

NAAMES Afternoon WX Discussion

Friday, August 18, 2017

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Forecast Highlights

- Quick look at St. John's, WHOI, and Wallops forecasts
- Merged storm off coast of NL will be exiting on Saturday, high pressure settles in on Sunday before cold front moves into North Atlantic on Monday, zonal pattern sets up for the week
- Long range forecast looks good for test flight window
- GOES-16 Satellite Imagery
- North Atlantic Oscillation – current and quick climatology
- What's next in the tropics – T.S. Harvey and Invest 92L
- Solar Eclipse Forecast

Forecast Summary

Day 1 (Thursday) – August 17

Recommendation:

St. John's:

Day

Rec

St. J

Day

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St. J

Day

Rec

St. John's:

Day 5 (Monday) – August 21

Recommendation:

St. John's:

Will start to
update this closer
to August 30th

Planned Ship Route & Forecast

Sunday, 5/22 S3 Ops

Waves: SE 7-10 ft

Winds: NNE 15-25 kts

Clouds: Partly to mostly cloudy

Precip: none

Will start to
update this closer
to August 30th

Friday, 5/27 Transit to S6

Waves: NE 4-5 ft

Winds: NNW 20-25 kts

Clouds: mostly to partly cloudy

Precip: AM isolated rain shower

Clouds: mostly cloudy

Precip: none

Current Conditions at St. John's

St. John's, Canada ★ 🏠

✈ St. John's International | [Change Station](#) ▼

© 3:10 PM NDT on August 18, 2017 (GMT -0230)

Forecast History Calendar Rain / Snow Health

Elev 459 ft 47.62 °N, 52.73 °W | Updated 3 min ago



55 °F



Overcast

Feels Like 55 °F

Wind from **NNW**
Gusts **38** mph

Today is forecast to be **MUCH COOLER** than yesterday.

Today

High **55** | Low **48** °F

☁ 20% Chance of Precip.

Yesterday

High **68** | Low **55** °F

Precip. **0** in

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Pressure **29.57** in
Visibility **2.5** miles
Clouds **Overcast 700** ft
Dew Point **54** °F
Humidity **94**%
Rainfall **0.00** in
Snow Depth *Not available.*

Sun & Moon

🌅 6:01 am
🌇 8:07 pm

🌙 Waning
Crescent,
12% visible

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OVC007 13/12 A2956 RMK FG4SF4
SLP014 DENSITY ALT 800FT**

Radar

Satellite

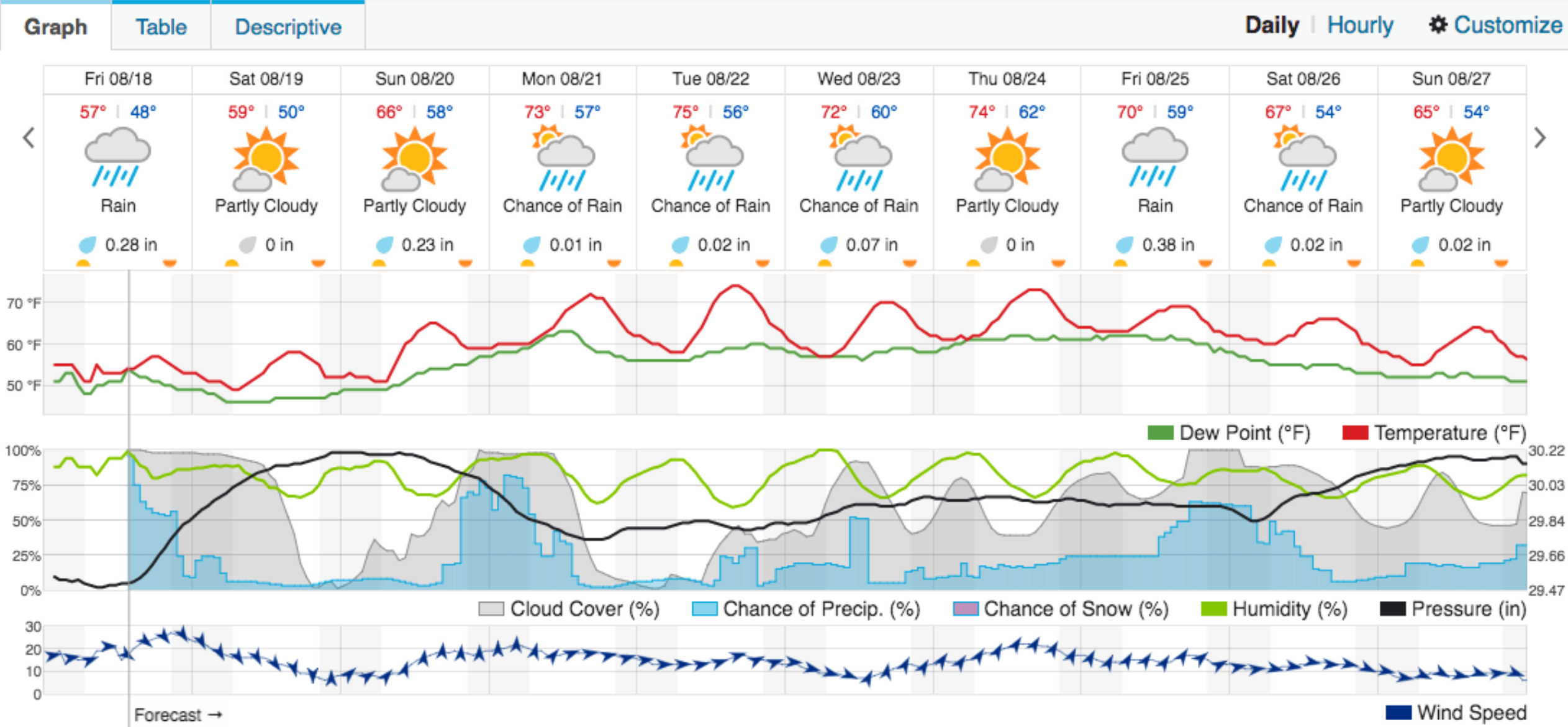
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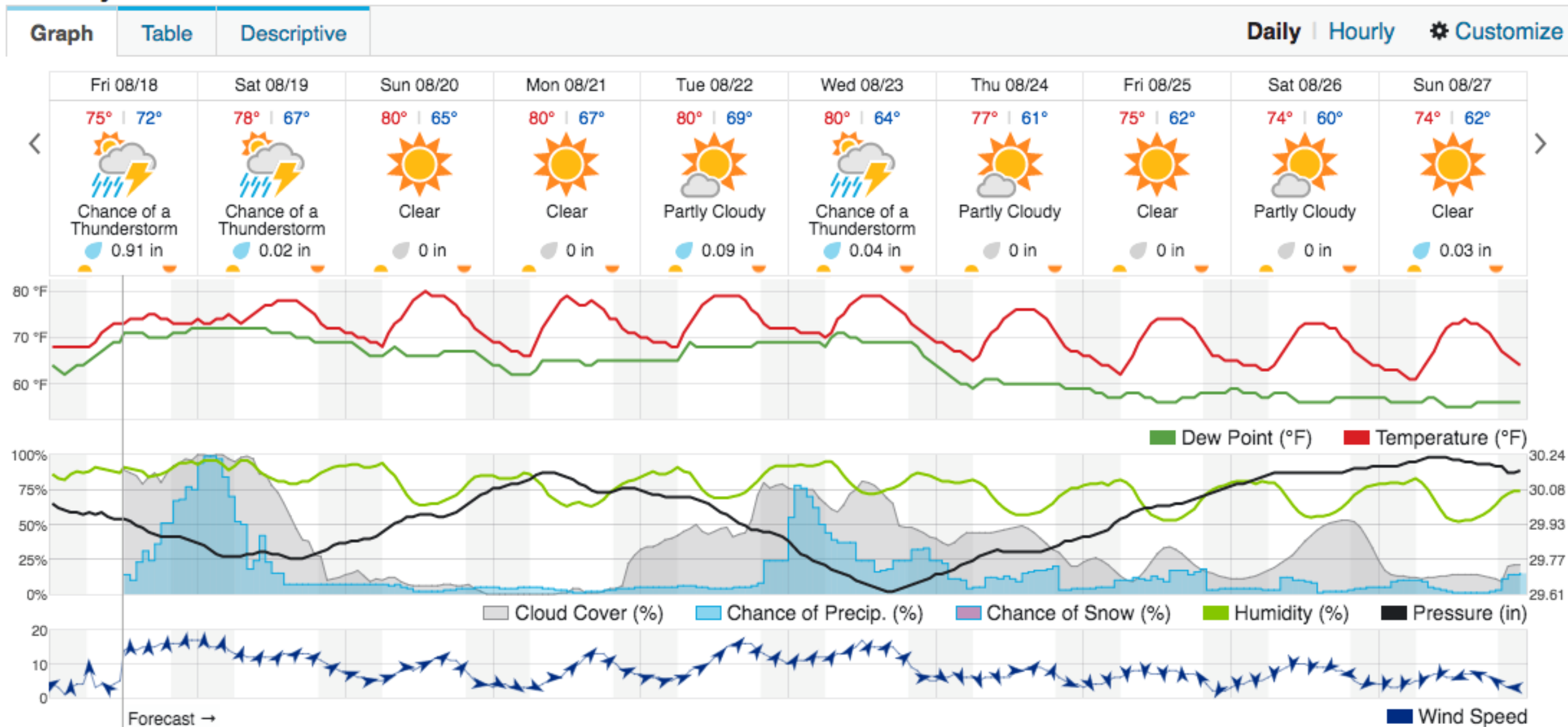
St. John's Forecast

