



Hurricane Force Warning

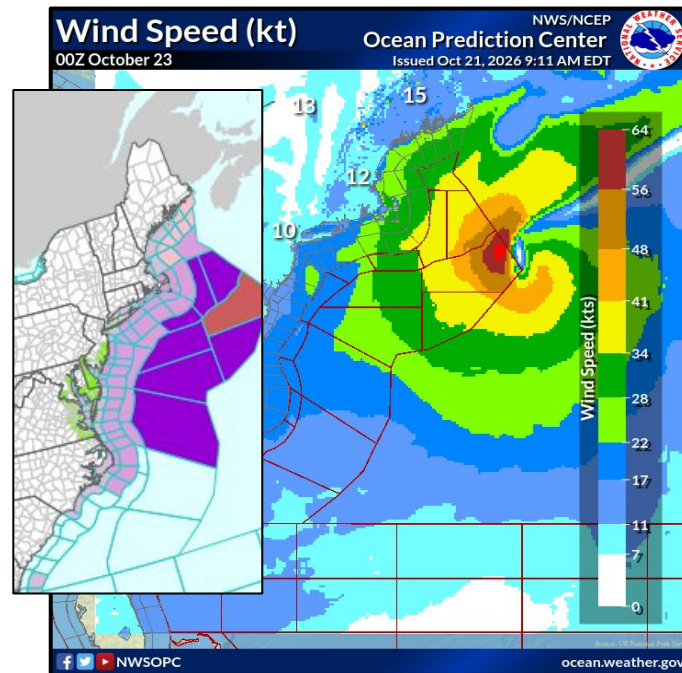
Thursday Night (10/22 into 10/23)

October 21, 2026
1515 UTC

CALL TO ACTION: Mariners should be executing avoidance plans now!

KEY MESSAGES:

- Powerful low pressure meandering offshore of the mid-Atlantic coast will only very slowly drift north through tonight, eventually starting to move northeast Thursday, and finally shifting well east of the area during Thursday night.
- Sustained winds to storm-force will occur along and near the track of the low. **Sustained winds to hurricane-force are now expected to develop Thursday night beginning near about 40N66W, with areas of hurricane-force sustained winds continuing into early Friday near the track of the low as the low moves farther east of the area.**
- **For this continued long-duration event, mariners must monitor forecasts, including from the National Hurricane Center, and execute avoidance!**
- Widespread gales will continue today and tonight mainly from about 35N to 41.5N between about 66W and 74W. Gales will spread north into the Gulf of Maine Thursday.
- As the low finally moves away from the area Thursday night, gales and stronger winds from the system should shift well to the east of the area by Friday morning.



Sustained Wind Speed Forecast (kt) Valid 00 UTC Friday, October 23

Inset: Hazards in effect at 1515 UTC October 21 including hurricane-force winds in red, storm warnings in dark purple, and gale warnings in light purple



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Outlook: East Coast N of 31N to 65W



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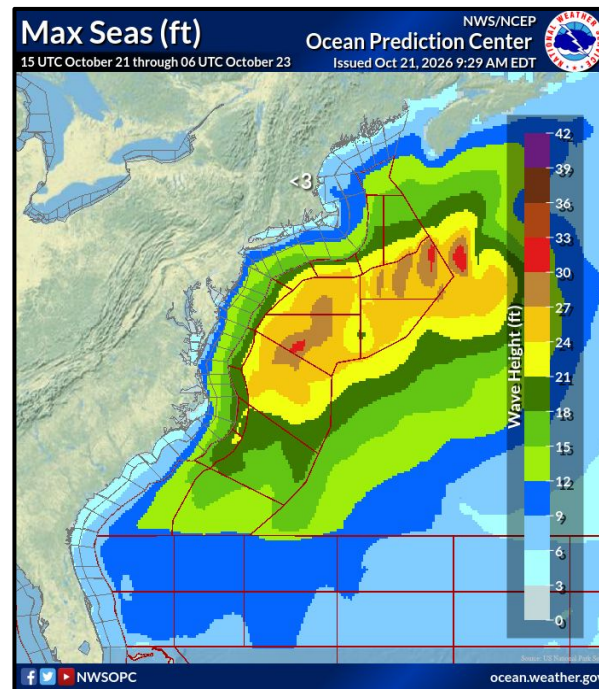
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KEY MESSAGES:

- Widespread 12-foot and greater seas will continue to persist today off of much of the east coast, especially from southern New England and southward.
- 12-foot and greater seas should spread north into the Gulf of Maine tonight.
- **Mariners can expect seas of 25 to 35 feet in and near the strongest winds, and especially in and near the Gulf Stream well offshore of the mid-Atlantic coast.**
- Mariners must remain prepared for steep, breaking seas due to the persistent wind counterflow to the current.
- Interests along the east coast should follow the latest information from coastal National Weather Service offices for any coastal impacts, following the advice of local officials.
- 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 Thursday, October 21 by noon EDT, or 1600 UTC.



Maximum Significant Wave Height Forecast (ft) Valid 15 UTC
Wednesday, October 21 through 06 UTC Friday, October 23



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