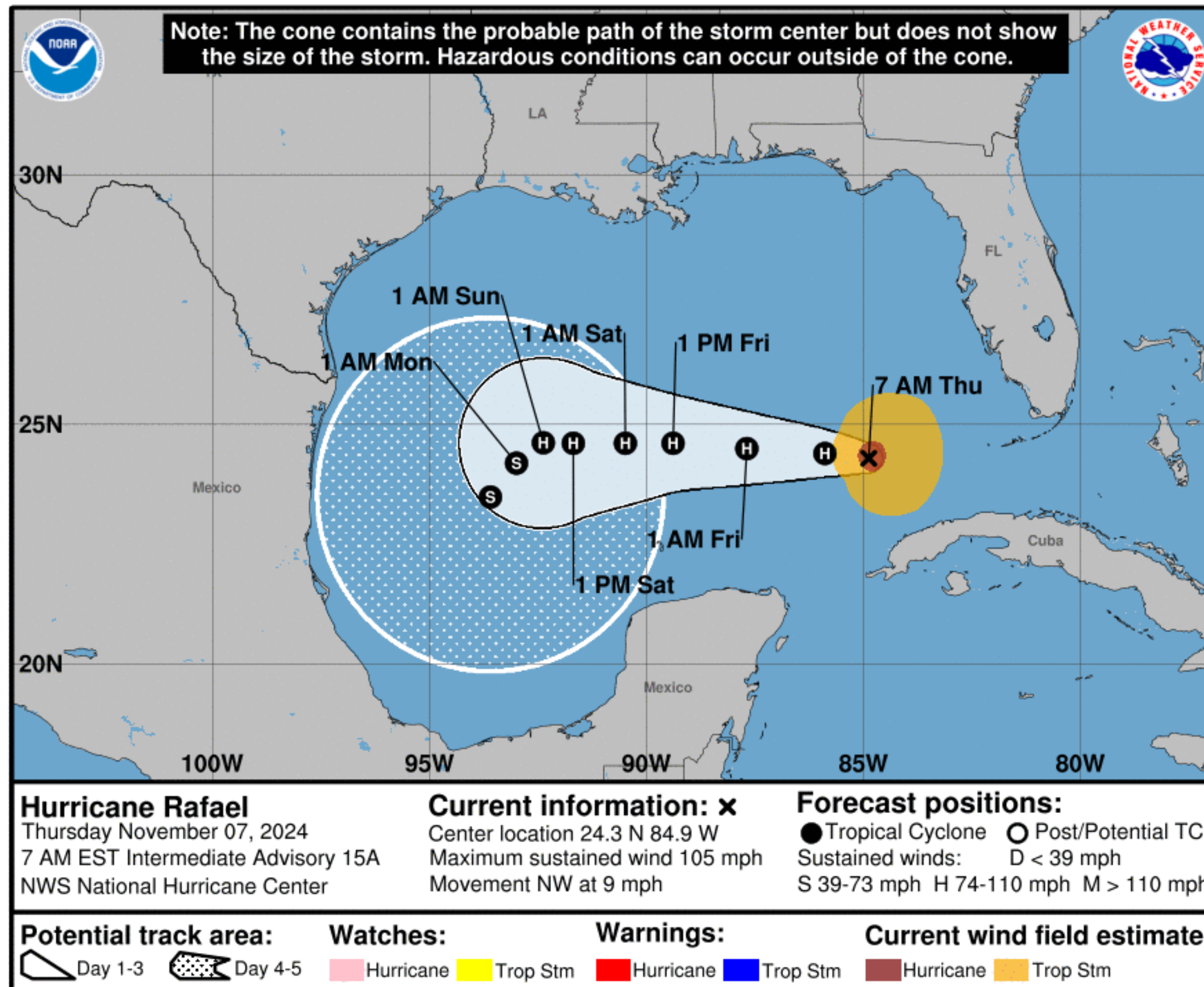
12 FT SEAS.. 90NE 90SE 75SW 75NW.

Forecast Information

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- Westward track expected to continue through the weekend
- Gradually weakening is forecast
- Moving away from District 7's SRR

