

TROPICAL UPDATE 11 AM EDT Saturday, August 27, 2016 Invest 99L (40%), T.S. Gaston, & Invest 91L (30%)

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Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: 🗱 < 40% 🗱 40-60% 🗰 > 60% Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: O Depression 🥑 Storm 🍠 Hurricane Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

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Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the Five-Day Period Ending at 8:00 am EDT Thu Sep 1 2016 Chance of Cyclone Formation in Five Days: Low < 40% Medium 40-60% High > 60% X indicates current disturbance location; shading indicates potential formation area. Low-level circulation center near here

> Thunderstorms remain displaced from center

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Steering Currents



Weaker tropical systems are influenced by steering currents in the lower part of the atmosphere, as shown here. As 99L remains weak, steering will likely take it into the eastern Gulf of Mexico as shown, first in a westerly motion and then a northwesterly motion. As the high shifts slightly further to the northeast, steering in the Gulf is expected to shift more to the north, causing a northerly turn for 99L after its turn to the northwest.

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Forecast Weather Maps

Monday



Wednesday



Tuesday



Thursday



Invest 99L Model Track Guidance

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Invest 99L Model Intensity Guidance

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Wind Speed (kt)

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Note: Several models dissipate the system within 48 hours, while others show slow but steady intensification.



Sea Surface Temperatures Near 99L



Water Vapor Imagery of 99L



Dry

Saturated

Current Wind Shear (Shaded) and Shear Tendency (Lines)



Current Rainfall Forecast



7-Day Rainfall Forecast



Tropical Storm Gaston 5 AM EDT Sat Aug 27 2016 Position 27.9 N 52.0 W Maximum Winds 65 mph Gusts 75 mph Movement NW at 14 mph Minimum Pressure 995 mb (29.37 in ches)

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 1:28 PM UTC 9:28 AM EDT

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Invest 91L 8 AM Sat Aug 27 2016 Position 31.0 66.4 W Maximum Winds 30 mph

Movement WNW at 5 mph

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 1:29 PM UTC 1:29 PM GMT

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Invest 91L Model Intensity Guidance



Summary

General Outlook:

- An weak area of low pressure centered south of the Bahamas, designated Invest 99L, continues to produce disorganized showers and storms displaced away from its apparent low pressure center.
- It is currently moving west-northwest at 10 mph toward the Florida Straits.
- 99L has a 20% (low) chance of development over the next 48 hours and a 40% (medium) chance of development over the next five days, both decreasing since yesterday afternoon.
- Wind shear continues to inhibit any development in the near term. However, conditions could become more favorable for development as it moves into the eastern Gulf of Mexico early next week.
- Computer models are in good agreement that 99L will continue moving west-northwest through the Florida Straits and into the southeast Gulf over the next 48 hours.
- Beyond that, the models vary from a continued west-northwest track toward Louisiana to a turn to the north and then northeast toward the Nature Coast of Florida within five or six days. A forecast track toward Florida would likely keep the system weaker than a forecast track toward the central Gulf.
- Note that it is more important to focus on trends and consistency in the models rather than a specific model.
- Computer models are also in some disagreement on 99L's future intensity, but most models forecast 99L to become a tropical storm within the next two to four days.
- After 99L moves through the Florida Straits and into the southeast Gulf, where it is headed and its future intensity will be more clear.
- Gaston remains a strong tropical storm, with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph.
- It is moving to the northwest at 15 mph over the open waters of the central Atlantic, and is not a threat to any land.

Summary

- A weak area of low pressure off the Louisiana coast has a 10% (low) chance of development over the next 48 hours and the next five days. It may bring heavy rainfall to Louisiana and southeast Texas before it reaches the Texas coast tomorrow.
- An area of low pressure southwest of Bermuda, Invest 91L, has a 30% (low) chance of development over the next 48 hours and the next five days.
- Any development would be slow to occur due to dry air nearby as it moves west and then west-northwest toward the Carolinas over the next few days.

Florida Outlook:

- As computer models struggle with 99L's future intensity and track, continued monitoring is recommended.
- Regardless of development, South Florida and the Keys will likely see an increasing threat for heavy rainfall and rip currents this weekend, and gusty winds and isolated waterspouts cannot be ruled out.
- Potential impacts for the Gulf Coast are dependent on 99L's track and strength. Currently, there is low confidence in any specific impacts, although gusty winds and heavy rainfall, and some flooding concerns due to saturated soils in some areas, are possible next week.
- An increased risk of rip currents and other coastal hazards are also possible next week for the Gulf Coast.
- Tropical Storm Gaston and Invest 91L do not pose a threat to Florida.

The next briefing packet will be issued Sunday morning. For more information, visit the NHC website at <u>www.nhc.noaa.gov</u>.



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