

TROPICAL UPDATE 5 PM EDT Friday, September 30, 2016 Hurricane Matthew

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image

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Hurricane Matthew 2-PM EDT Fri Sep 30 2016 Position 13.6 N 71.3 W Maximum Winds 120 mph Güsts 140 mph Movement WSW at 11 mph Minimum Pressure 960 mb (28.34 in ches)

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 7:57 PM UTC 3:57 PM EDT

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Steering Currents

Matthew is expected to continue moving generally westward to westsouthwestward over the next 12-18 hours, steered by the area of high pressure to its northeast. Matthew is then expected to turn northwest and then north under the influence of the area of low pressure currently over the southeastern U.S as it pushes further southeast.

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Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 30, 2016, issued 4:49 AM EDT DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Sat, Oct 01, 2016, issued 4:52 AM EDT Fri, Sep 30, 2016 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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Wednesday (10/5) Weather Map

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



Sea Surface Temperatures Near Matthew



Hurricane MATTHEW Model Track Guidance

Initialized at 18z Sep 30 2016

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65°W



Hurricane MATTHEW Model Intensity Guidance

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Intensity forecasts for Matthew so far have been difficult. After Matthew's rapid intensification over the last 24 hours, most models now indicate a leveling off with fluctuations in strength





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Tropical Cyclone Formation Potential for the Five-Day Period Ending at 2:00 pm EDT Wed Oct 5 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.

Tropical Summary:

- At 5pm EDT, Hurricane Matthew was located about 465 miles southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, or approximately 1,000 miles southsoutheast of Miami, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are 140 mph with higher gusts, making Matthew a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale.
- Matthew is moving to the west-southwest at 9 mph, a decrease in speed from the previous advisory. A turn to the west is expected to night, and a westward motion is expected to continue through Saturday along with a further decrease in forward speed. Matthew is then expected to turn west-northwest by Saturday night and then turn toward the northwest on Sunday.
- Forecast models continue to come into better agreement on Matthew's forecast track, but are still in some disagreement on its future intensity.
- Moderate wind shear in Matthew's path has had little effect on the storm, as Matthew has rapidly intensified from a minimal Category 1 hurricane at 2pm EDT yesterday to a Category 4 storm in the latest advisory.
- Most guidance models indicate a leveling off with some fluctuation in strength over the next 48 hours, and this is reflected in the official forecast. However, intensity forecasts for Matthew have been difficult, and there is low confidence in the current forecast.
- Matthew is currently being steered west by a strong area of high pressure in the central Atlantic, but a strong area of low pressure is moving into the southeast U.S. and bringing a cold front into Florida.
- As the area of low pressure moves southeast and the area of high pressure shifts slightly to the east, Matthew is expected to turn northwest and then north late this weekend toward Jamaica and eastern Cuba and continue north toward the central Bahamas toward the early to middle part of next week.
- However, there is still some uncertainty as to when Matthew makes the northward turn. A weaker and/or faster moving storm could make it to Jamaica before turning north across central Cuba, while a stronger and/or slower-moving storm may turn earlier toward the Windward Passage between Cuba and Haiti.
- The average NHC track errors at days 4 and 5 are on the order of 180 and 240 miles, respectively, so it is important not to focus on the "black skinny line" of the forecast track since the range of possibilities remains between central Cuba and Haiti.

Florida Outlook:

- At this time, it is too early to say exactly what, if any, impacts Matthew will have on Florida.
- Florida remains outside of the 5-day average error cone. However, South Florida and parts of east Central Florida now have a 5%-10% chance, and Southeast Florida has a 10%-20% chance, of seeing tropical storm force winds sometime over the next five days.
- Any possible impacts are 5-7 days away, but Matthew is a very large storm and it has the potential to generate occasionally gusty winds and rough seas along the East Coast of Florida, with minor coastal flooding and erosion. Any additional impacts are dependent on the future track of the storm.

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



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