



Hurricane Idalia Briefing

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Tuesday, August 29, 2023

What has changed: Tropical Storm, Storm Surge, and Flash Flood Watches have been issued for portions of Eastern NC.



Situation Overview

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
 Flooding Rain	Significant impacts. Significant flash flooding possible.	Eastern North Carolina	Wednesday afternoon through Thursday night.
 Tornado	Moderate impacts. Enhanced areas of damage.	Eastern NC, but especially near the southern coast.	Wednesday night through Friday.
 Storm Surge & Inundation	Moderate impacts. Localized inundation, moderate beach erosion, ocean overwash.	Oceanside: the entire coast. Soundside: Outer Banks from Buxton through Ocracoke, Downeast Carteret, Neuse, Pamlico, and Pungo Rivers.	Wednesday night through Friday.



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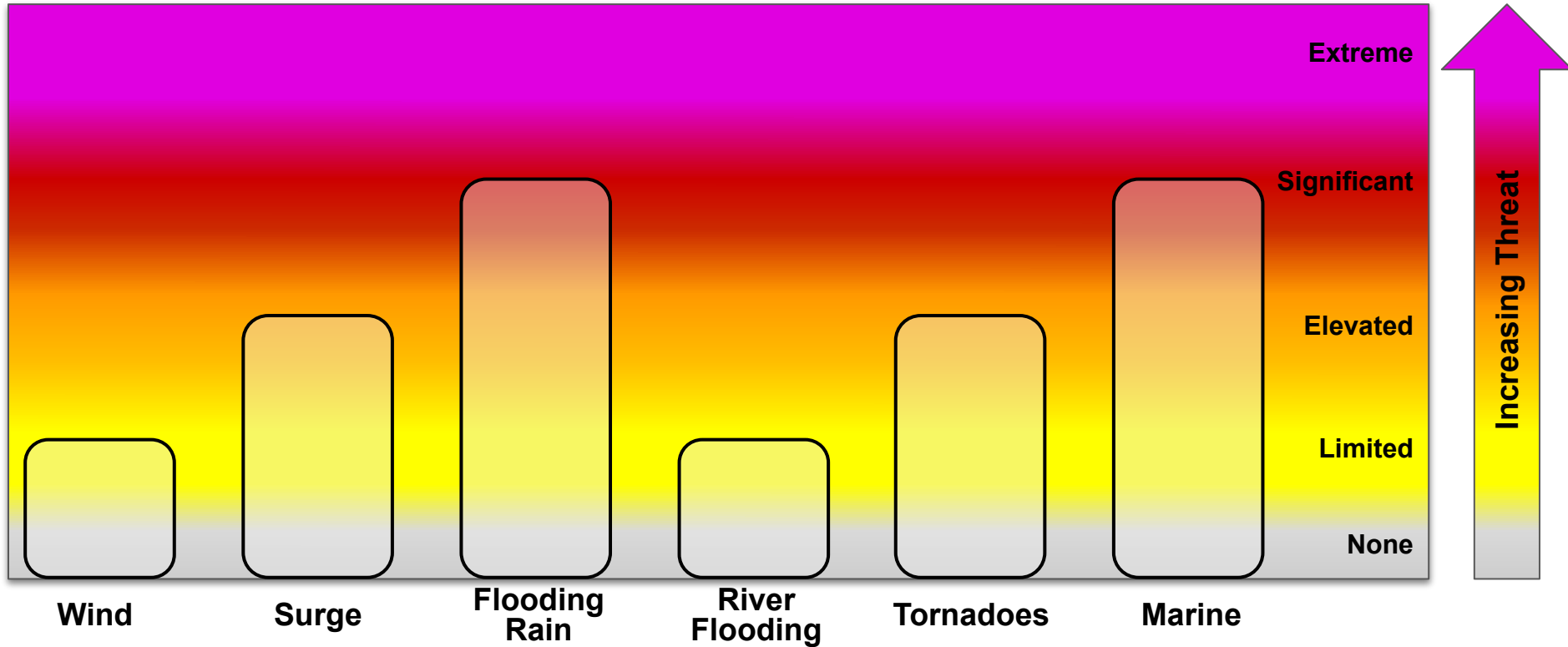
Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
 Wind	Limited impacts. Scattered power outages.	Especially along the coast and Outer Banks.	Thursday morning through Friday.
 Marine	Significant impacts. Large dangerous seas, tropical storm force winds will produce life threatening conditions to mariners.	All coastal waters and Sounds.	Wednesday through Friday.