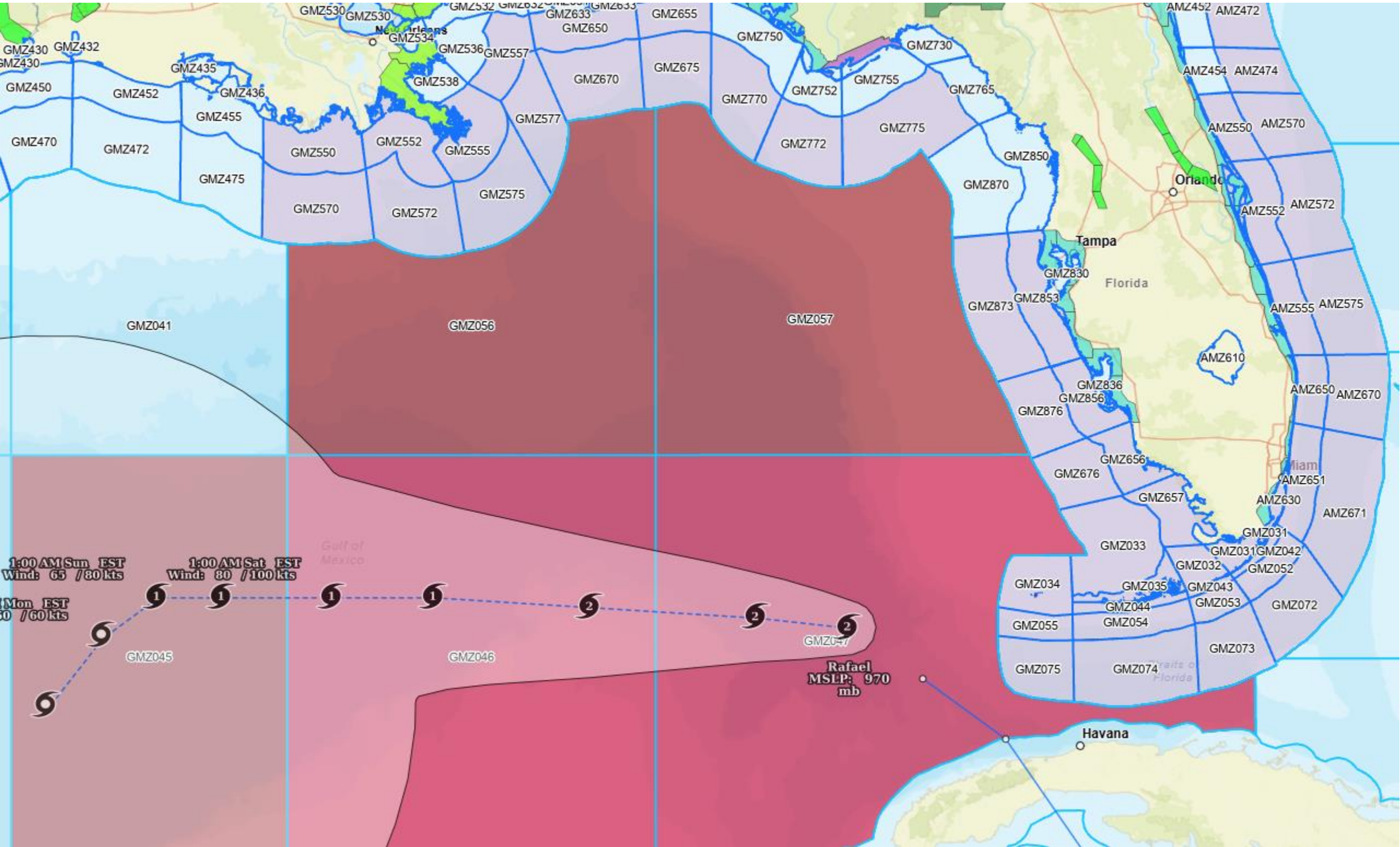
NOTE: Do not focus on the exact track. Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

