

TROPICAL UPDATE

8 AM EDT

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Hurricane Nate &

Northeast Atlantic Low (70%)

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Atlantic Basin Satellite Image





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





Sub-Tropical Cyclone
Post-Tropical Cyclone
X Remnants

HURRICANE NATE 4:00 AM CDT

LAT: 24.5°N LON: 87.0°W 345 MI SSE OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Apalachicola

Jackson

New

Orleans

Mobile

WINDS: 80 MPH PRESSURE: 987 mb MOVING: NNW at 22 MPH

Miami

Havana

Tampa

Cancún

Forecast Weather Map – Saturday afternoon (left) and Sunday (right)





Hurricane NATE Model Track Guidance



Hurricane NATE Model Intensity Guidance

Initialized at 06z Oct 07 2017

Cat 3

Most models believe some additional strengthening is possible today before landfall tonight.







Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds







Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds











Storm Surge Watch/Warning



5 30mi

Storm Surge Warning Storm Surge Watch

Forecast Wave Heights





Forecast Total Rainfall – Next 3 Days



Active Flood Advisories





Summary:

- At 10:30 pm EDT Friday, Nate became the 9th hurricane of the 2017 season.
- At 8am EDT Saturday, Hurricane Nate was located over the central Gulf of Mexico about 390 miles south of Pensacola, Florida.
- Nate is moving north-northwest near 22mph, and this general fast motion is expected to continue through tonight. A turn toward the north is forecast on Sunday morning, followed by a turn toward the north-northeast thereafter.
- The center of Nate is forecast to make landfall along the central U.S. Gulf Coast early Sunday morning.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 85mph and some additional strengthening is possible before Nate makes landfall along the northern Gulf coast. After landfall, weakening is anticipated and Nate is forecast to dissipate in 96 hours or sooner.
- Nate is a small storm. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 35 miles from the center and tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 125 miles.
- Elsewhere, an area of low pressure over the northeastern Atlantic is beginning to acquire some subtropical characteristics. Conditions are favorable for the development of a tropical or subtropical cyclone during the next day or so while the low drifts toward the southwest.
- The next name on the 2017 Atlantic storm list is Ophelia.

Florida Outlook:

- Tropical Storm Warnings and Hurricane Watches are in effect for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties.
- A **Tropical Storm Watch** remains in effect for Walton, Bay, Gulf, Holmes and Washington Counties.
- The chances for tropical storm force winds have increase to 50-90% for the western Florida Panhandle, a 20-50% chance for TS winds in the eastern Panhandle and a 10-20% chance for the Big Bend, which could arrive in gusts in the outer bands of Nate as early as this afternoon.
- Storm surge values could reach as high as 4-6' above normally dry ground in the western Panhandle, where Storm Surge Warnings are in effect. Storm surge values of 2-4' are possible along the eastern Panhandle coast between Walton and Gulf Counties where a Storm Surge Watch is in effect.
- In addition, breaking waves of 6-10' in the Panhandle and 3-8' in Apalachee Bay could cause minor coastal flooding and erosion. **Coastal Flood Advisories** are in effect from Franklin County to Citrus County.
- Rainfall amounts of 2-4" (with isolated amounts up to 6-8" possible) is forecast for portions of the Florida Panhandle and a **Flash Flood Watch** has been issued for Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties.
- Isolated tornadoes will also be possible Saturday and Sunday in the Panhandle and Tornado Watches may be issued late today.
- Breezy winds and increasing ocean swells will continue a high risk of rip currents along the entire Gulf 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 Saturday afternoon. For more information, visit the NHC website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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