10-Day Weather Forecast



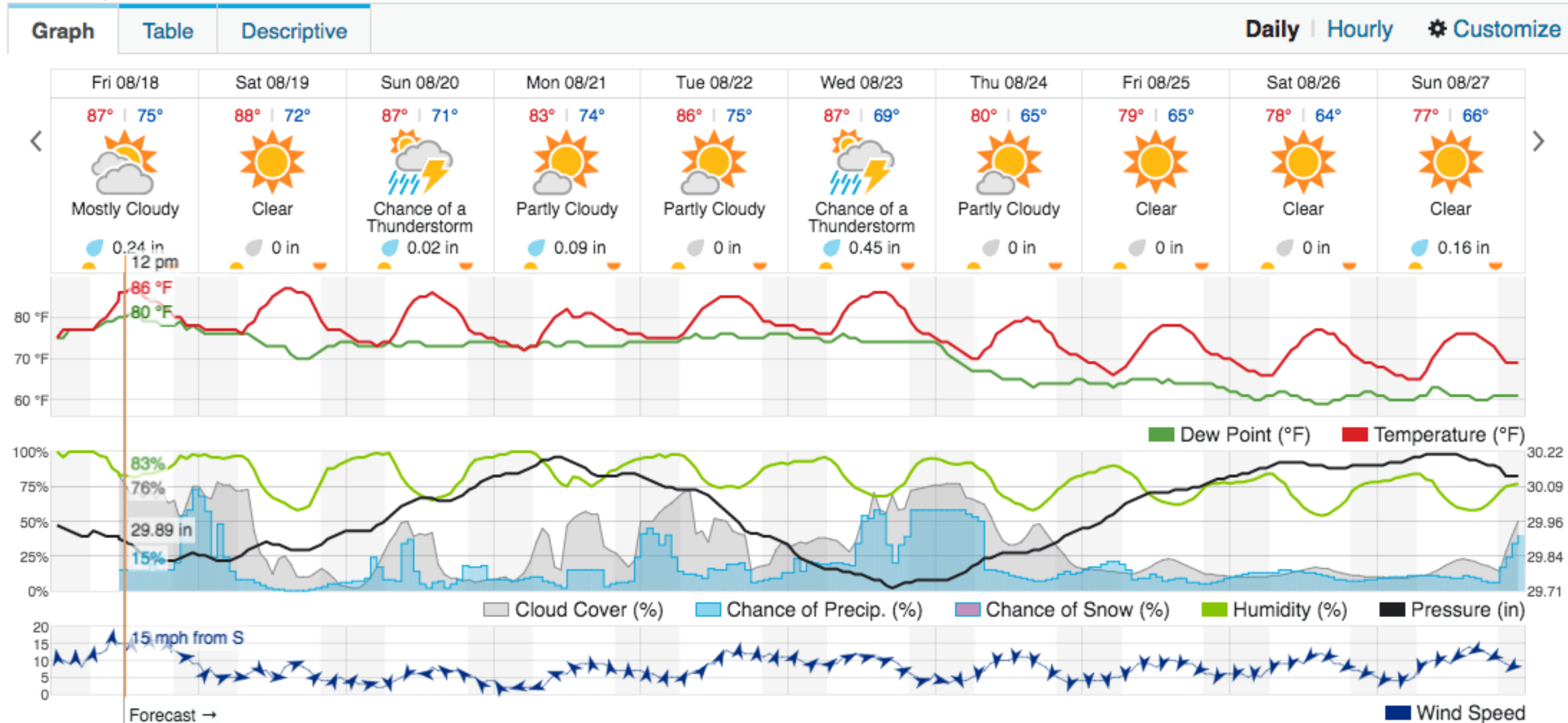
WFOI Forecast

10-Day Weather Forecast



Wallops Forecast

10-Day Weather Forecast



St. John's METAR/TAF

METAR CYYT 211500Z 28006KT 250V320 15SM BKN180 16/05 A2979 RMK AC5 SLP092 DENSITY ALT 800FT=		
METAR	LOCATION	DATE - TIME
WIND 280 TRUE @ 6 KNOTS VARIATION 250 <-> 320 DEG		
WEATHER		
ALTIMETER 29.79 IN HG		

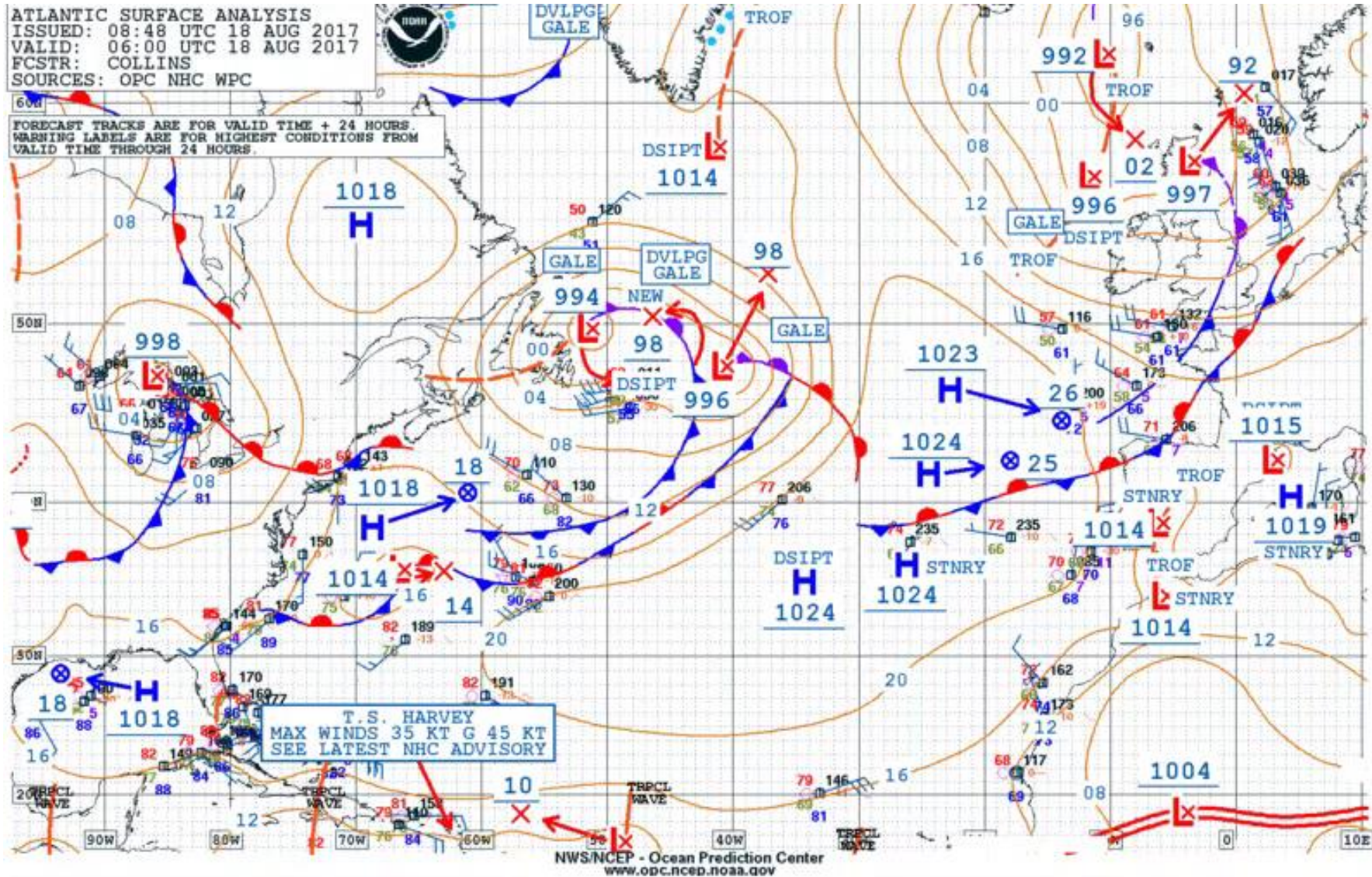
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	VALIDITY [UTC] 21 MAY - 1138 to 22 MAY - 1200
	CLOUDINESS [FEET AGL]
	20000 BROKEN
	20000 SCATTERED
R	4000 BROKEN
	600 BROKEN
	300 OVERCAST
	300 OVERCAST

Will start including these closer to transit flight

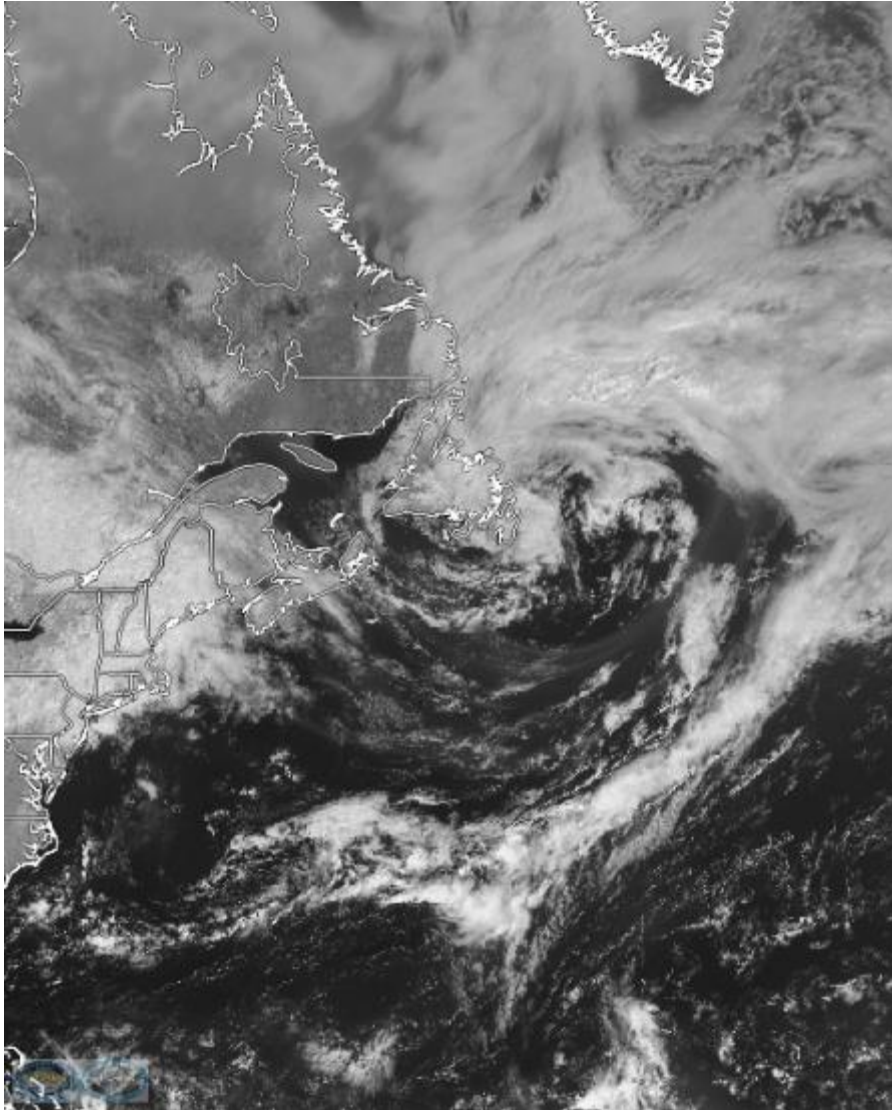
22 MAY - 0600 to 22 MAY - 1000	20 @ 10 KNOTS	4	MIST	300 OVERCAST
22 MAY - 1000 to 22 MAY - 1200	20 @ 10 KNOTS	6+	LIGHT RAIN SHOWER	300 SCATTERED 3000 OVERCAST
REMARKS THE NEXT FORECAST WILL BE ISSUED BY 1800 UTC ON DAY 21				

Surface Analysis and Synoptic Forecast

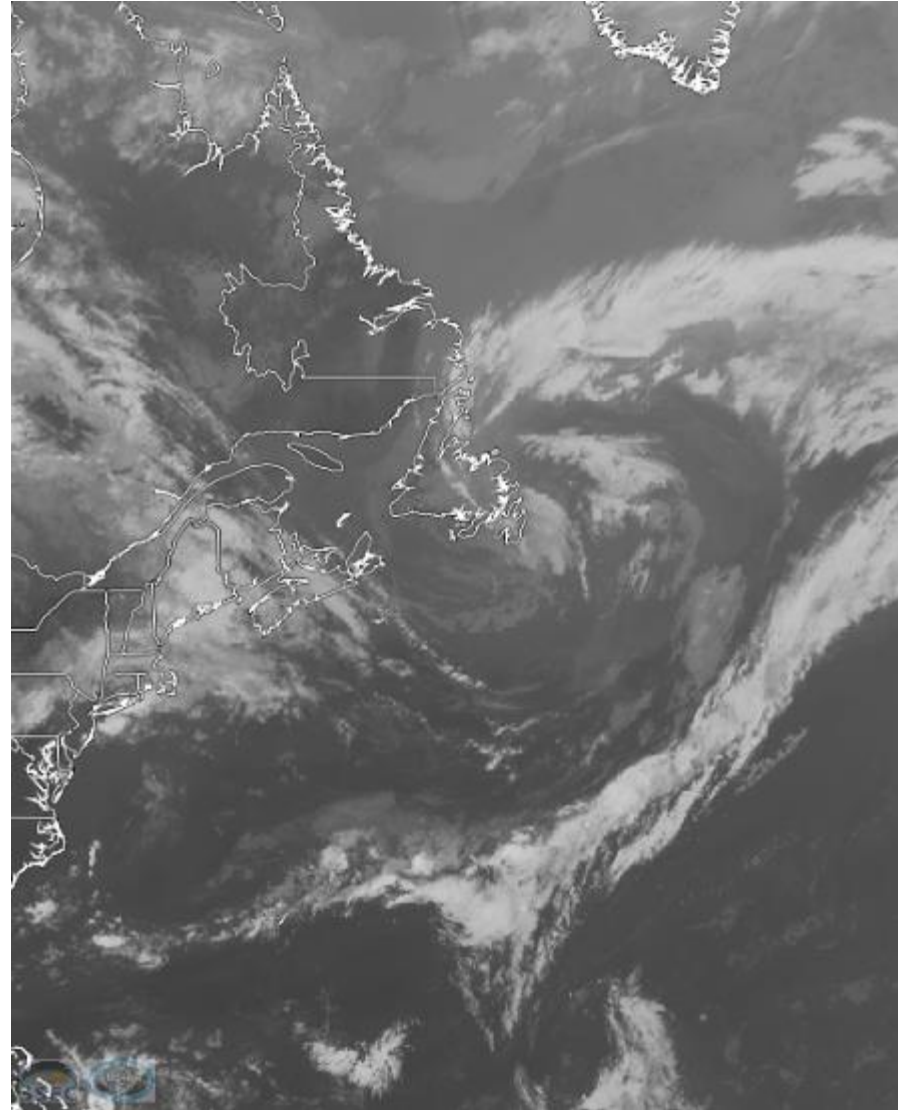


GOES-16 Imagery (8/18 15 UTC)