Hazards Map

Hurricane Rafael



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Small Craft Advisory

Tropical Storm Warning

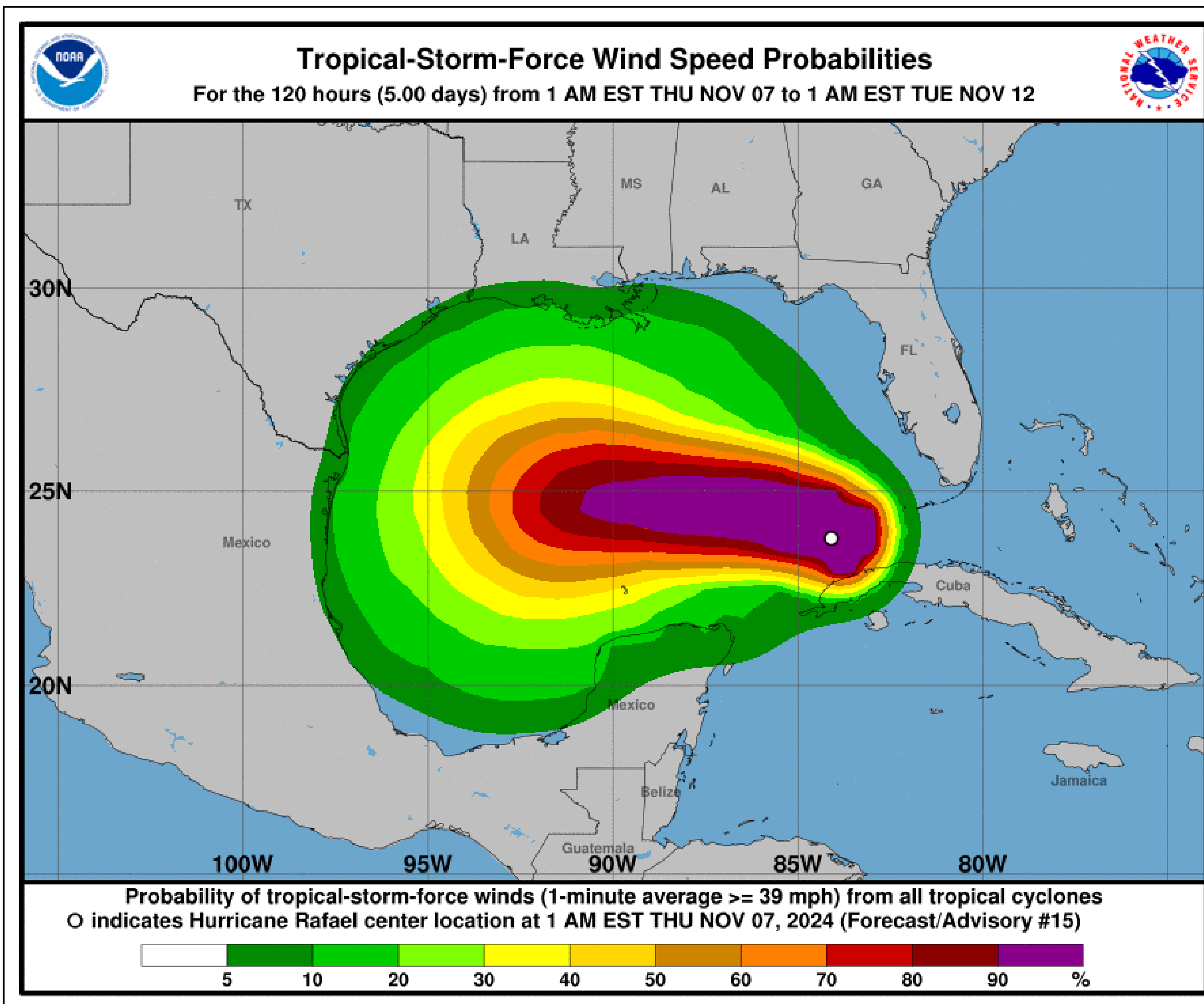
Hurricane Warning

T.S. Wind Speed Probabilities

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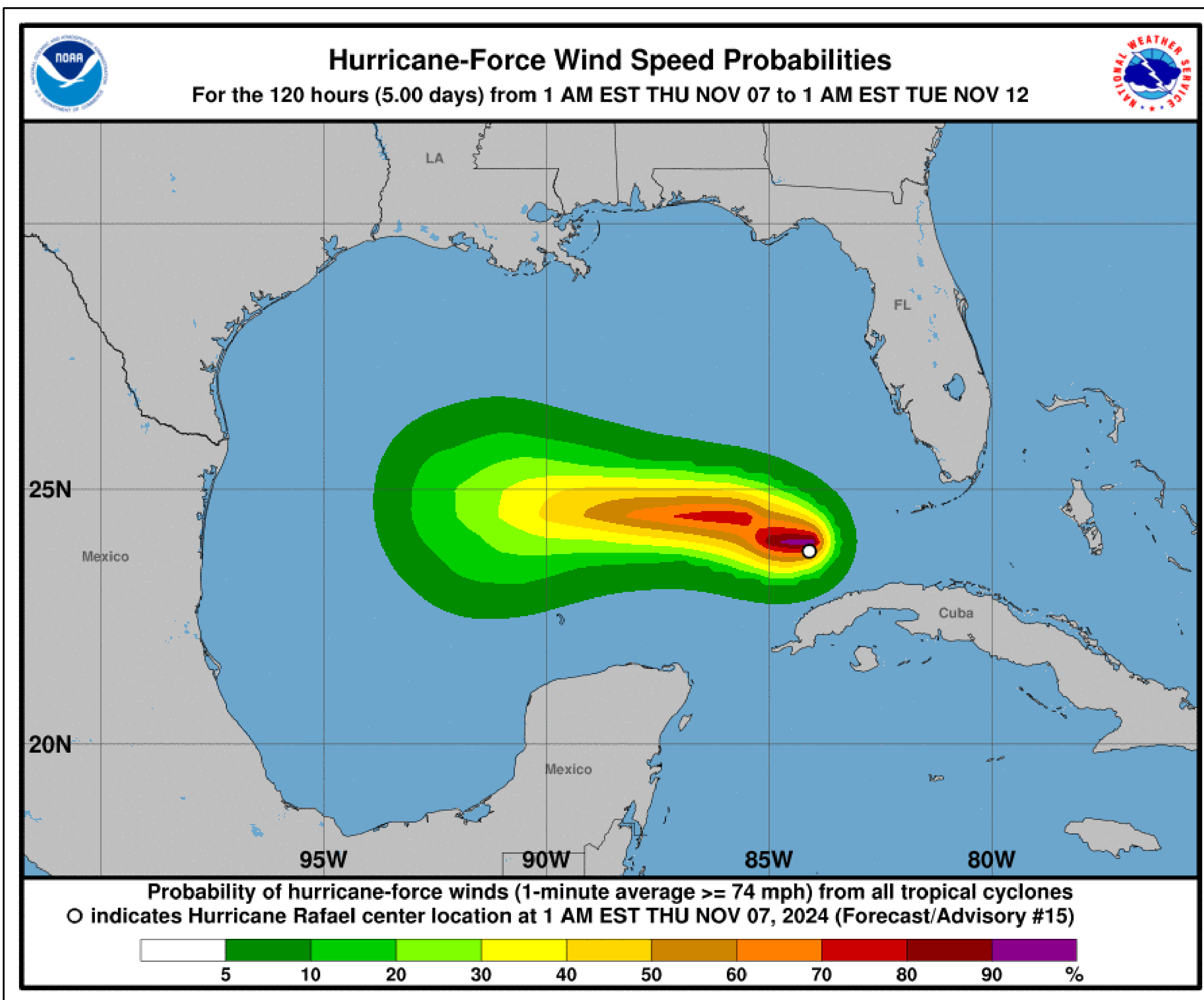
- Probability of TS force (34+ kt) winds now under 5% all District 7 land areas.

Hurricane Wind Speed Probabilities

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- Still some hurricane force winds in SE Gulf of Mexico
- No expectation of hurricane force winds over/near any land areas

