

TROPICAL UPDATE 9 AM EDT Tuesday, August 30, 2016 Hurricane Gaston, Tropical Depression 8 and Tropical Depression 9

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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Tropical Depression Nine 4AM CDT Tue Aug 30 2016 Position 23.8 N 86.6 W Maximum Winds 35 mph Gusts 45 mph Movement W at 6 mph Minimum Pressure 1 003 mb (29.61 inches) Blue Marble basemarimagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 11:22 AM UTC 6:22 AM CDT

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Steering Currents



99L is likely to continue drifting west today before moving north as the area of high pressure over the eastern U.S. will weaken and shift to the northeast and a frontal system moves toward the eastern seaboard.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Aug 31, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT Tue, Aug 30, 2016 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 01, 2016, issued 4:55 AM EDT Tue, Aug 30, 2016 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Tropical Depression 09L Model Track Guidance

Initialized at 06z Aug 30 2016

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Tropical Depression 09L Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 06z Aug 30 2016 Levi Cowan - tropicaltidbits.com



Sea Surface Temperatures Near 99L



TD9 Water Vapor Image



Dry

Saturated

Current Wind Shear (shaded) and Shear Tendency (contours)



GOES-EAST 24 HOUR WIND SHEAR TENDENCY PRODUCT

900 UTC

30AUG16

UW-CIMSS

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Current Rainfall Forecast



Forecast Rainfall Total – Next 7 Days





5% 10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%

20% Storm Surge Exceedance





Hurricane Gaston

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5 AM EDT Tue Aug 30 2016 Position 32.0 N 54.0 W Maximum Winds 100 mph Gusts 120 mph Movement NE at 5 mph Minimum Pressure 971 mb (28.66 inches) Blue Marble trasemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 11:47 AM UTC 7:47 AM EDT

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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

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the Five-Day Period Ending at 8:00 am EDT Sun Sep 4 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.

Summary:

- At 5am EDT Tuesday, the center of Tropical Depression 9 was located about 305 miles west of Key West, or approximately 455 miles south-southeast of Pensacola.
- The depression continues to move slowly west at 7mph and a slow west-northwestward motion is expected today. A turn toward the north-northwest is expected tonight, followed by a turn toward the north-northeast on Wednesday.
- Maximum sustained winds remain near 35 mph with higher gusts. Some strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours, and the depression is expected to become a tropical storm today.
- The next name on the 2016 Atlantic Storm name list is Hermine (pronounced Er-meen).
- Computer track models are in better agreement but are still uncertain in regards to timing and intensity.
- The range of possibilities is between the Tampa Bay area and the Florida Panhandle, with most concentrated on the Florida Big Bend and Nature Coast. However, there is still great uncertainty in regards to the timing of landfall and could be as early as 54 hours or as late as 80 hours.
- The official forecast shows a potential landfall in the southeastern Big Bend or northern Nature Coast sometime on Thursday afternoon as a strong tropical storm.
- Elsewhere, Gaston has weakened to a Category 2 hurricane and will continue moving northeast into the north-central Atlantic.
- Tropical Depression #8 is moving northwest towards the outer banks of North Carolina and could become a tropical storm today.
- The next name after Hermine is lan.
- A weak area of low pressure and tropical wave is located over the far eastern Atlantic near the Cabo Verde Islands. Conditions are expected to become favorable for gradual development late this week while it moves westward and has a 40% chance of becoming a tropical cyclone within the next 5 days.

Florida Outlook:

- There are currently no watches or warnings for Florida, but could be issued sometime today.
- Areas of the Gulf Coast (between Sarasota and Mexico Beach) and northern Peninsula currently have a 1 in 3 chance of receiving sustained tropical storm force winds within the next 5 days. Chances for hurricane force winds are less than 5% everywhere in Florida.
- A high threat of rip currents is expected to continue for many Florida beaches this week and wave heights could reach up to 15 feet, especially in Apalachee Bay and to the east of where the center tracks.
- Storm surge heights up to 7 feet will be possible along the eastern Big Bend and northern Nature Coast, with surge values of 2-5 feet possible along Apalachee Bay and south towards the Tampa Bay area.
- Inundation graphics will be made available from the National Hurricane Center upon the issuance of tropical-related watches.
- Heavy rain will also be a large threat as rainfall totals both ahead of the system and directly associated with TD9 could produce storm total rainfall amounts up to 6-10" this week.
- There is a marginal risk of severe weather including tornadoes possible for portions of North Florida on Thursday.
- Gaston and T.D. #8 do not pose a threat to Florida or the U.S.

Another briefing packet will be issued this afternoon. For more information on this system, please visit the NHC website at <u>www.nhc.noaa.gov</u>



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