Visible (Red Band 2)



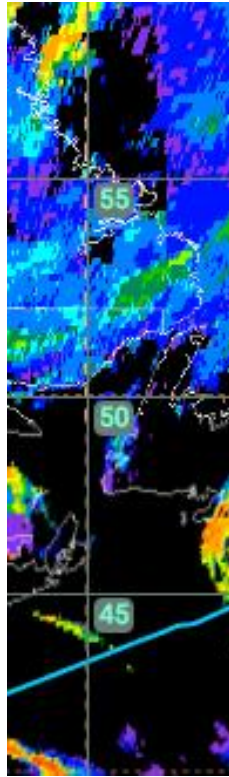
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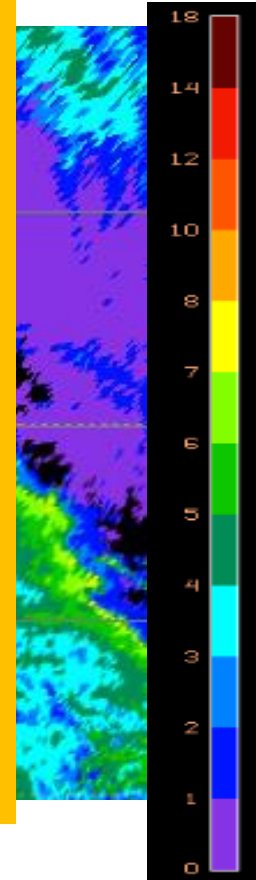
Cloud Products (5/21 13:45Z)

Cloud Top Height

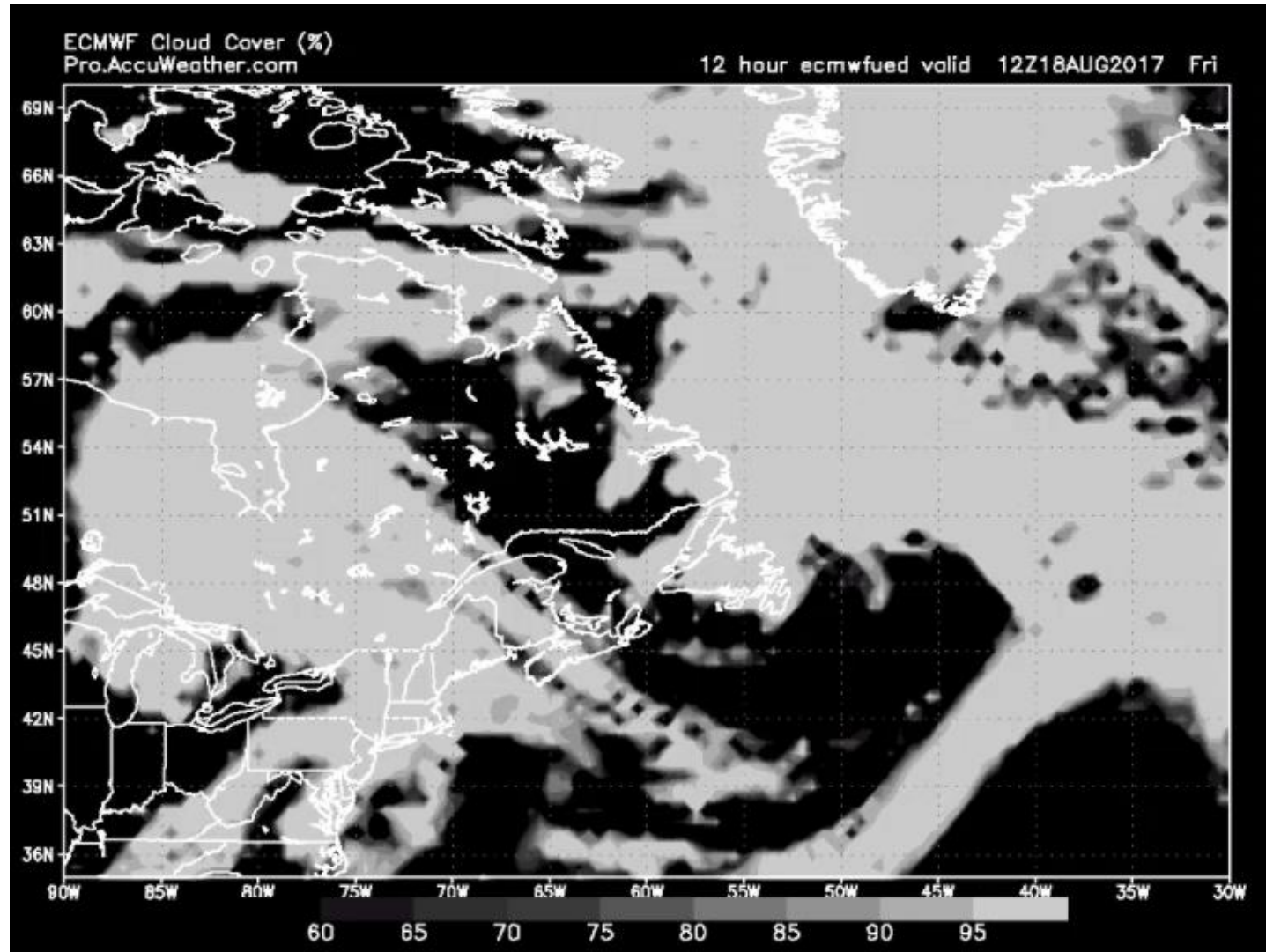
Cloud Base Height



Will start including
these when clouds
group starts
producing these



| ECMWF | Total Cloud Forecast



|ECMWF| 4-Panel Cloud Forecast

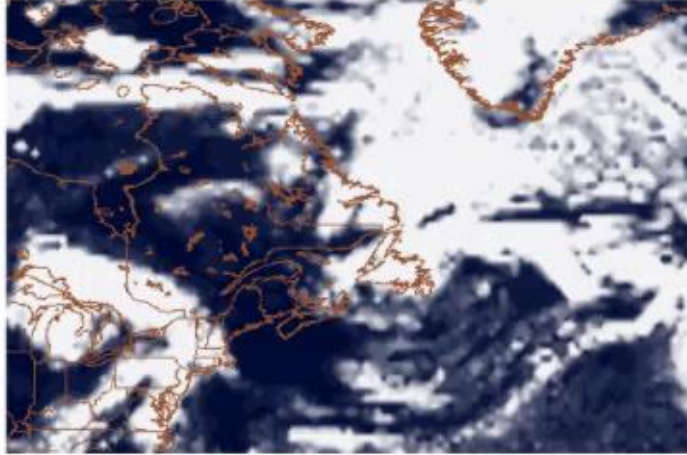
4-panel Cloud Cover (%)

12 hour forecast valid 12Z Fri, AUG 18, 2017

ECMWF Deterministic initialized 00Z Fri, AUG 18, 2017

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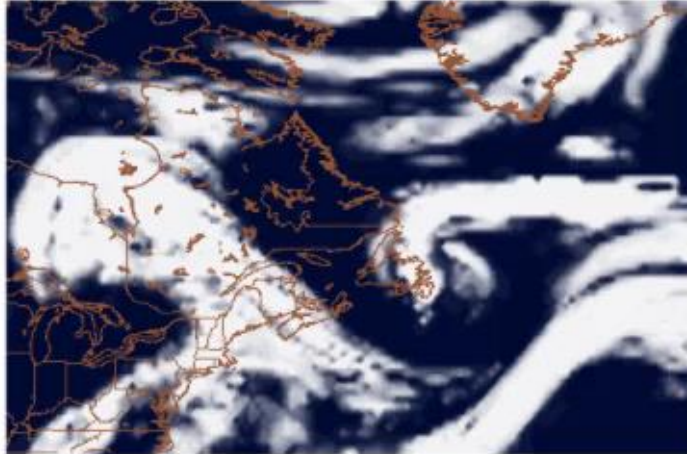
Low level Clouds



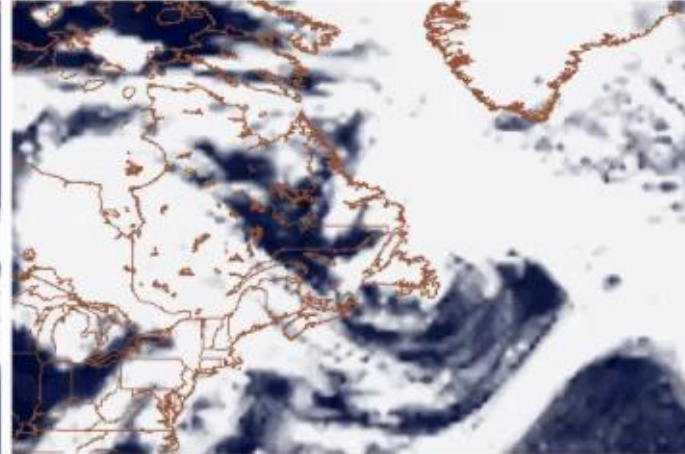
Mid level Clouds



High level Clouds



Total Clouds

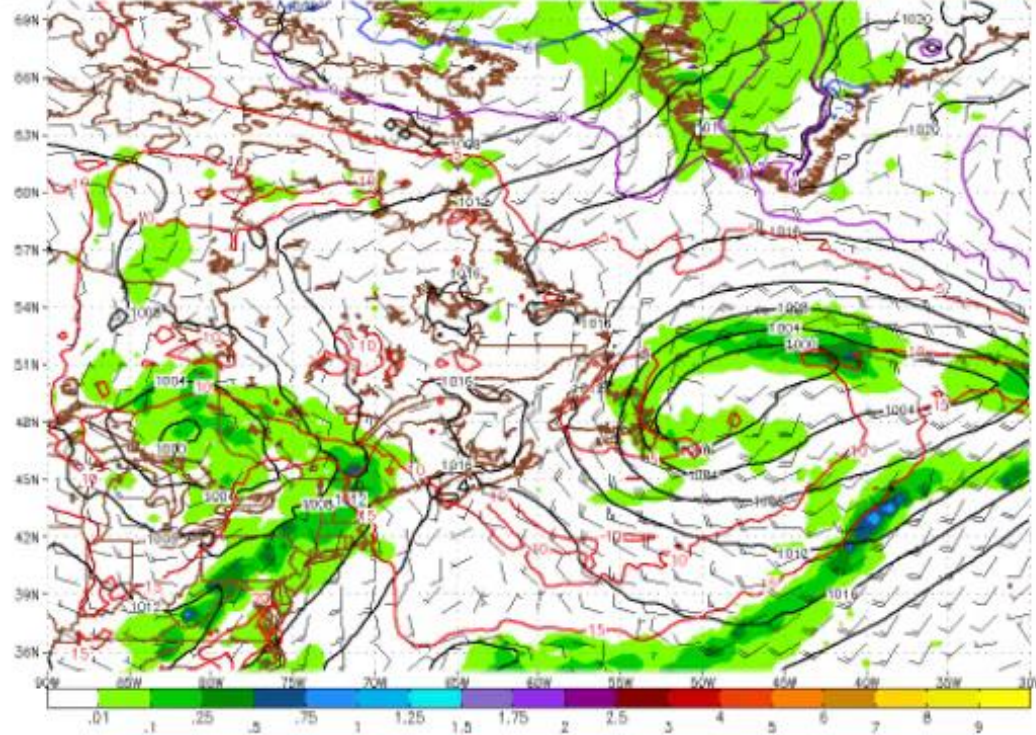


**MSLP, 850 mb temp,
6 hour QPF, 10 m wind**

6 hour QPF (inches)