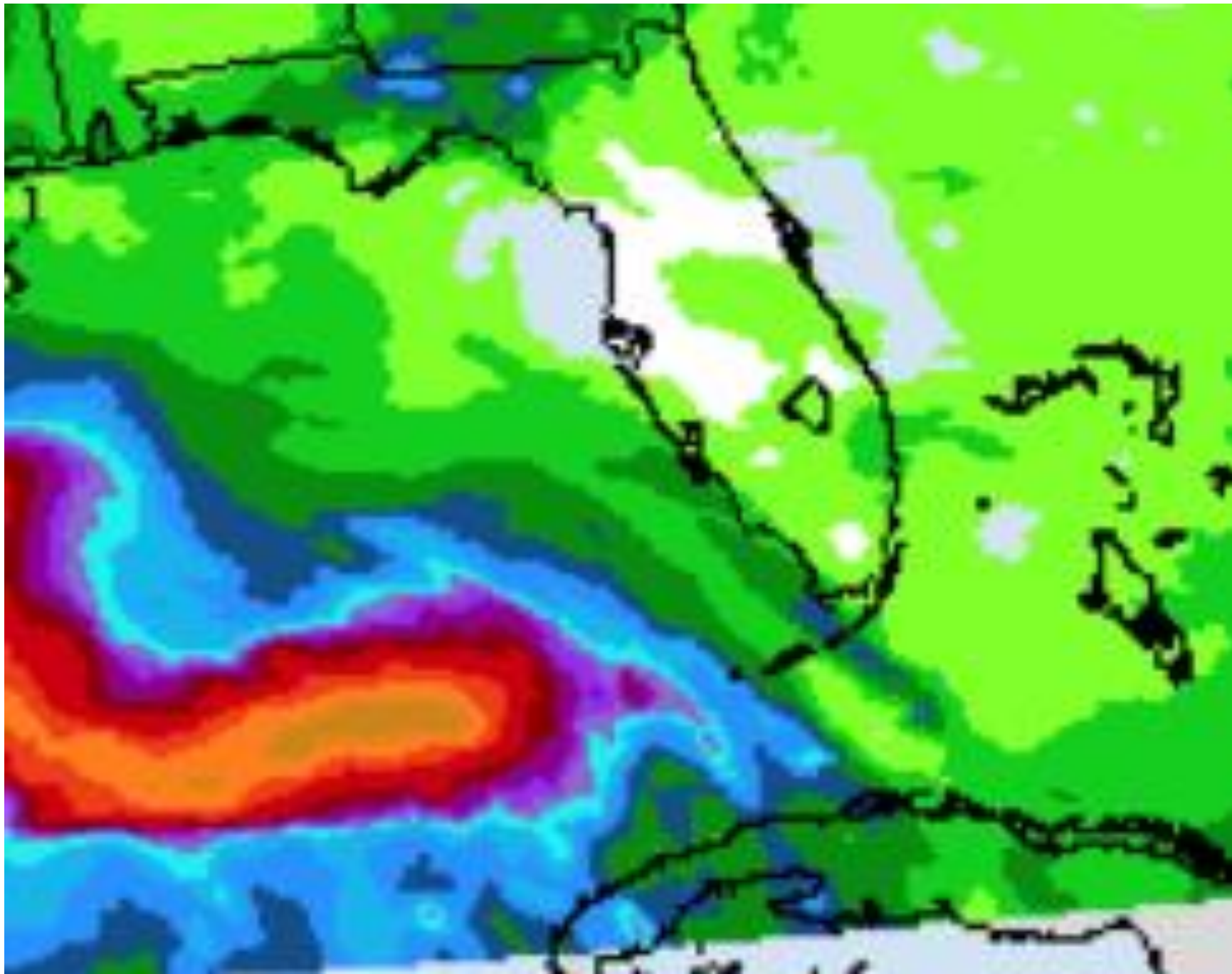
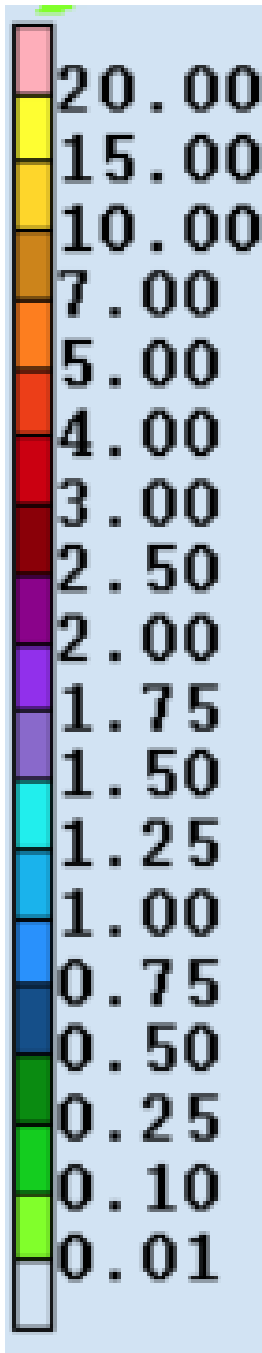
Expected Storm Total

Hurricane Rafael

Images from NWS Weather Prediction Center



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Aside from a few outer-most rain bands over the Florida Keys, little rainfall is anticipated.

