



Storm Warning

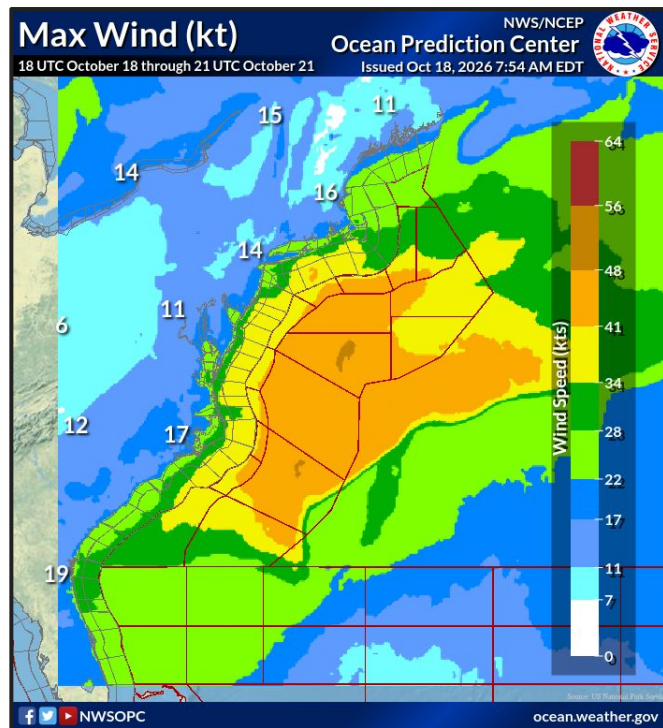
Through Wednesday (10/18 - 10/21)

October 18, 2026
1215 UTC

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

KEY MESSAGES:

- Strong, broad low pressure will continue to meander off of the southeast U.S. coast, offshore of the Carolinas, today and tonight.
- The low will then shift slightly north Monday, eventually stalling again offshore of the mid-Atlantic coast. The low should finally start to move northeast and away from the area Thursday.
- **For this long-duration event, mariners should monitor later forecasts, including from the National Hurricane Center, and execute avoidance now as needed.**
- Gales will be widespread off of the east coast, mainly from southern New England and southward, with areas of storm-force winds especially along and near the track of the low, at least through Wednesday.
- The forecast confidence for areas of storm-force winds is medium-to-high.



Maximum Sustained Wind Speed Forecast (kt) Valid 18 UTC Sunday,
October 18 through 21 UTC Wednesday, October 21



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Outlook: East Coast N of 31N to 65W



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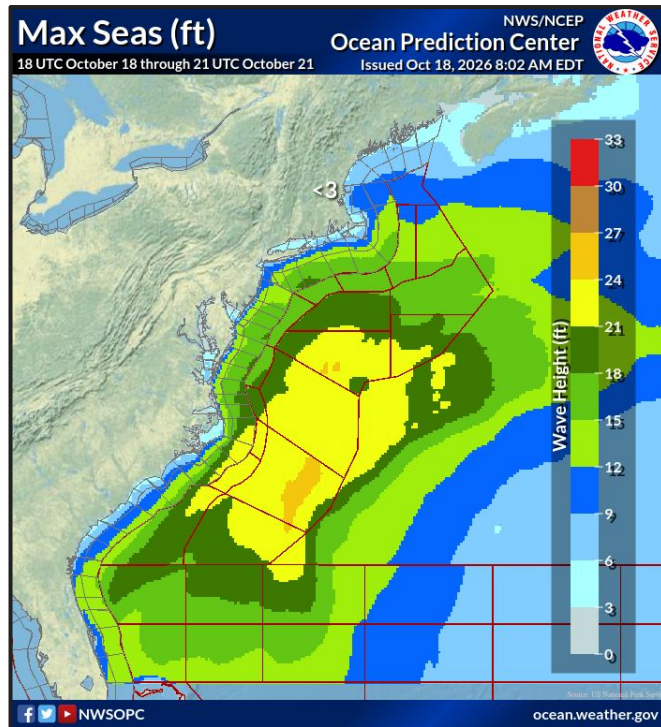
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- Widespread 12-foot and greater seas will persist off of much of the east coast, especially from southern New England and southward, at least through the middle of the week.
- Mariners can expect seas to around 25 feet, possibly slightly higher, in and near the strongest winds.
- Mariners should continue to be prepared for steep, breaking seas due to the persistent wind counterflow to the current.
- Keep abreast of the latest in the tropics and high seas marine weather information at hurricanes.gov and ocean.weather.gov.
- The next briefing will be an update on Monday, October 19 by noon EDT, or 1600 UTC.



Maximum Significant Wave Height Forecast (ft) Valid 18 UTC Sunday,
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