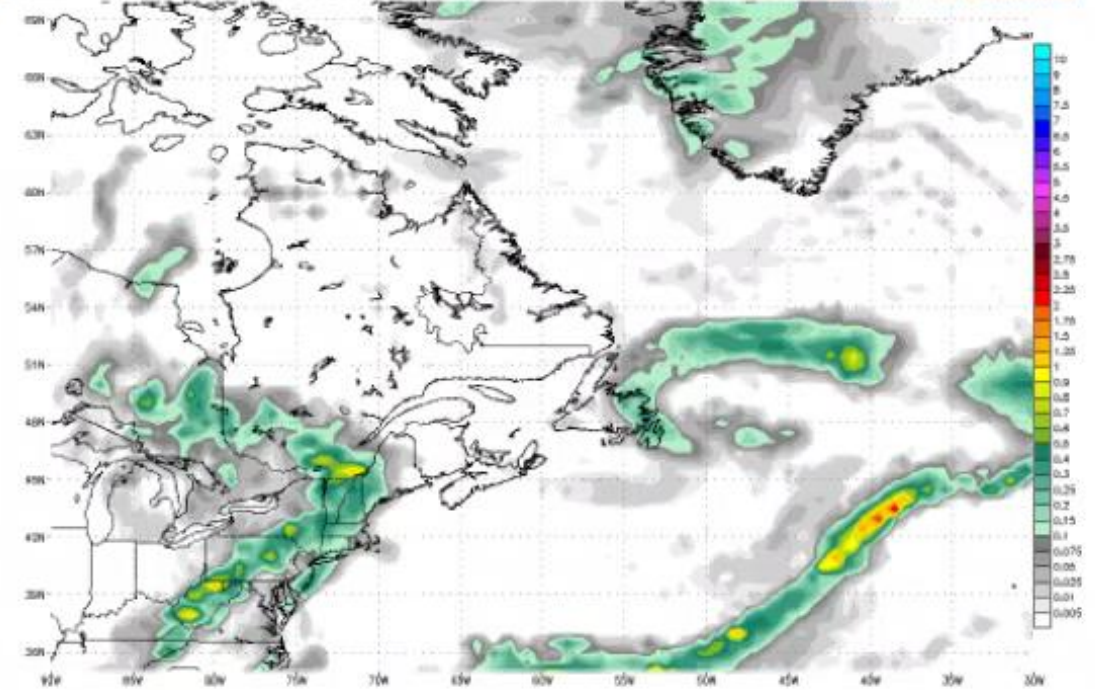
MSLP(mb), 850mb temp(C), 3-hour QPF(in) and 10m wind(kit)
18 hour forecast valid 18Z Fri, AUG 18, 2017
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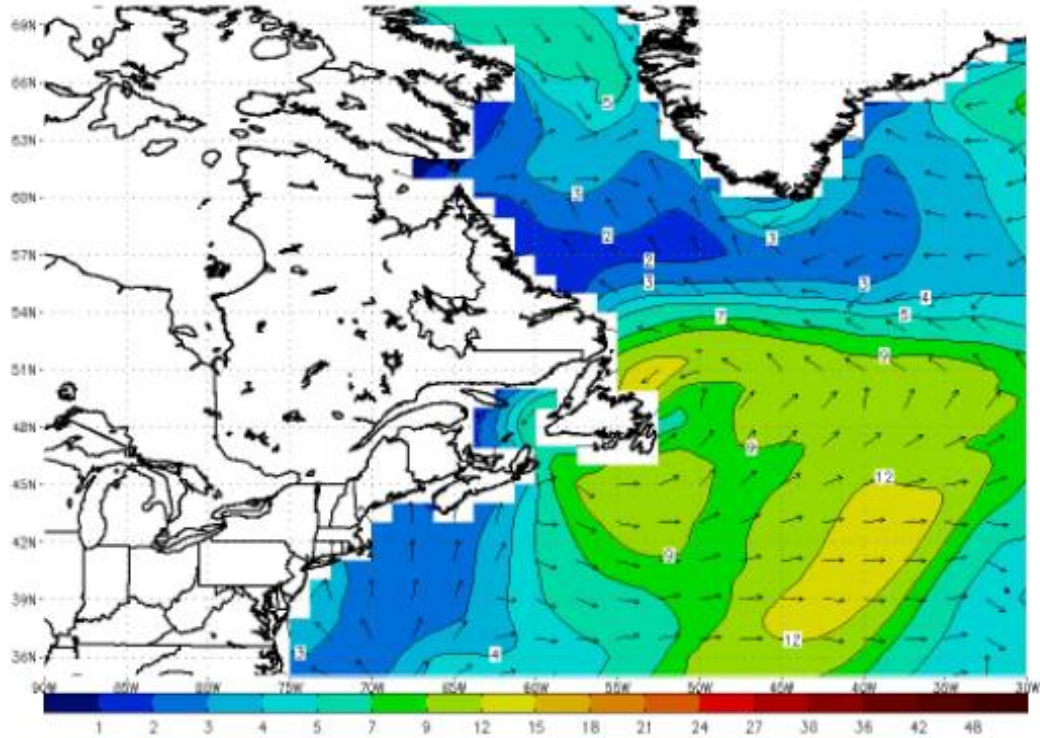
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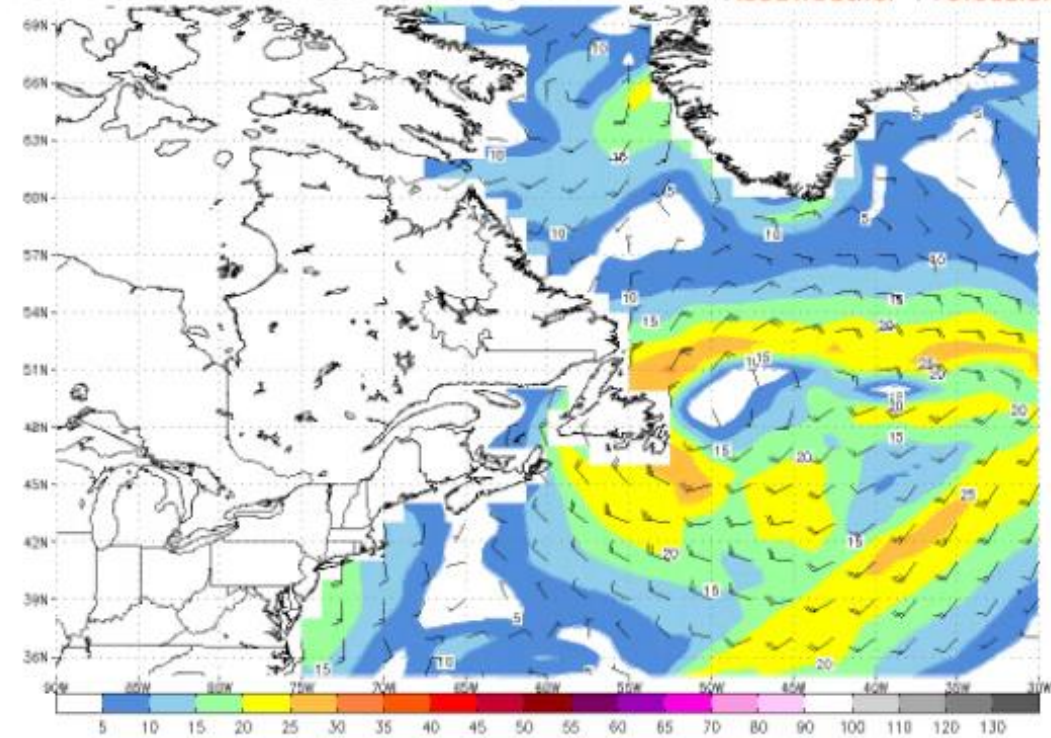


Wave height (ft) Winds (knots)

Significant Height of Waves and Swell (ft) and Direction
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ProAccuWeather.com



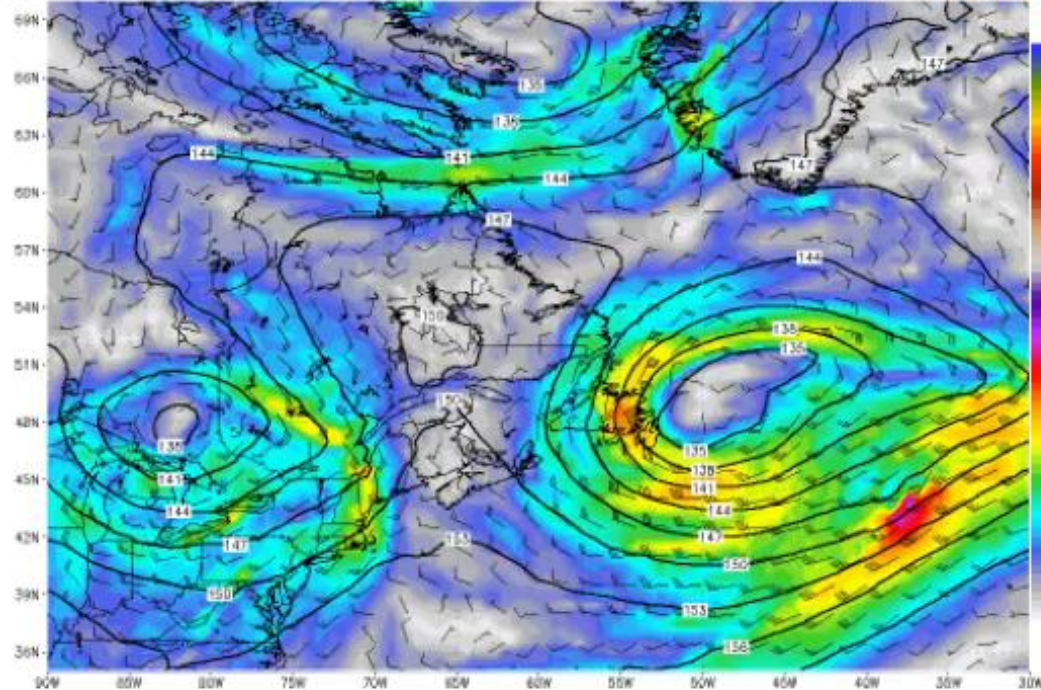
Surface Wind Speed (kts) and Wind Barbs
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850 mb Height and Winds ~ 1.5 km or 5000 ft AMSL