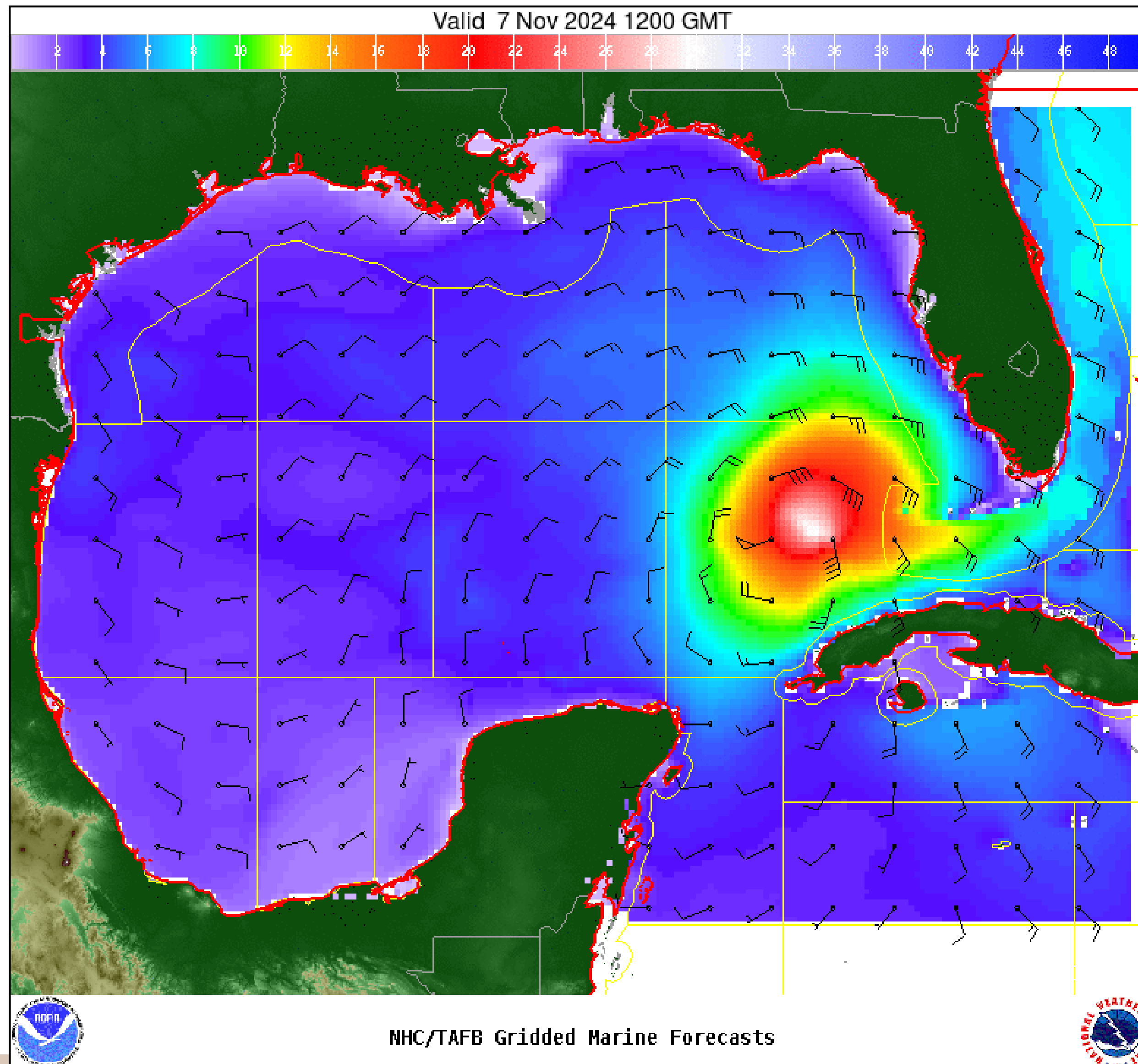
No Storm Surge or Rainfall Flooding is expected.

Wind And Waves

Hurricane Rafael



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Current Conditions (7 AM EST Thursday)

Peak Winds: 90 kt

Peak Seas: 30 ft

- Wave heights are in feet



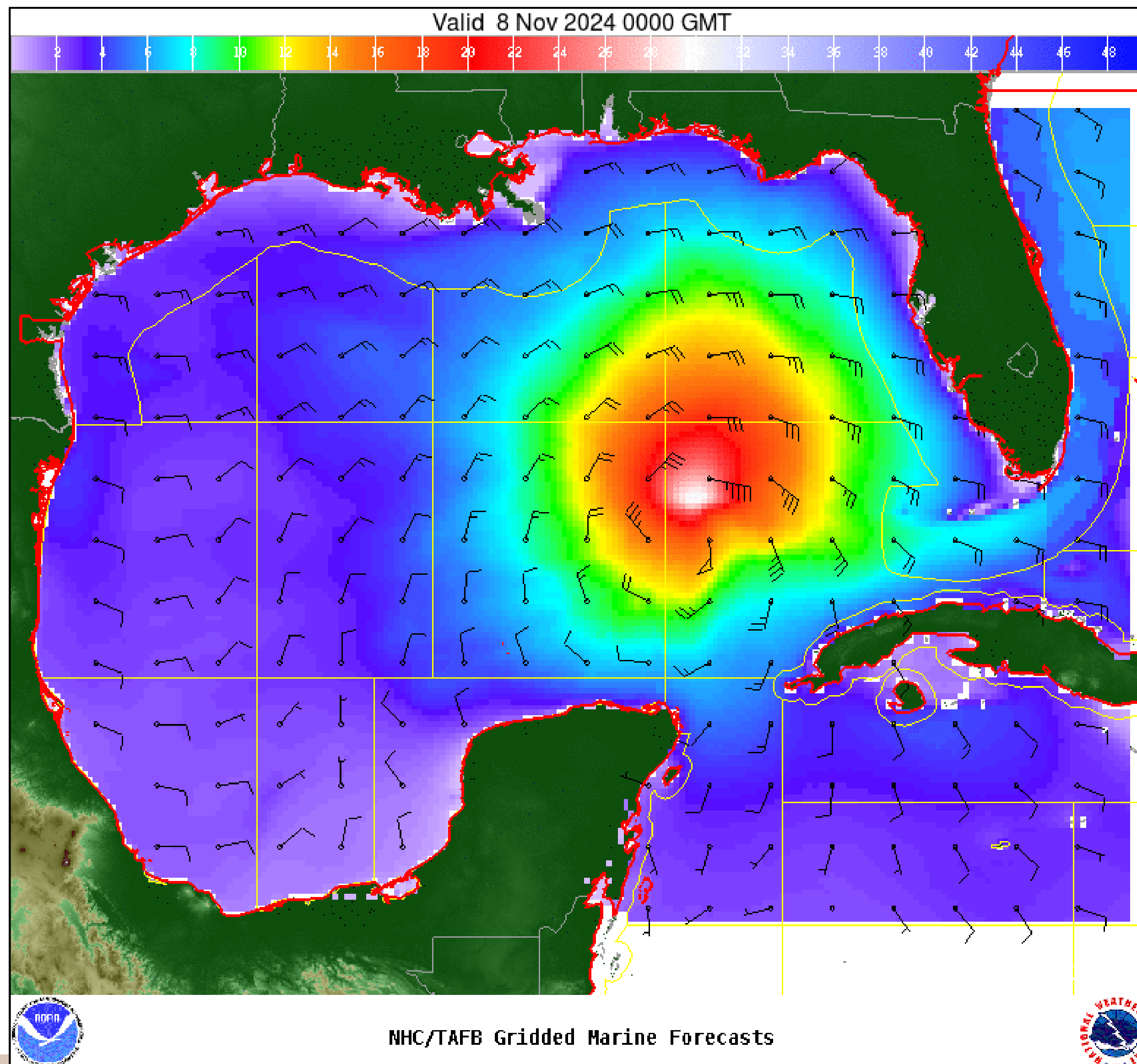
Significant Wave Height (ft)

