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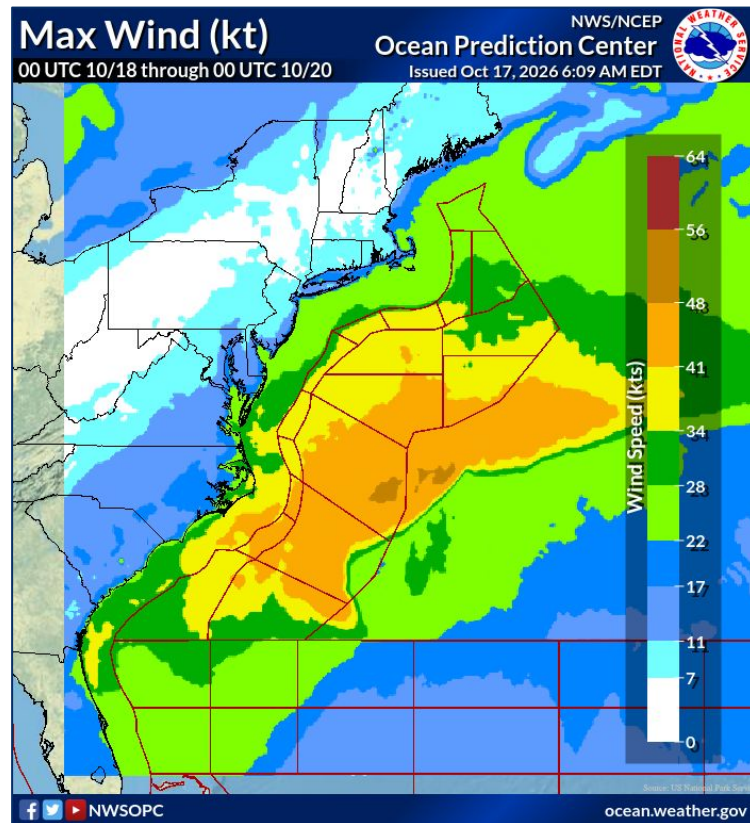
Sat Night into Mon Night (10/17 - 10/20)

October 17, 2026
1100 UTC

CALL TO ACTION: Vessels planning to be in the area should execute avoidance plans.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Low pressure will form today along a cold front off of the Carolina coast.
- The low will strengthen off of the Carolinas tonight into Sunday.
- Sustained winds to gale force will develop offshore of the Virginia Capes and northeast North Carolina this afternoon.
- Gales will then become widespread from offshore of the Delmarva peninsula south tonight.
- Areas of sustained winds to storm force will develop tonight well offshore of the North Carolina coast. There is a chance that sustained winds to storm-force may also occur offshore of the South Carolina coast, with the areas of storm-force winds continuing offshore of both coasts at least through Monday afternoon.
- Widespread wind gusts to storm force will occur from this afternoon into Monday.



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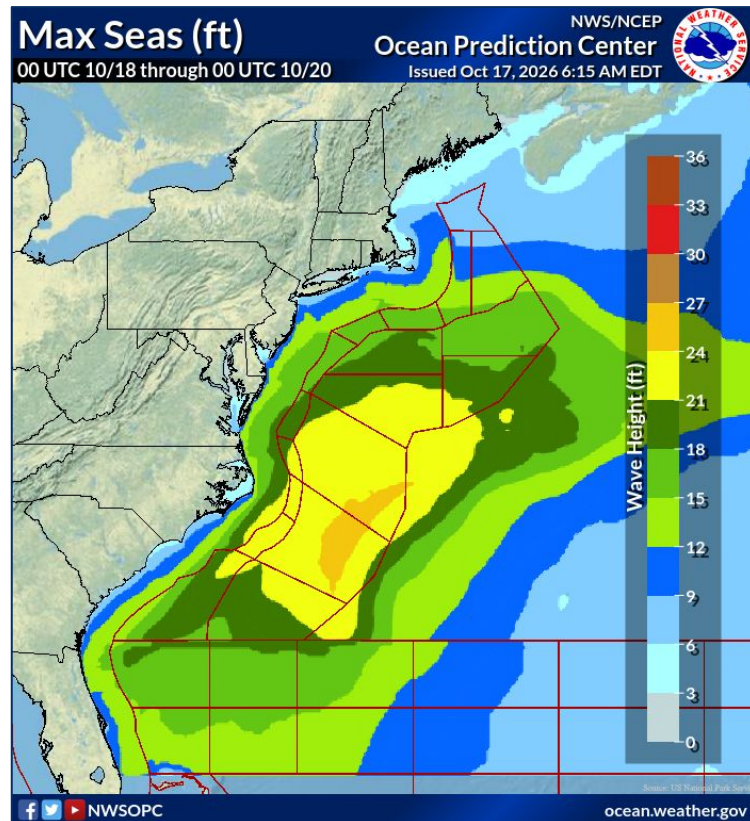
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- 12-foot and greater seas will become widespread from offshore of the Delmarva Peninsula and southward by tonight.
- Mariners can expect seas to around 25-27 feet in and near the Gulf Stream offshore of the Carolina coast by Sunday.
- Mariners should also prepared for steep, breaking seas due to the wind counterflow to the current.
- **This will be a long-duration event. Mariners should monitor later forecasts and begin plans for avoidance. The forecast confidence for storm-force winds is medium.**
- 12-foot seas and areas of gales are possible through the middle of next week.
- Keep abreast of the latest in the tropics and high seas marine weather information at [hurricanes.gov](https://www.hurricanes.gov) and [ocean.weather.gov](https://www.ocean.weather.gov).
- The next briefing will be an update on Sunday, October 18 by noon EDT, or 1600 UTC.



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