850 MB Height and Winds (knots)
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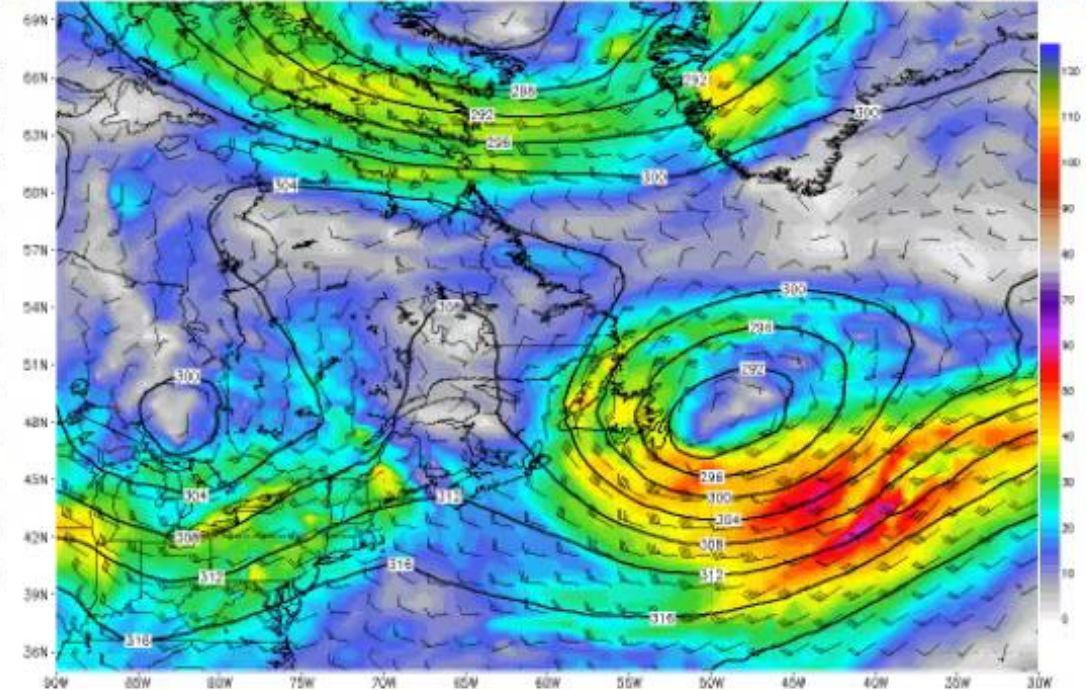
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700 mb Height and Winds ~ 3 km or 10,000 ft AMSL

700 MB Height and Winds (knots)
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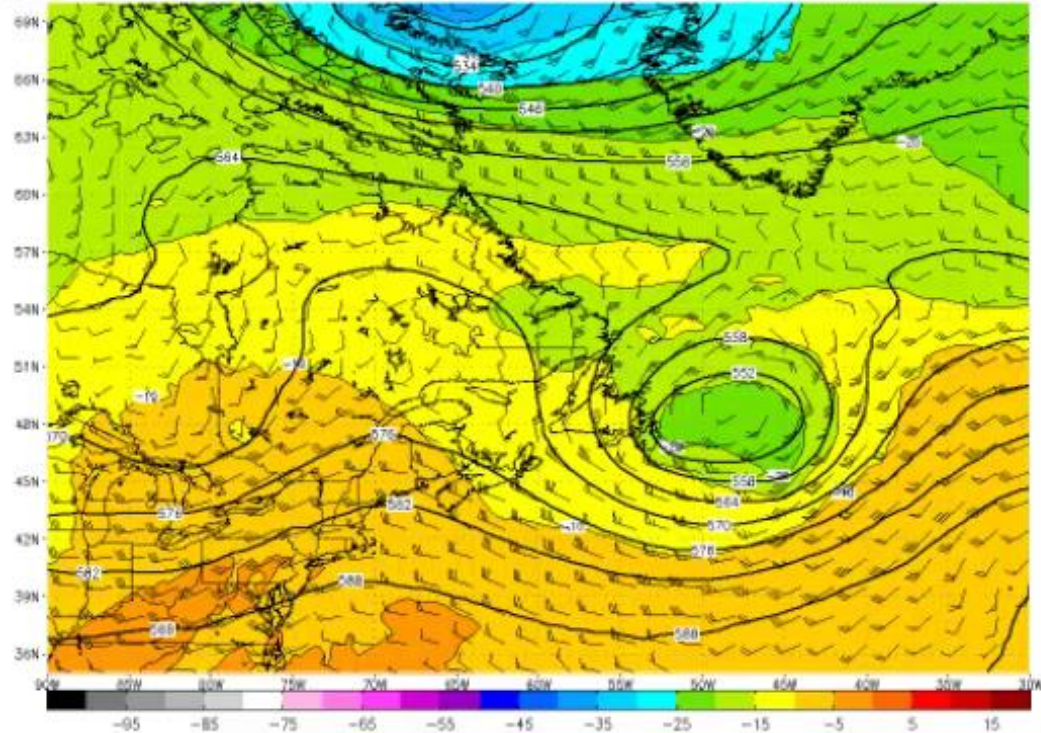
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ECMWF 500mb Height, Temp, Winds ~ 5.5 km or 18,000 ft AMSL

500 MB Height, Temperature, and Winds (knots)
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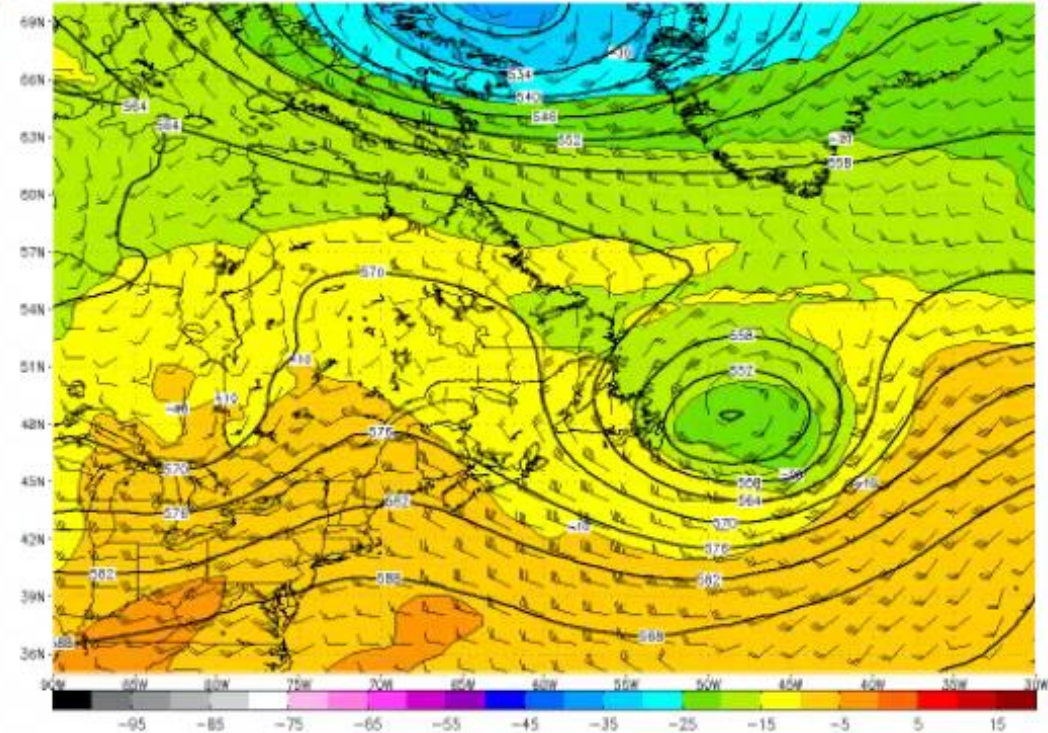
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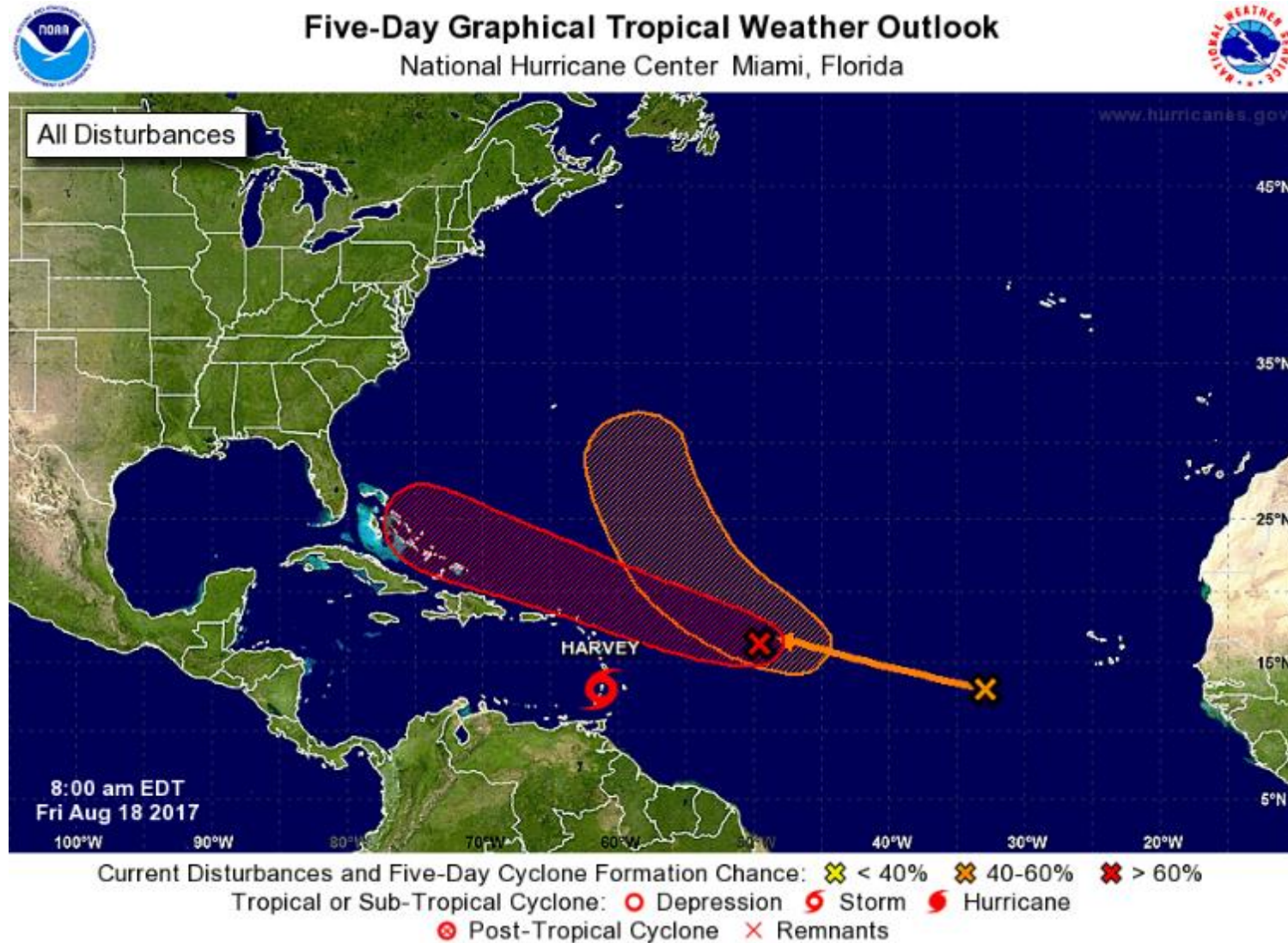
GFS 500mb Height, Temp, Winds ~ 5.5 km or 18,000 ft AMSL