Wind And Waves

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This evening (7 PM EST Thursday)

Peak Winds: 85 kt

Peak Seas: 30 ft

■ Wave heights are in feet



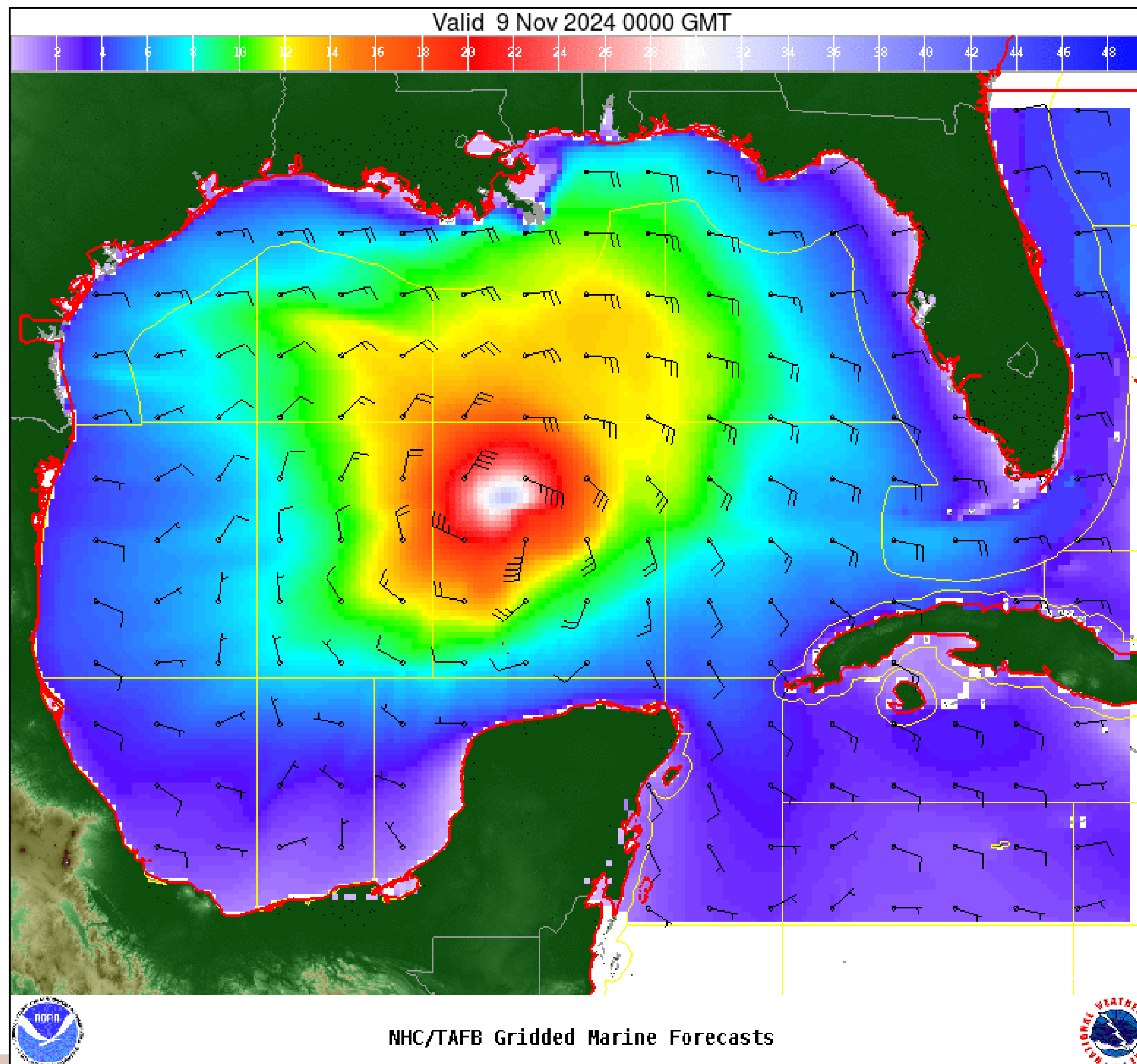
Significant Wave Height (ft)

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Friday evening (7 PM EST)

