



Storm Warning

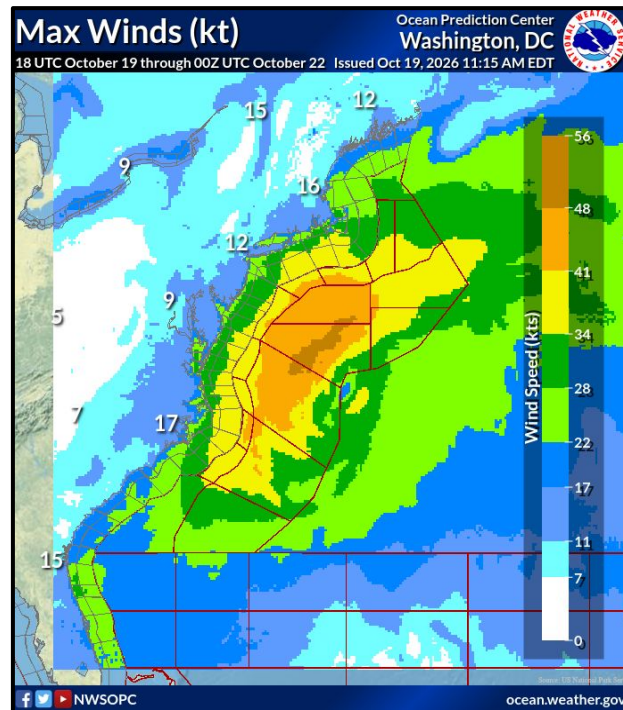
Through Wednesday (10/19 - 10/21)

October 19, 2026
1545 UTC

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

KEY MESSAGES:

- Broad low pressure offshore of the Carolinas will only very slowly drift north to off of the mid-Atlantic coast through the middle of the week.
- The low should finally start to move northeast and away from the area toward the end of the week. There is uncertainty as to the timing of the low moving north and then away from the area, along with the low's strength.
- **As a result, for this long-duration event, mariners should monitor later forecasts, including from the National Hurricane Center. Execute avoidance now as needed.**
- Gales will be widespread today, mainly from offshore of the Delmarva peninsula and southward. Gales will become widespread from southern New England and southward tonight and into early Tuesday.
- Areas of storm-force winds are expected especially along and near the track of the low, with the better chances for sustained winds to storm force later Tuesday into Wednesday. The forecast confidence for areas of storm-force winds is medium.



Maximum Sustained Wind Speed Forecast (kt) Valid 18 UTC Monday, October 19 through 00 UTC Thursday, October 22



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Outlook: East Coast N of 31N to 65W



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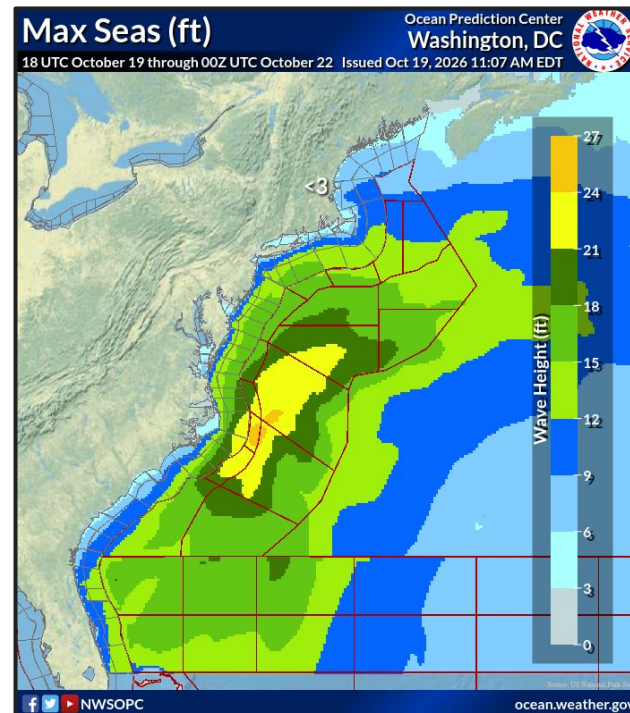
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- Widespread 12-foot and greater seas will continue to persist off of much of the east coast, especially from southern New England and southward, at least through the middle of the week.
- Mariners can expect seas to around 25 feet, possibly slightly higher, in and near the strongest winds.
- Mariners should remain 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 Tuesday, October 20 by noon EDT, or 1600 UTC.



Maximum Significant Wave Height Forecast (ft) Valid 18 UTC Monday, October 19 through 00 UTC Thursday, October 22



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