500 MB Height, Temperature, and Winds (knots)
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Eye on the Tropics

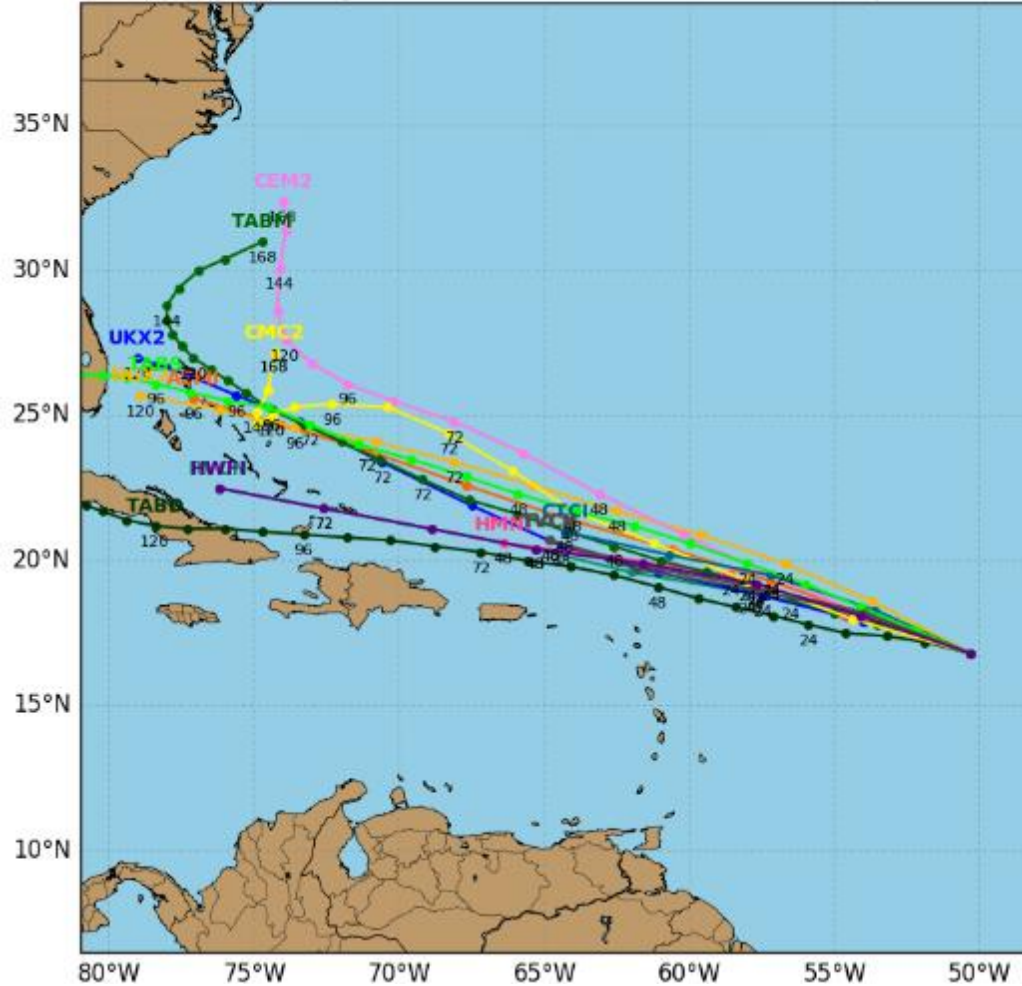


Eye on the Tropics - Forecast

Invest 92L Model Track Guidance

Initialized at 12z Aug 18 2017

Levi Cowan - tropicaltidbits.com

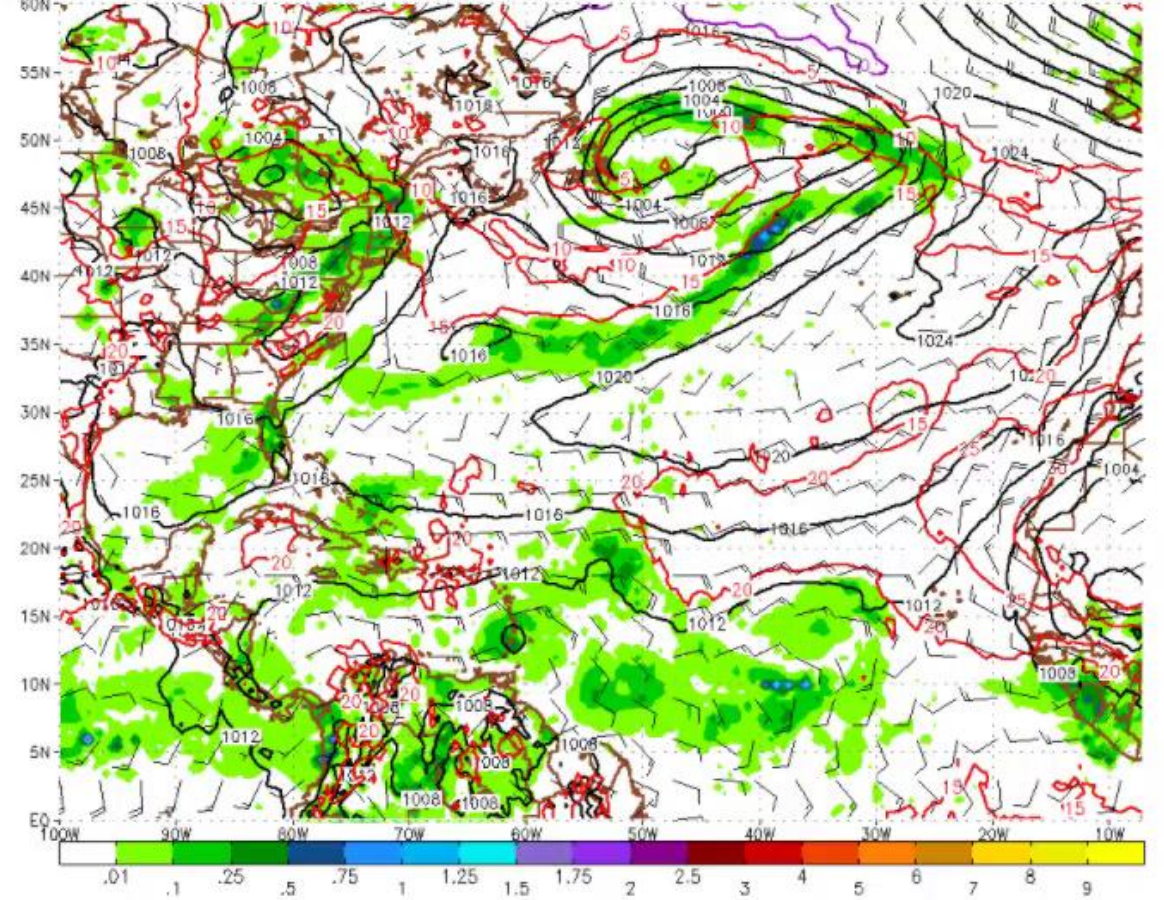


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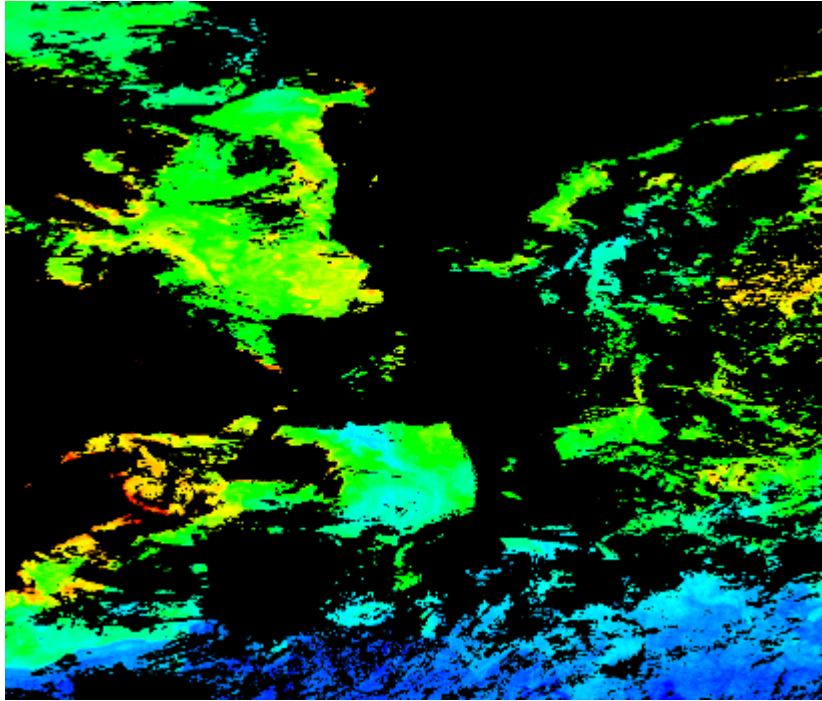
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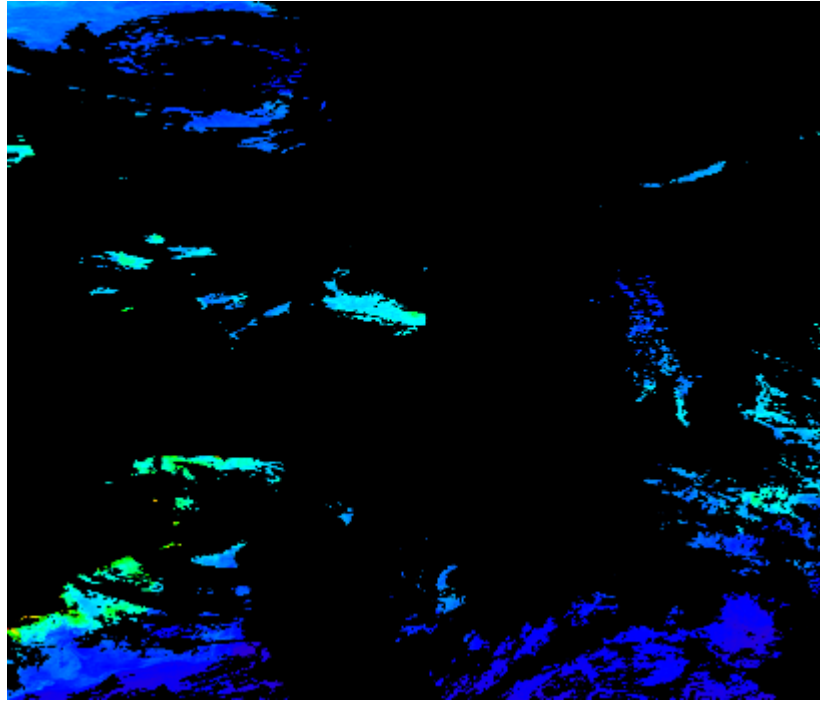


