

# TROPICAL UPDATE

## 5 AM EDT

## Saturday, September 9, 2017

### Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Jose, and Tropical Storm Katia

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# **Atlantic Basin Satellite Image**



Hurricane Irma 5 AM EDT Sat Sep 09 2017 Position 22.5 N 78.8 W Maximum Winds 155 mph Gusts 190 mph Movement WNW at 11 mph Minimum Pressure 930 mb (27.45 inches),

Blue Marble basemap imagery courtesy NASA

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The Hurricane Warning area also includes the entire Florida Keys and Lake Okeechobee. The Hurricane Watch includes Tallahassee/SEOC.







#### Hurricane IRMA Model Intensity Guidance

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Extreme - Potential for wind > 110 mph

High - Potential for wind 74 to 110 mph

Moderate - Potential for wind 58 to 73 mph

Elevated - Potential for wind 39 to 57 mph

Little to None - Wind < 39 mph



Storm Surge Warning Storm Surge Watch Zoomable maps available here: http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/ refresh/graphics\_at1+shtm I/154730.shtml?wsurge#c ontents

Probabilistic Storm Surge http://slosh.nws.noaa.gov /psurge2.0/index.php?S=Ir ma2017&Adv=34&Ty=e10 &Z=z4&D=agl&Ti=cum&M sg=17&Help=about

### 1 STORM SURGE INUNDATION **ABOVE NORMAL TIDE LEVELS** Melbourne 2-4 ft 3-5 ft Tampa Fort Myers 5-8 ft Naples Miami 3-6 ft 8-12 ft Key West Bahamas 1 5-10 ft 15-20 ft Cuba



# **Rainfall Forecast SUNDAY**



**Cumulative Rainfall** Forecast Next 3 Days



Generally 8-14" in the Peninsula, 4-8" in Big Bend, 1-3" in Panhandle, locally up to 20" anywhere in Florida Peninsula.

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# FLASH FLOOD THREAT SATURDAY, SUNDAY, & MONDAY

The flood threat for Florida will begin to increase during the day today as the first outer bands have already arrived. The threat will continue to rise into the overnight hours as heavier, more consistent heavy rain moves into the area.







Hurricane Jose 5 AM EDT Sat Sep 09 2017 Position 17.5 N 60.3 W Maximum Winds 150 mph Gusts 185 mph Movement WNW at 12 mph Minimum Pressure 940 mb (27.75 inches)

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#### Hurricane JOSE Model Track Guidance



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Models remain in good agreement and show a northwest track over the next 2 days, followed by a northward turn. After this point, computer models, are not in

#### Hurricane JOSE Model Intensity Guidance

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Jose is likely to maintain major hurricane status through the next 24 hours. Thereafter, some weakening may begin due to increased wind shear and cooler water left in the wake of Irma.



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### Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





Tropical Storm Katia 5 AM EDT Sat Sep 09/2017 Position 20.3 N 97.5 W Maximum Winds 40 mph Gusts 50 mph Movement W at 2 mph Minimum Pressure 1001 mb (29.55 inches) Blue Marble basemap imagery-courtesy NASA

Satellite 11:00 AM UTC 7:00 AM EDT

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#### **Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





## Summary

- At 5am EDT Friday, Hurricane Irma was located about 245 miles south-southeast of Miami.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 155 mph with higher gusts, making Irma a category 4 storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind scale.
- Some fluctuations in intensity are likely during the next 24 hours, but Irma is forecast to remain a powerful hurricane due to low wind shear and favorable sea-surface temperatures.
- Irma continues moving toward the west-northwest near 12 mph, and this general motion is expected to through this afternoon. Irma is then expected to slow down even more and begin a northward turn today and tomorrow.
- The core of the hurricane will approach the Florida Keys and South Florida overnight and near sunrise tomorrow.
- As a reminder, do not focus on the center line of the forecast cone. The center of Irma still has the potential to move anywhere within the cone of uncertainty. Models have still not come into complete agreement and there was a small west shift in the track overnight.
- In addition, tropical Storm force winds extend out 195 miles from the center, and hurricane force 70 miles, meaning a large portion of the Peninsula may experience hurricane force winds and much of the state will at least feel tropical storm conditions.
- At 5am EDT Friday, Hurricane Jose was located 190 miles east-southeast of the Northern Leeward Islands, which is about 1,500 miles southeast of Miami, Florida.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 150 mph, which is a Category 4 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Jose is going to maintain intensity today, but is likely to begin to weaken by tomorrow gradually due to increasing wind shear and colder water in the wake of Irma.
- A turn to the north and northeast along with a slower forward speed is expected early next week.
- At 5am EDT Friday, Tropical Storm Katia was located inland over Veracruz, Mexico, moving west at 2 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 40 mph, Katia has weakened since it has made landfall.
- Katia is expected to dissipate later today over inland portions of Mexico.
- A tropical wave has moved off the coast of Africa and it is moving to the west at around 15 mph.
- Environmental conditions appear to be conducive for gradual development of this system next week as it moves westnorthwestward over the eastern Atlantic Ocean
- There is currently a 30% chance of it becoming a tropical depression within the next 5 days, but these chances could increase.

## Florida Outlook

- Nearly of the Florida Peninsula and Florida Big Bend lie within the NHC 5 day cone of error and could feel impacts from this system regardless of the eventual path.
- Hurricane Warnings in effect for all counties in the Peninsula south of Hernando, Sumter, Lake, and Volusia County. This includes Tampa, Orlando, Ft. Myers, and Miami.
- **Hurricane Watches** in effect for all areas of Northeast Florida and into the Big Bend, including Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Tallahassee.
- Wind impacts to South Florida and the Keys are already starting this morning, with winds increasing in Central Florida early tomorrow morning. Hurricane force winds could arrive in Southeast Florida early tomorrow morning.
- Storm Surge watches or warnings are in effect south of the Volusia/Brevard County Lines on the East Coast and south of the Suwannee River on the West Coast. This includes all of the Florida Keys.
- 8-12' of storm surge is currently being forecasted by the Hurricane Center for Southwest Florida, 5-10' for South Florida and the Keys, with 3-6' possible for the Treasure Coast and Sun Coast. Numbers may increase for the West Coast and Big Bend of Florida.
- In addition, rainfall amounts could reach as high as 10-15" with isolated higher totals of 20" possible in the Peninsula. Lesser amounts of 4-8" are expected in the Big Bend.
- Ocean swells from Irma have already reached South Florida and will produce a moderate to high risk of rip currents from today through the weekend.
- Hurricane Jose does not pose a threat to Florida within the next 5-7 days, but should be monitored.
- Hurricane Katia does not pose a threat to Florida.

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



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