



# Josephine / Hurricane Force Warning

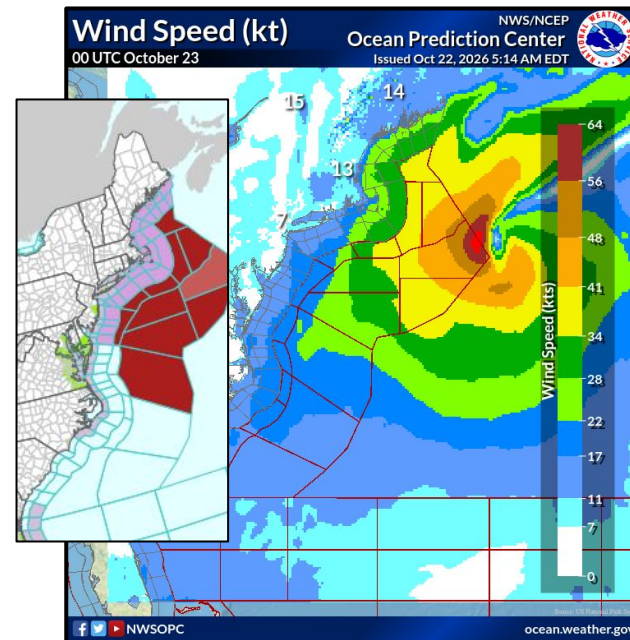
(10/22 - 10/23)

October 22, 2026  
0930 UTC

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

## KEY MESSAGES:

- Subtropical Storm Josephine, near 38.7N 68.3W early this morning, will transition to a hurricane-force extratropical cyclone today as it moves northeast.
- The system finally shifts well east out into the north Atlantic tonight.
- **Sustained winds to hurricane-force will develop this afternoon along and near the track of the low toward 40N67W, with areas of hurricane-force sustained winds continuing into early Friday along and 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 now without delay!**
- By afternoon, mariners can expect widespread gales from about 36N to 43N east of 71W.
- As the low finally moves away from the area, 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 0910 UTC October 22 including hurricane-force wind warnings in bright red, tropical storm warnings in dark red, and gale warnings in light purple*



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**Outlook: East Coast N of 31N to 65W**



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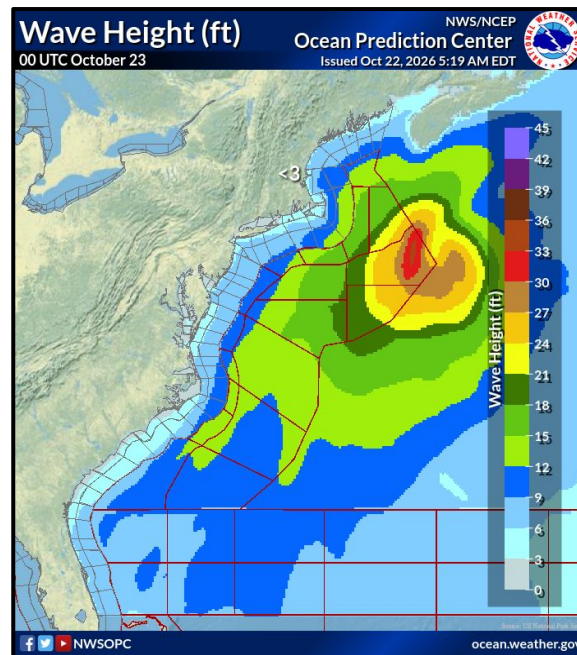
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- Widespread 12-foot and greater seas will continue to persist today off of much of the east coast.
- **Mariners can expect seas of 25 to 35 feet in and near the strongest winds, and especially near the track of the low as well as in and near the Gulf 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.
- 12-foot and greater seas from the system should finally move east of much of the area Saturday. However, widespread 12-foot and greater seas should develop again off of the southeast U.S. for the weekend in a persistent northeast wind flow.
- 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). With the system expected to be well northeast of the area by Friday morning, this will be the final update on this event.



Significant Wave Height Forecast (ft) Valid 00 UTC Friday, October 23



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