Peak Winds: 80 kt

Peak Seas: 30 ft

■ Wave heights are in feet



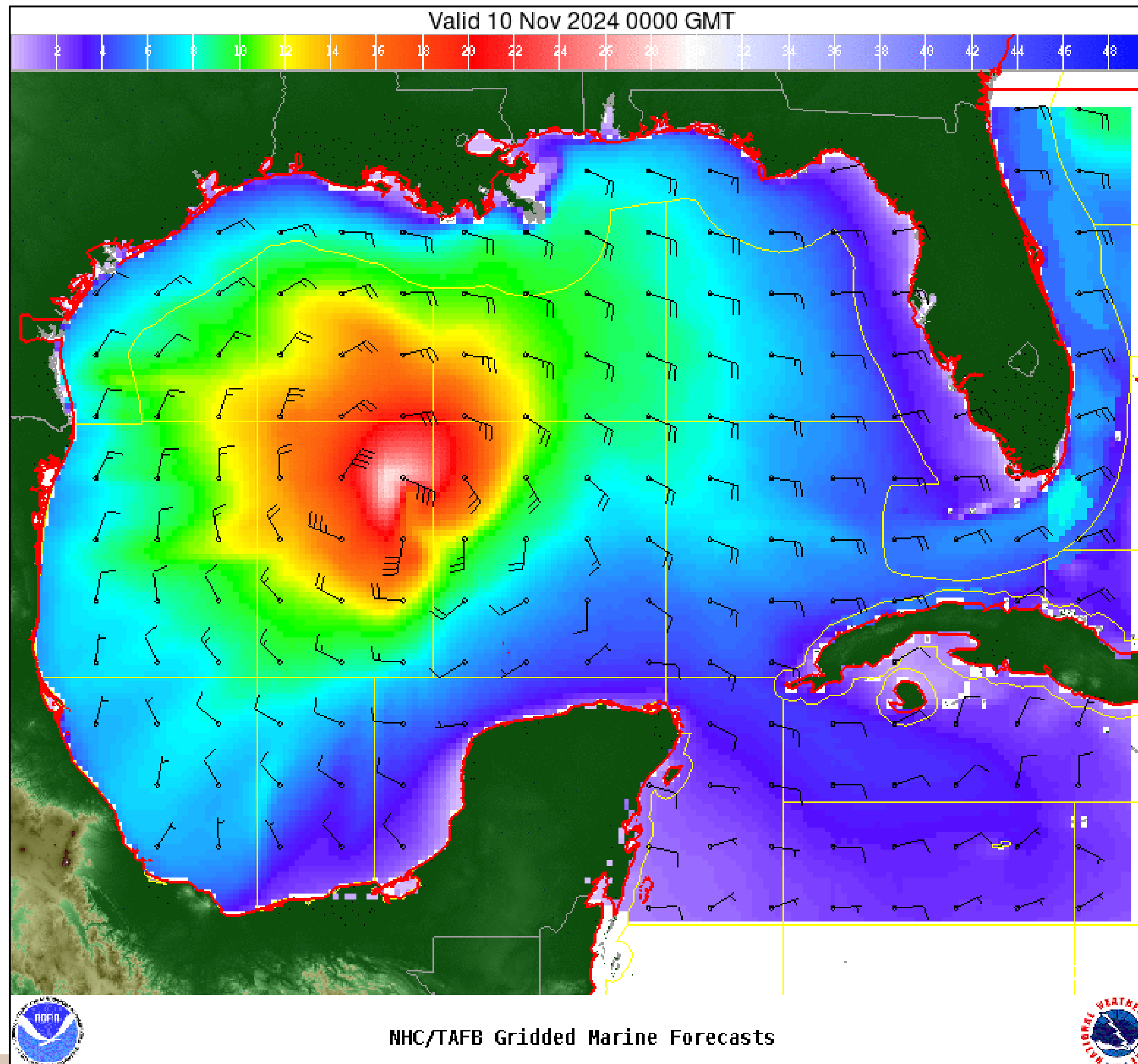
Significant Wave Height (ft)

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Saturday evening (7 PM EST)

Peak Winds: 70 kt

Peak Seas: 30 ft

■ Wave heights are in feet



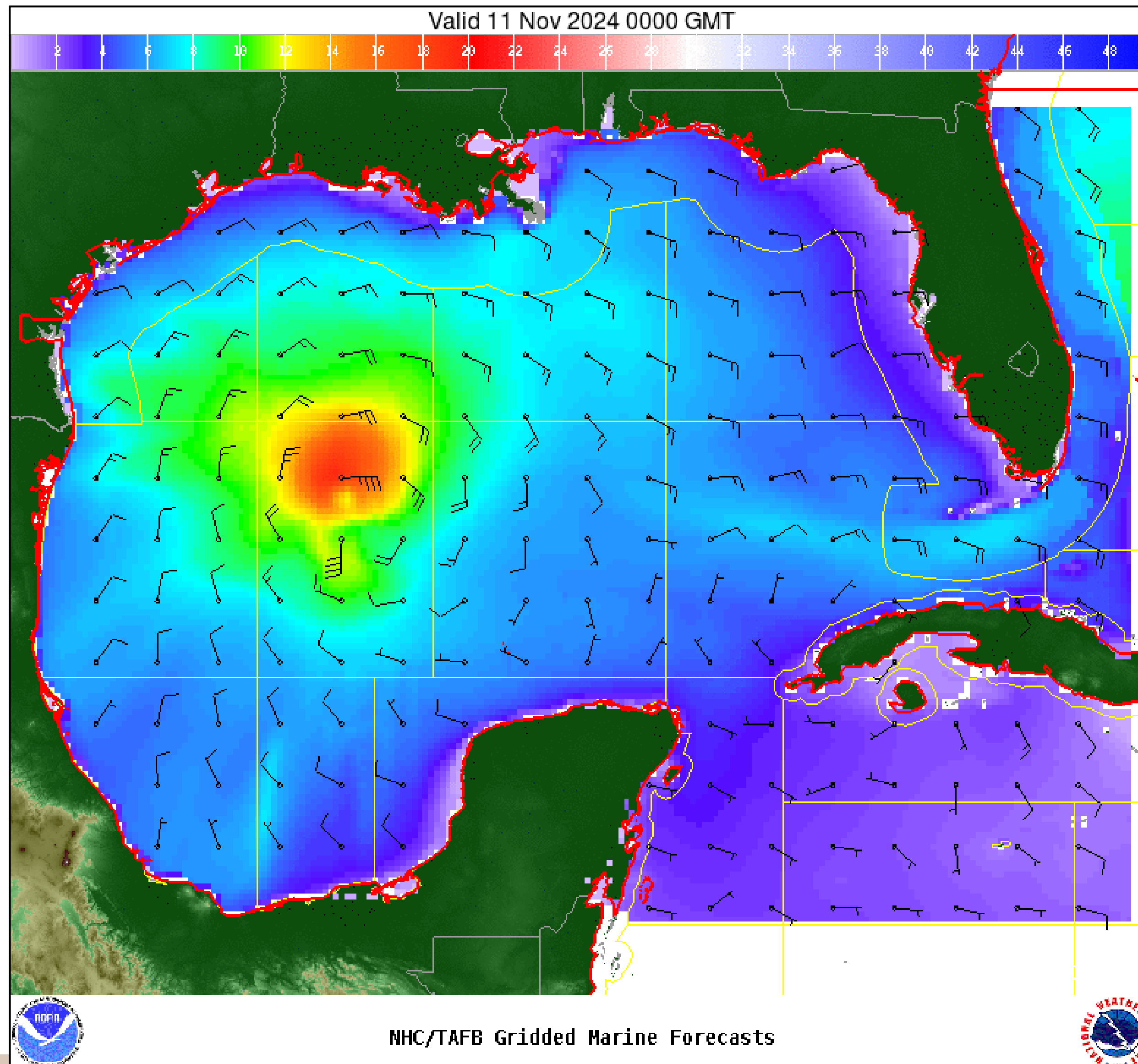
Significant Wave Height (ft)