NPP VIRRS Ocean Color – August 15-17th

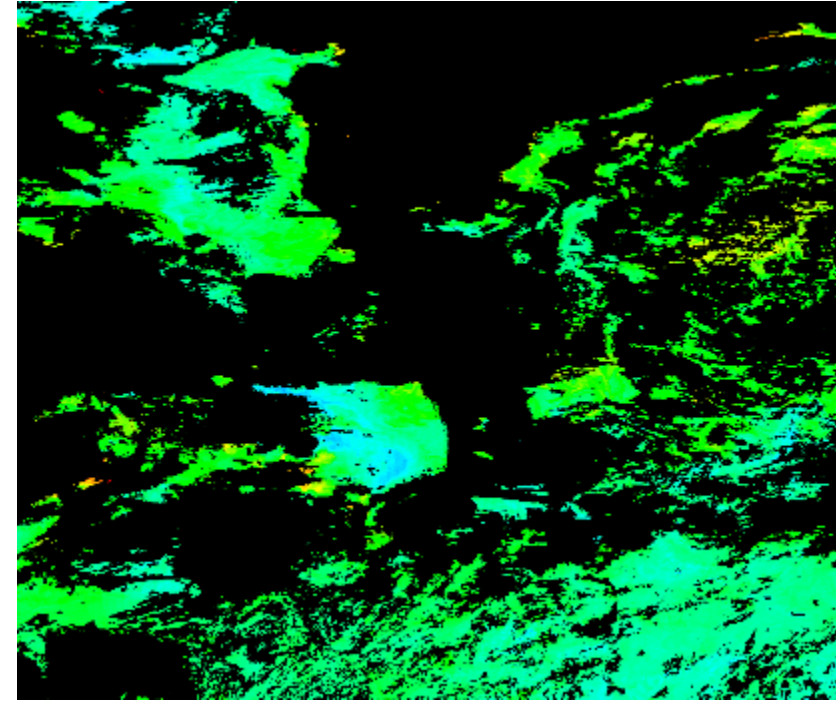
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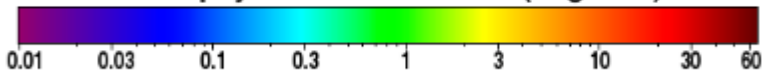
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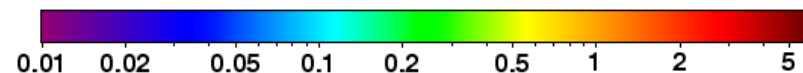
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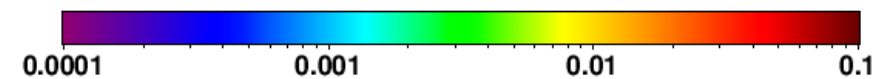
Chlorophyll *a* concentration (mg / m³)



Diffuse attenuation coefficient at 490 nm (m⁻¹)

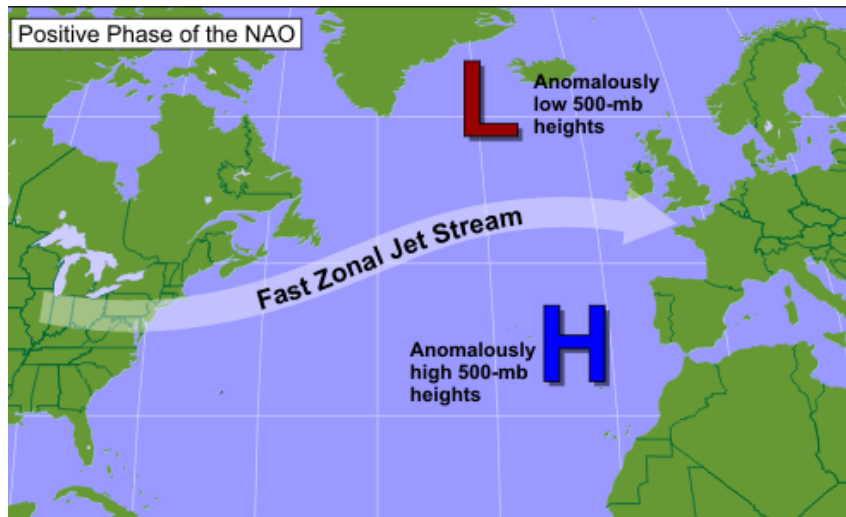


Particulate backscattering at 443 nm, GIOP model



North Atlantic Oscillation

The North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) is a weather phenomenon in the North Atlantic Ocean of fluctuations in the difference of atmospheric pressure at sea level between the Icelandic low and the Azores high. Through fluctuations in the strength of the Icelandic low and the Azores high, it controls the strength and direction of westerly winds and storm tracks across the North Atlantic, which is important for our mission domain.

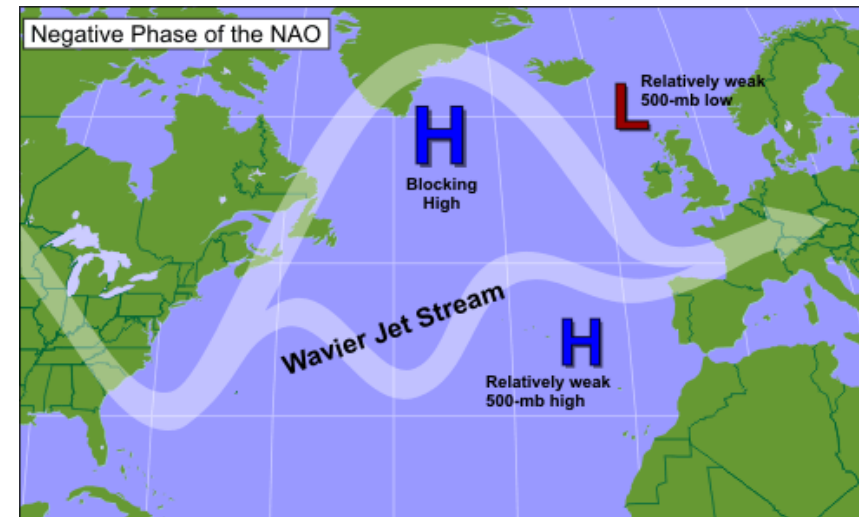


The positive phase of the NAO is marked by low 500-mb heights near Iceland and high 500-mb heights near the Azores Islands.

November Average: 0.07479

November 2015: 1.7438

Forecasters track the NAO by comparing the 500-mb heights over the far North Atlantic (near Iceland) with those several thousand miles to the south near the Azores Islands.



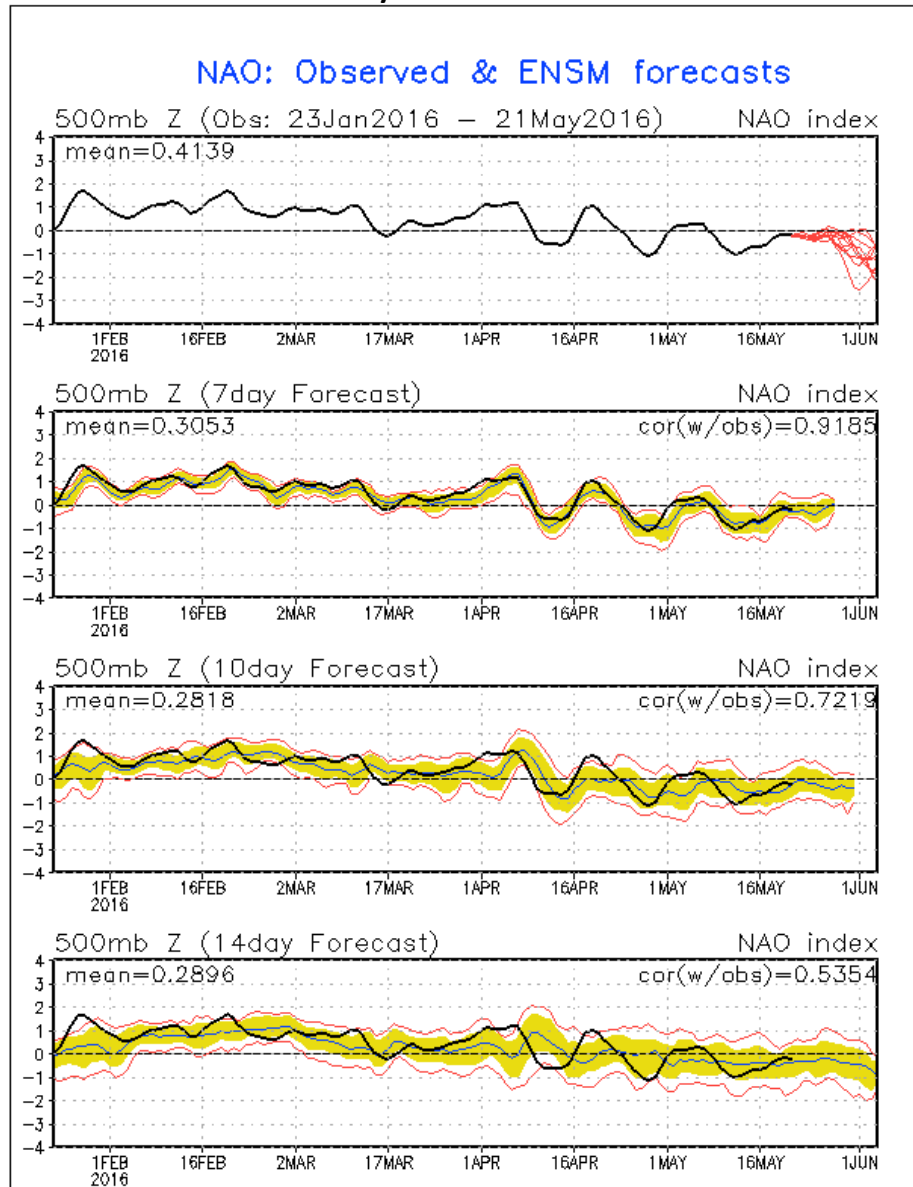
The negative phase of the NAO is marked by unusually high 500-mb heights near Iceland, a pattern that typically develops with a blocking ridge or blocking high.

May Average: -0.079 May 2016: -0.77358

Credit: <https://www.e-education.psu.edu/worldofweather/s15.html>

North Atlantic Oscillation

May 2016



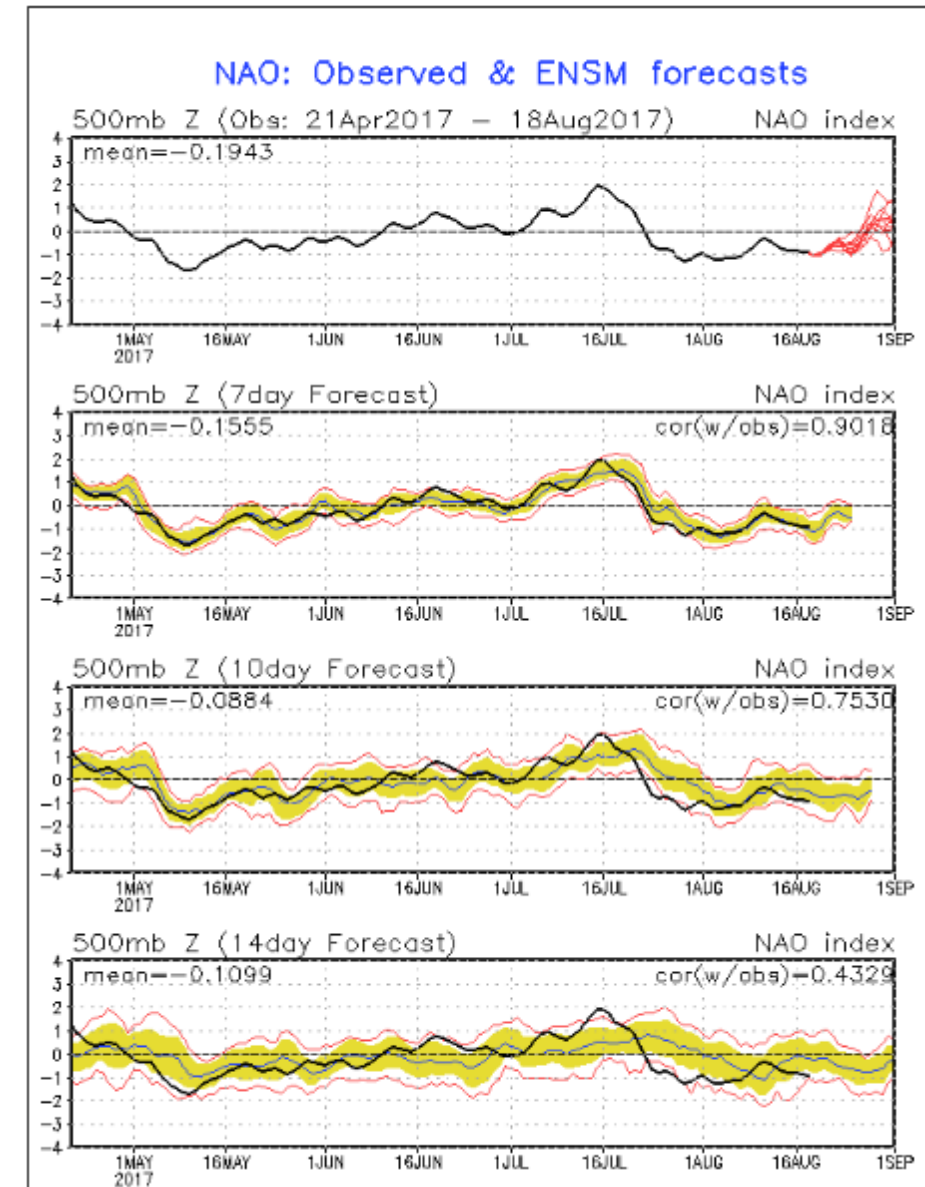
In 2016, May through August was negative, with September being positive.

