

# **TROPICAL UPDATE** 5 PM EDT Sunday, October 2, 2016 Hurricane Matthew & Invest 98L (30%)

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# **Atlantic Basin Satellite Image**





#### **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 Hurricane Matthew 2 PM EDT Sun Oct 02 2016 Position 14.3 N 74:6 W Maximum Winds 1145 mph Gusts 165 mph Movement NW at 4 mph Minimum Pressure 945 mb (27.90 inches) Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

Satellite 8:36 PM UTC 4:36 PM EDT

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PRELIMINARY (SINGLE STORM) Tropical Storm Force Wind Speed Probabilities For the 120 hours (5 days) from 2 PM EDT Sun Oct 2 to 2 PM EDT Fri Oct 7





## **Steering Currents**

Steering is fairly weak near Matthew at this time, hence its slow northwest movement. Matthew is expected to continue its current direction and turn more towards the north tomorrow as an area of high pressure in the western Atlantic weakens. However, the strength and location of the area of low pressure centered over the eastern Great Lakes region, and the area of high pressure in the Atlantic will have a significant impact on Matthew's track going into this week.

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Weather Forecast for Mon, Oct 03, 2016, issued 4:51 AM EDT Sun, Oct 02, 2016 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



Weather Forecast for Tue, Oct 04, 2016, issued 4:59 AM EDT Sun, Oct 02, 2016 DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

### Wednesday (10/5) Weather Map

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For tropical cyclone information, please see 눩 the latest advisories from the NHC. NOAA

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### Thursday (10/6) Weather Map

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



### **Sea Surface Temperatures Near Matthew**



#### Hurricane MATTHEW Model Track Guidance

Initialized at 18z Oct 02 2016

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#### Hurricane MATTHEW Model Intensity Guidance



Intensity forecasts for Matthew have been extremely difficult, and they continue to show little agreement. Matthew remains a Category 4 hurricane and will likely see fluctuations in its intensity as all powerful hurricanes do. Matthew will also weaken once it begins interacting with landmasses of Eastern Cuba and Hispaniola in 36-48 hours. Due to the high terrain, Matthew is expected to weaken to a Category 2 storm, before regaining its major hurricane strength once it reaches the warm waters over the Bahamas by midweek.

FORECAST POSITIONS AND MAX WINDS							
INIT	02/2100Z	14.6N	74.8W	125	кт	145	MPH
12H	03/0600Z	15.4N	74.9W	125	КΤ	145	MPH
24H	03/1800Z	16.7N	74.9W	125	КΤ	145	MPH
36H	04/0600Z	18.3N	74.7W	115	КΤ	130	MPH
48H	04/1800Z	20.1N	74.5W	110	КΤ	125	MPHINLAND
72H	05/1800Z	23.6N	75.1W	100	КΤ	115	MPH
96H	06/1800Z	26.8N	76.1W	95	КΤ	110	MPH
120H	07/1800Z	30.0N	76.5W	90	КT	105	MPH

The latest intensity forecast from the National Hurricane Center will likely prove a better indicator of Matthew's future strength than the guidance models.



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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 2:00 pm EDT Fri Oct 7 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.

#### Invest 98L Model Track Guidance



#### **Tropical Summary:**

- At 5pm EDT, Hurricane Matthew was located 270 miles south southeast of Kingston, Jamaica, or approximately 855 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds are currently 145 mph with higher gusts, making Matthew a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale. Tropical storm force winds extend out to 140 miles from the circulation in the northwest quadrant.
- Matthew is moving toward the northwest near 5 mph. A turn toward the north is expected tonight.
- On the forecast track, the center of Matthew will approach southwestern Haiti and Jamaica on Monday.
- Forecast models are in fairly good agreement on Matthew's forecast through the next 48-72 hours, but then begin to diverge towards 96-120 hours.
- Matthew is currently being steered around an area of high pressure in the Central Atlantic, while a weak area of low pressure continues to slowly push eastward in the Gulf of Mexico.
- The current forecast calls for the area of high pressure to weaken and shift east, causing Matthew to gradually turn to the north by tonight and tomorrow as it heads towards Cuba and Hispaniola.
- By Thursday, the high pressure in the Atlantic, to the northeast of Matthew, is expected to slightly intensify, which would induce a turn toward the left at some point in 3-5 days (Wednesday-Friday timeframe). The timing and magnitude of this turn is still uncertain. At that point, Matthew will be located over southeastern and central Bahamas.
- Any change in forecast strength and location of the area of high pressure and area of low pressure could affect Matthew's track significantly in days 4-5 and beyond. Confidence in the track forecast beyond 72 hours remains low.
- The average NHC track errors at days 4 and 5 are on the order of 175 miles and 230 miles, respectively, so it is important not to focus on the line in the middle of the forecast track.
- Intensity forecasting for Matthew has been extremely difficult, and I would not put too much emphasis on model intensity guidance at this time.
- The official forecast from the National Hurricane Center calls for Matthew to retain its major hurricane status as it moves towards Eastern Cuba and Hispaniola over the next two days.
- Gradual weakening is expected once Matthew begins interacting with land on Tuesday, and then gradual strengthening is possible once the system emerges into the Atlantic and heads towards the Bahamas on Wednesday.
- Elsewhere, Invest 98L is a broad low pressure system located about 600 miles east-northeast of the Leeward Islands and continues to produce an area of showers and thunderstorms. Any development of this system should be slow to occur due to strong upper-level winds. The system poses no threat to Florida.
- The system has a 20% (low) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a 30% (low) chance of development through the next five days.

#### Florida Outlook:

- At this time, it is still too early to say exactly what, if any, impacts Matthew will have on Florida.
- Part of the southeastern Florida Peninsula remains within the 5-day average error cone.
- Also, parts of South Florida and the Treasure Coast an approximately 20% chance of seeing tropical storm force winds sometime within the next five days.
- Any possible impacts remain 3-6 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, along with minor coastal flooding, beach erosion, and dangerous rip currents.
- Any additional impacts are dependent on the future track of the storm, which remains uncertain at this time.

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



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