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Sunday evening (7 PM EST)

Peak Winds: 60 kt

Peak Seas: 20 ft

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Significant Wave Height (ft)

Key Messages

Hurricane Rafael



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Key Messages for Hurricane Rafael

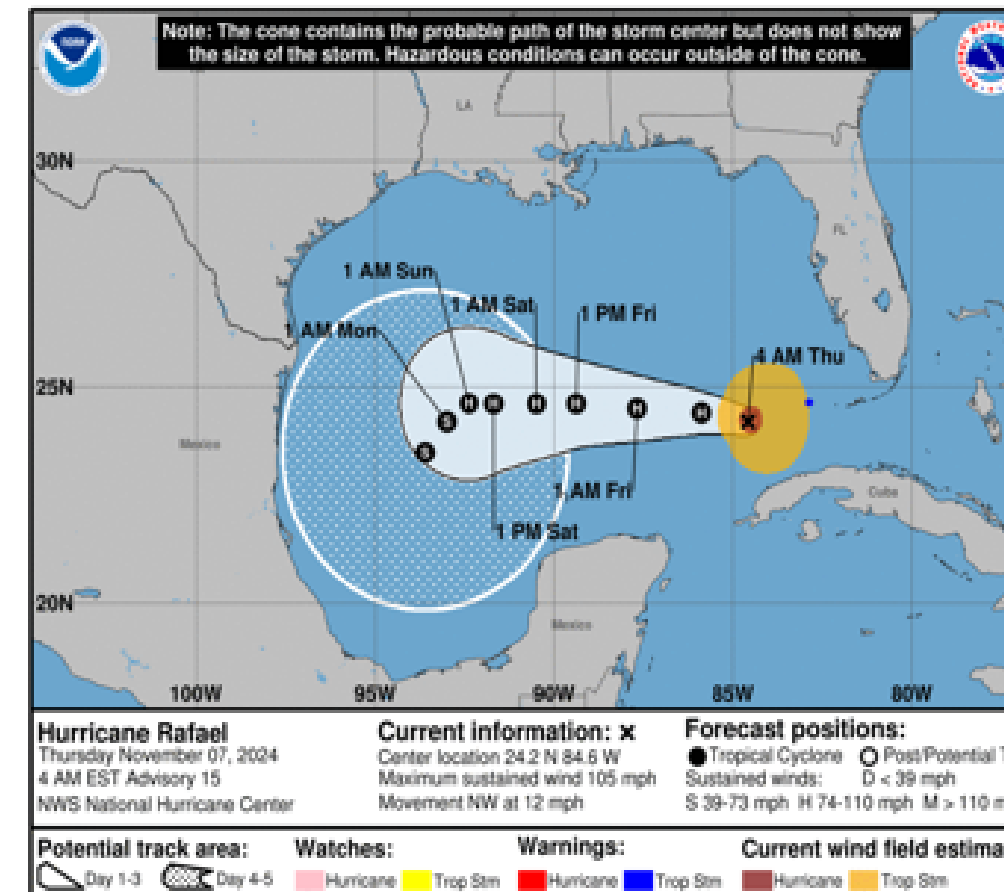
Advisory 15: 4:00 AM EST Thu Nov 07, 2024



1. Tropical-storm-force winds are expected in the Dry Tortugas through this morning.

2. Hurricane Rafael will continue to bring periods of heavy rain to western Cuba today. Flash flooding and mudslides are possible along the higher terrain.

3. Rafael is forecast to meander over the south-central Gulf of Mexico this weekend and early next week. Interests in the southern and southwestern Gulf of Mexico should monitor the progress of this system.



For more information go to hurricanes.gov

- Marine Key Messages:
 - No land-based warnings in effect; little further impacts anticipated on land
 - Hurricane-force winds and very hazardous seas (to 30 ft) still expected over parts of SE Gulf into Thursday night

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TIME of NEXT NHC Advisory:
15 UTC: 10 AM EST

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You can contact the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch at
305-229-4424

The Next Briefing (Via Email) Will Be:
Thursday 6:00 PM EST

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