So far this year, May and part of June were negative. Late June through July were positive and then went negative until now.

There are some forecasts bringing NAO index closer to 0. Will track over the next week or so to see if trending positive.

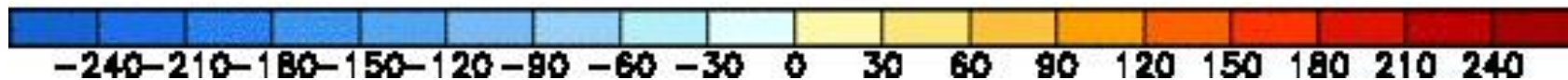
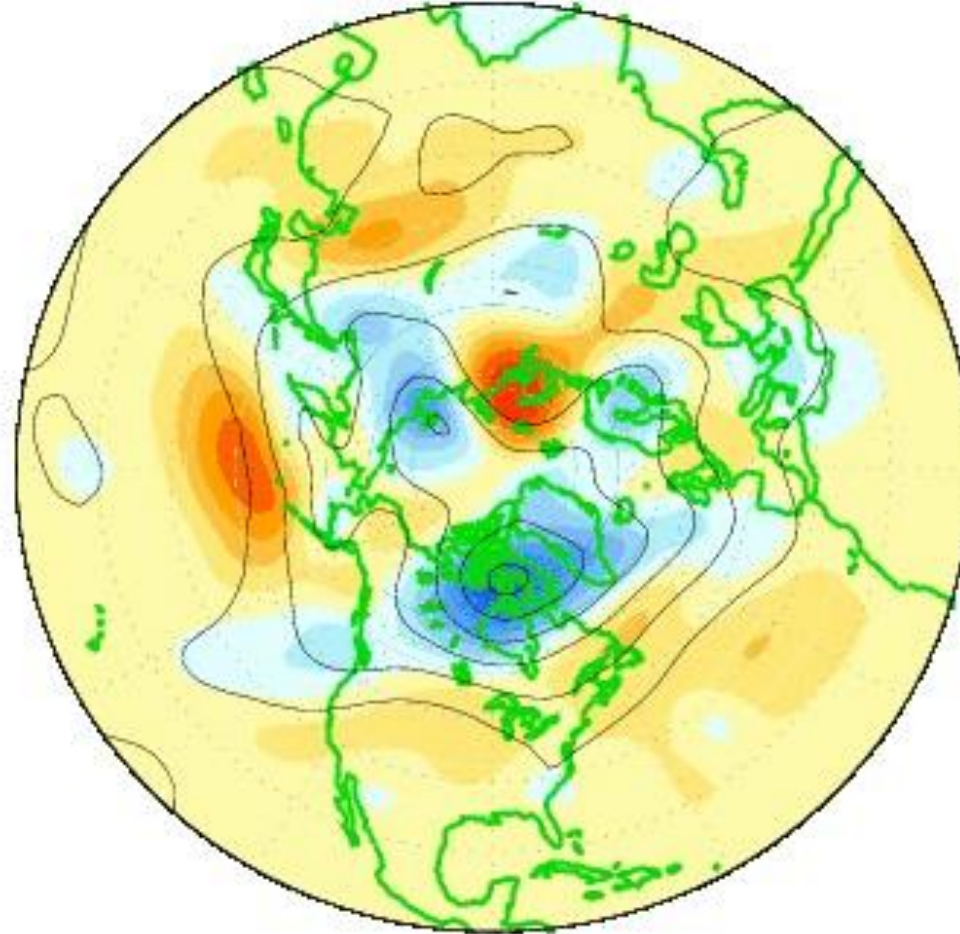
Past Septembers
2015 – negative
2014 – positive

Current

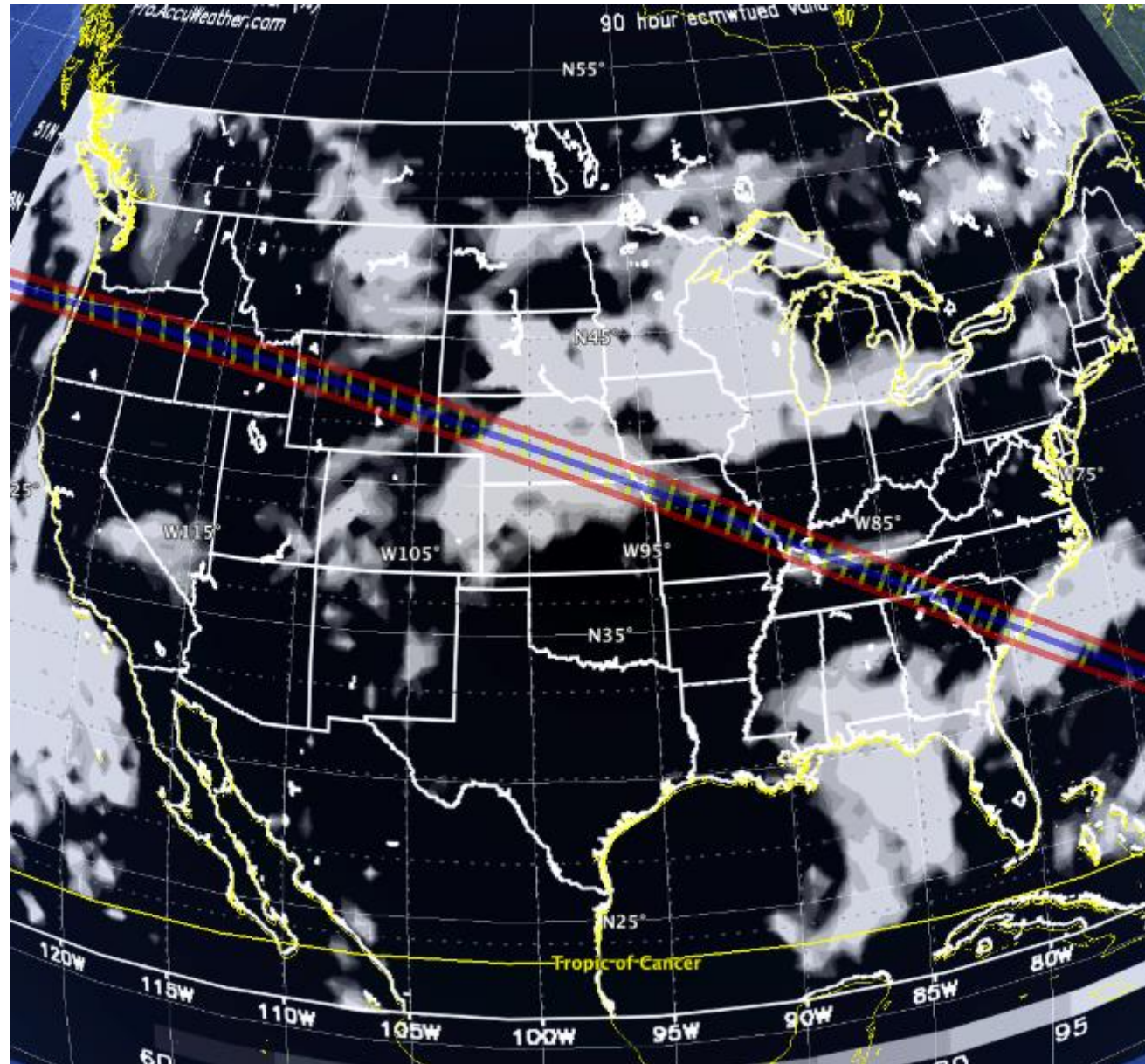


North Atlantic Oscillation

CDAS 500-hPa HT Anoms (5d rm)
18JUL2017



Eclipse Forecast



BEAUFORT WIND SCALE WITH CORRESPONDING SEA STATE CODES					
Beaufort Number	Wind Velocity (Knots)	Wind Description	Sea State Description	Sea State	
				Term and Height of Waves (Feet)	Condition Number
0	Less than 1	Calm	Sea surface smooth and mirror-like	Calm, glassy 0	0
1	1-3	Light Air	Scaly ripples, no foam crests		
2	4-6	Light Breeze	Small wavelets, crests glassy, no breaking	Calm, rippled 0 – 0.3	1
3	7-10	Gentle Breeze	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps	Smooth, wavelets 0.3-1	2
4	11-16	Moderate Breeze	Small waves, becoming longer, numerous whitecaps	Slight 1-4	3
5	17-21	Fresh Breeze	Moderate waves, taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	Moderate 4-8	4
6	22-27	Strong Breeze	Larger waves, whitecaps common, more spray	Rough 8-13	5
7	28-33	Near Gale	Sea heaps up, white foam streaks off breakers	Very rough 13-20	6
8	34-40	Gale	Moderately high, waves of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks		
9	41-47	Strong Gale	High waves, sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce visibility		
10	48-55	Storm	Very high waves, with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility	High 20-30	7
11	56-63	Violent Storm	Exceptionally high waves, foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced	Very high 30-45	8
12	64 and over	Hurricane	Air filled with foam, sea completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced	Phenomenal 45 and over	9

Figure 8-1. Beaufort wind scale.

MANDATORY PRESSURE LEVELS

<u>Level</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	Temp. Range	Critical Thickness For Snow	Standard Height Above Sea level	
1000 mb				0 meters	0 feet
925 mb				750 to 800 meters	2460 to 2624 ft
850 mb	Besides the surface, 850mb is used to calculate temperature advection. Also used in weather forecasting to determine high temperature on sunny, warm days and also used to determine maximum wind gust on sunny, well-mixed days.	0 to + 40 in summer -40 to +20 in winter	1000 to 850 = 1300 meters 850 to 700 = 1540 meters	1500 meters	4921 ft
700 mb	The "free atmosphere" begins here. This pressure level skims the tops of the Rockies, so, for practical purposes, there is little ground about this level. The last mandatory level in the lower troposphere	-15 to +15 in summer -40 to +5 in winter	1000 to 700 = 2840 meters	3000 meters	9842 ft
500 mb	This pressure marks the approximate level where half the weight of the local air column is below and half the weight is above. Thus, 500mb is considered to represent the middle troposphere	-25 to 0 in summer -45 to -10 in winter	1000 to 500 meters = 5400 meters	5500 meters	18044 ft
400 mb	The approximate level where winds steer well-developed hurricanes. The first mandatory level in the upper troposphere			7000 meters	22965 ft
300 mb	The pressure level near the cruising altitude of most commercial aircraft. The approximate pressure at the summit of Mount Everest.	-55 to -35 (marginal seasonal changes)		9000 meters	29527 ft
250 mb	The typical pressure level of the jet stream over the middle latitudes.			10500 meters	34448 ft
200 mb	The typical pressure level of the tropopause over the middle latitudes.	-60 to -45 (marginal seasonal changes)		12000 meters	39370 ft
150 mb				13500 meters	44291 ft