

# TROPICAL UPDATE

### 7 AM EDT

Friday, October 6, 2017

**Tropical Storm Nate &** 

Northeast Atlantic Low (30%)

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# **Atlantic Basin Satellite Image**





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

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Ø Post-Tropical Cyclone × Remnants

## Nate Satellite



Upper Level & Surface Low in Gulf of Mexico pulls Nate northward as it moves west



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## Forecast Weather Map – Saturday (left), Saturday night (center) and Sunday (right)

Nate is forecast to move in between high pressure off the New England coast and a cold front moving into the Ohio/Mississippi Valleys. The non-tropical low pressure system in the western Gulf will pull Nate north towards Louisiana before the front induces a northeast turn.





#### **Tropical Storm NATE Model Track Guidance**

#### Initialized at 06z Oct 06 2017

Levi Cowan - tropicaltidbits.com 5 O NOT U SE THIS MAR MAKE DECISIONS! **OFFICIAL INFO** 45°N 120 120 TABM 40°N 120 168 35°N 30°N 45N 42N 39N 25°N 36N 33N 30N 20°N 27N 24N 15°N 21N 90°W 85°W 80°W 75°W 70°W 65

Model guidance shifted slightly to the east overnight, but remain in good agreement. The range of possibilities is between Pensacola, FL and Morgan City, Louisiana.



#### Tropical Storm NATE Model Intensity Guidance Initialized at 06z Oct 06 2017









#### Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds





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





## Future Radar – Saturday



Outer rain bands from Nate could reach Florida as early as Saturday afternoon or evening, depending on the forward speed of the storm. Other models have the outer bands reaching Florida Saturday night.

Note: These are model simulations and subject to change.





#### Potential Storm Surge Flooding\*



#### Map Layer Options:

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Download GIS data (Instructions)		Inundation Layer Only	Inundation with Intertidal Layer	

## **Forecast Wave Heights** Sunday



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### Forecast Total Rainfall – Next 3 Days



### Flash Flood Threat



## **Predominant Daytime Weather - Friday**



Sky: Mostly Cloudy statewide

E/SE wind 5-10mph, gusts 15 mph

Rain: 40-60% Peninsula/Keys, 20-30% Panhandle

High Temperatures: Mid- Upper 80s

<u>Hazards:</u> Occasional Lightning Brief Heavy Downpours Coastal Flooding

# **Predominant Nighttime Weather**



Sky: Mostly Cloudy

ESE wind 5-10 mph, gusts to 15mph

Rain: 20-40% Coast, 50% Keys

Low Temperatures: Mid-Upper 70s (North/Central FL) Upper 70s-Low 80s (South FL)

<u>Hazards:</u> Occasional Lightning Coastal Flooding



Summary:

- At 5 AM EDT Friday, Tropical Storm Nate was located over the northwestern Caribbean Sea, or about 895 miles south of Apalachicola, Florida.
- Nate is now moving north-northwest near 14mph, and this motion is expected to continue during the next couple of days with a further increase in forward speed.
- The center of Nate is forecast to emerge into the southern Gulf of Mexico early Saturday morning and make landfall along the U.S. Gulf Coast early Sunday morning.
- Maximum sustained winds are currently near 45mph and Nate is expected to gradually strengthen, becoming a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico before landfall.
- Computer models are in good agreement on track and confidence is high on a landfall between New Orleans and Pensacola, but models are in some disagreement on strength.
- Elsewhere, an area of low pressure is forecast to form over the northeastern Atlantic and could acquire some subtropical or tropical characteristics early next week while it remains nearly stationary.

Florida Outlook:

- The western Florida Panhandle is now within the 3 day cone of error, and the chances for tropical storm force winds have increase to 30-50% for much the western Florida Panhandle and 10-30% for the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend, which could arrive in gusts in the outer bands of Nate as early as Saturday afternoon.
- A **Tropical Storm Watch** has been issued for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties.
- There are no storm surge watches for Florida as surge values are expected to be below 2.5'. However, breaking waves of 6-10' could cause minor coastal flooding and erosion.
- Rainfall amounts of 1-3" (with isolated amounts up to 4-6" possible) is forecast for portions of the Florida Panhandle on Saturday and Sunday.
- Isolated tornadoes will also be possible Saturday and Sunday in the Panhandle.
- Breezy winds and increasing ocean swells will continue a high risk of rip currents along the entire Panhandle coast through this weekend.
- Breezy east winds combined with the lunar "King Tide" will continue to produce minor coastal flooding during high tide along the Florida East Coast. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect from Miami-Dade to Volusia County, with a **Coastal Flood Warning** in effect for the St. Johns River and tributaries through Saturday.

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



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