

Tropical Update



10:30 AM EDT Thursday, August 24, 2023 Tropical Storm Franklin, Remnants of Emily (70%), Invest 92L (40%), & Northwestern Caribbean Sea (50%)

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Forecast Cone Tropical Storm Franklin (LINK)



- Location: 55 miles ENE of Grand Turk Island
- Maximum Sustained Winds: 50 mph
- Current Movement: N at 13 mph
- FL Watches/Warnings: None

A turn to the northeast and then east-northeast with a decrease in forward speed is forecast during the next couple of days. On the forecast track, the center of Franklin will continue to move farther away from the Dominican Republic and over the southwestern Atlantic into the weekend. Gradual strengthening is forecast, and Franklin is expected to become a hurricane in a couple of days.

Franklin poses no direct threat to Florida; however, and elevated risk of rip currents and increased heights of breakers in the surf zone will be possible along Atlantic Coast beaches.



Model Forecasts – Next 5 Days Tropical Storm Franklin



Computer models are in good agreement that Franklin will continue an east-northeastward motion over the next 24-48 hours. Guidance suggests that Franklin will bend back northward at a slightly faster pace after the 72-hour timeframe. Computer model guidance is in good agreement that Franklin will undergo a gradual strengthening trend as it remains over the warm southwestern Atlantic waters. Franklin could become a hurricane as early as Saturday.



Tropical Weather Outlook Disturbance 1 – Remnants of Emily (LINK)



An area of low pressure located more than 1,000 miles eastsoutheast of Bermuda (the remnants of former Tropical Storm Emily) continues to produce a large but elongated area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Upper-level winds are generally conducive for development today, and this system is likely to regenerate into a tropical storm over the next couple of days as it moves northward over the subtropical central Atlantic. By this weekend, the system is anticipated to merge with a frontal boundary north of the Gulf Stream.

This system poses no threat to Florida.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...high...70%.
* Formation chance through 7 days...high...70%.

Tropical Weather Outlook Disturbance 2 – Invest 92L (LINK)



Disorganized showers and thunderstorms continue in association with an area of low pressure located several hundred miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands. Despite marginal environmental conditions, slow development is possible, and a tropical depression could form by early next week while the system moves west-northwestward to northwestward into the central subtropical Atlantic.

Invest 92L poses no threat to Florida.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10%.
* Formation chance through 7 days...medium...40%.

Model Forecasts – Next 5 Days Invest 92L



Computer models are in good agreement that Invest 92L will continue to move northwestward over the central tropical Atlantic over the next 5-7 days. There remains some disagreement across the computer models this morning regarding the system's intensity; however, Invest 92L could become a tropical depression over the next 3-5 days.





Tropical Weather Outlook

Disturbance 3 – Northwestern Caribbean Sea (LINK)



A broad area of low pressure, originating along the East Pacific Coast of Central America, is forecast to move into the northwestern Caribbean Sea by this weekend. Some gradual development of this system is possible thereafter into early next week, and a tropical depression could while it moves slowly northward, entering the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

This system should be monitored as the area of low pressure moves into the northwestern Caribbean Sea and southern Gulf of Mexico this weekend into early next week.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10%.
* Formation chance through 7 days...medium...50%.



Northwestern Caribbean Sea



- There has been very little consistency between computer models regarding the overall forecast track and intensity with this system, and forecast details will continue to become clearer through the weekend once the system enters the northwestern Caribbean Sea.
- Models have been hinting at an area of low pressure emerging over the northwestern Caribbean Sea this weekend, and advancing toward the Yucatan Peninsula and southern Gulf of Mexico Sunday and Monday.
- This system will likely continue to advance northward to northeastward over the eastern Gulf of Mexico Monday into Tuesday.
- There are varying computer model solutions regarding the system's track (*timing, position, and intensity*); however, model guidance suggests this tropical area of low pressure could move over any location from the Florida Panhandle to the Southwest Florida Coast.







Dry Air & Saharan Dust Is the environment favorable for the system?

Color denotes concentration of Saharan Dust or dry, stable air.

Dry

92

All tropical systems are generally within a moist environment, supportive of further organization. Invest 92L may encounter pockets of drier air over the eastern tropical Atlantic as the system advances west-northwestward.

Franklin

Moist

Moist

70%

Sea Surface Temperatures & Anomalies Is the ocean favorable for the system?





Tropical Storm Franklin:

- As of 5:00 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Franklin is located about 55 miles east-northeast of Grand Turk Island, and is moving northward at 13 mph.
- A turn to the northeast and then east-northeast with a decrease in forward speed is forecast during the next couple of days. On the forecast track, the center of Franklin will continue to move farther away from the Dominican Republic and over the southwestern Atlantic into the weekend.
- · Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph. Gradual strengthening is forecast, and Franklin is expected to become a hurricane in a couple of days.
- Franklin poses no direct threat to Florida; however, and elevated risk of rip currents and increased heights of breakers in the surf zone will be possible along Atlantic Coast beaches.

Invest 92L (Eastern Tropical Atlantic):

- Disorganized showers and thunderstorms continue in association with an area of low pressure located several hundred miles west of the Cabo Verde Islands.
- Despite marginal environmental conditions, slow development is possible, and a tropical depression could form by early next week while the system moves west-northwestward to northwestward into the central subtropical Atlantic.
- There is a low (20%) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a medium (40%) chance of development over the next 7 days. Invest 92L poses no threat to Florida.

Remnants of Emily (Central Tropical Atlantic):

- An area of low pressure located more than 1,000 miles east-southeast of Bermuda (the remnants of former Tropical Storm Emily) continues to produce a large but elongated area of disorganized showers and thunderstorms.
- Upper-level winds are generally conducive for development today, and this system is likely to regenerate into a tropical storm over the next couple of days as it moves northward over the subtropical central Atlantic. By this weekend, the system is anticipated to merge with a frontal boundary north of the Gulf Stream.
- There is a high (70%) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a high (70%) chance of development over the next 7 days. This system poses no threat to Florida.

Northwestern Caribbean Sea:

- A broad area of low pressure, originating along the East Pacific Coast of Central America, is forecast to move into the northwestern Caribbean Sea by this weekend.
- Some gradual development of this system is possible thereafter into early next week, and a tropical depression could while it moves slowly northward, entering the eastern Gulf of Mexico.
- There is a low (10%) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a medium (50%) chance of development over the next 7 days.
- This system poses no immediate threat to Florida; however, it should be monitored as it emerges into the northwestern Caribbean Sea this weekend.

Florida Outlook:

- Hot and humid conditions persist across the Sunshine State, with Heat Advisories in effect for the western Panhandle this afternoon.
- Isolated to scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms possible over the southern Peninsula through the afternoon hours (40-60% chance of rain).
- An elevated rip current risk will linger along all Panhandle and Atlantic Coast beaches today, locally higher along the Northeast Florida Coast.
- The next name on this list is Idalia.

The next briefing package will be issued on Friday. For the latest information, please visit the National Hurricane Center website.



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