Threat Levels

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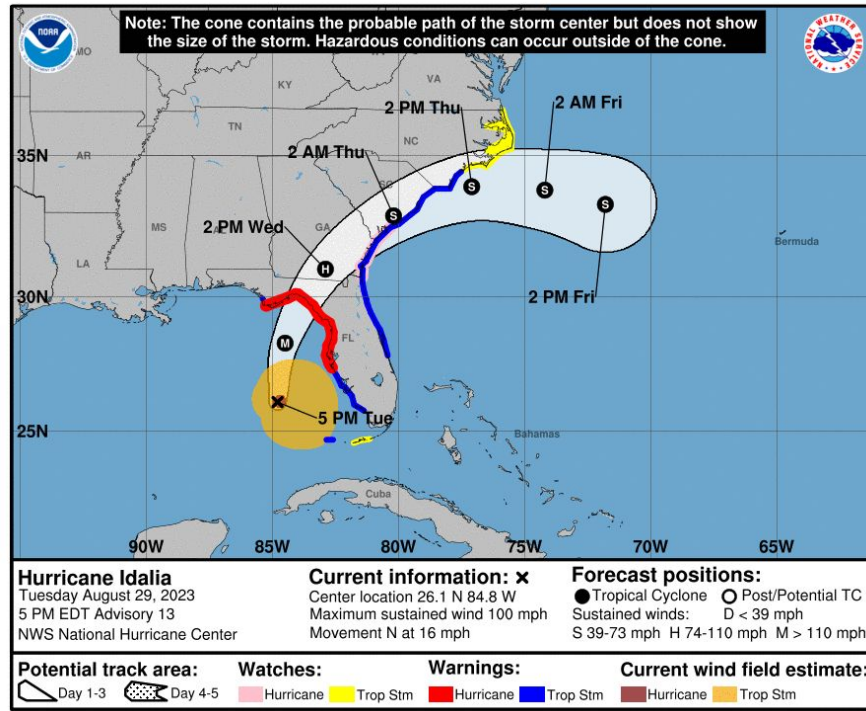
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NOTE: Do not focus on the exact track.

Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

- Hurricane Idalia is forecast to make landfall in northwest FL on Wednesday as a Major Hurricane.
- On the current track, impacts may be felt in our area as early as Wednesday night.
- Idalia is forecast to approach Eastern North Carolina as a Tropical Storm Thursday with impacts lingering into Friday.



Inland Flooding Impacts

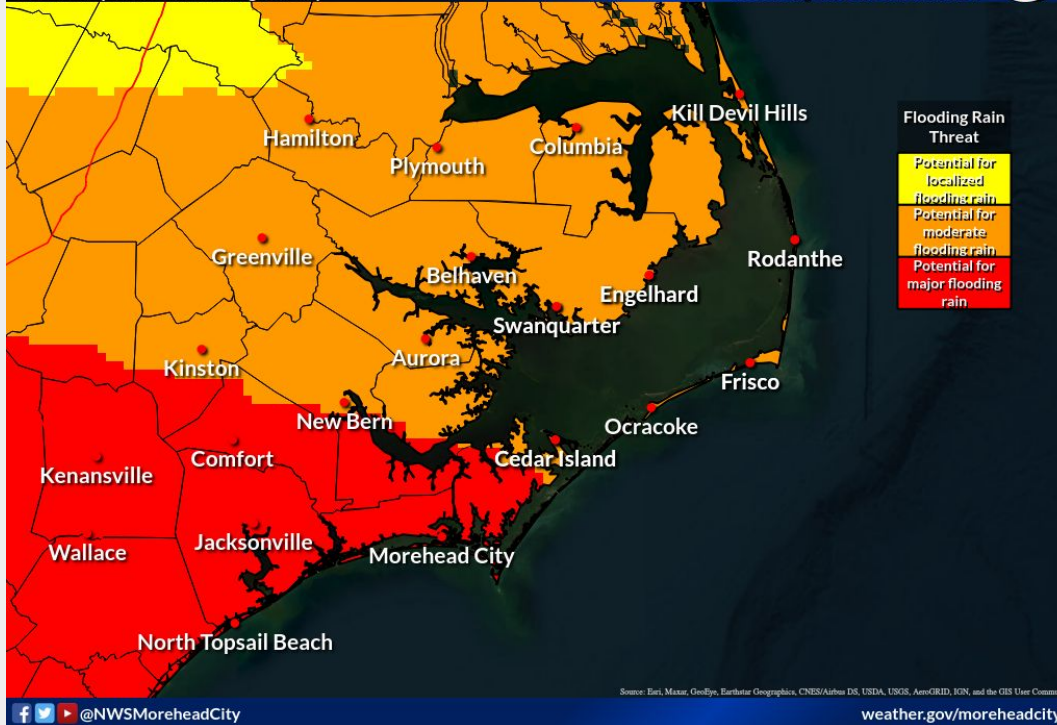
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Flooding Rain Threat

Wednesday afternoon through Friday

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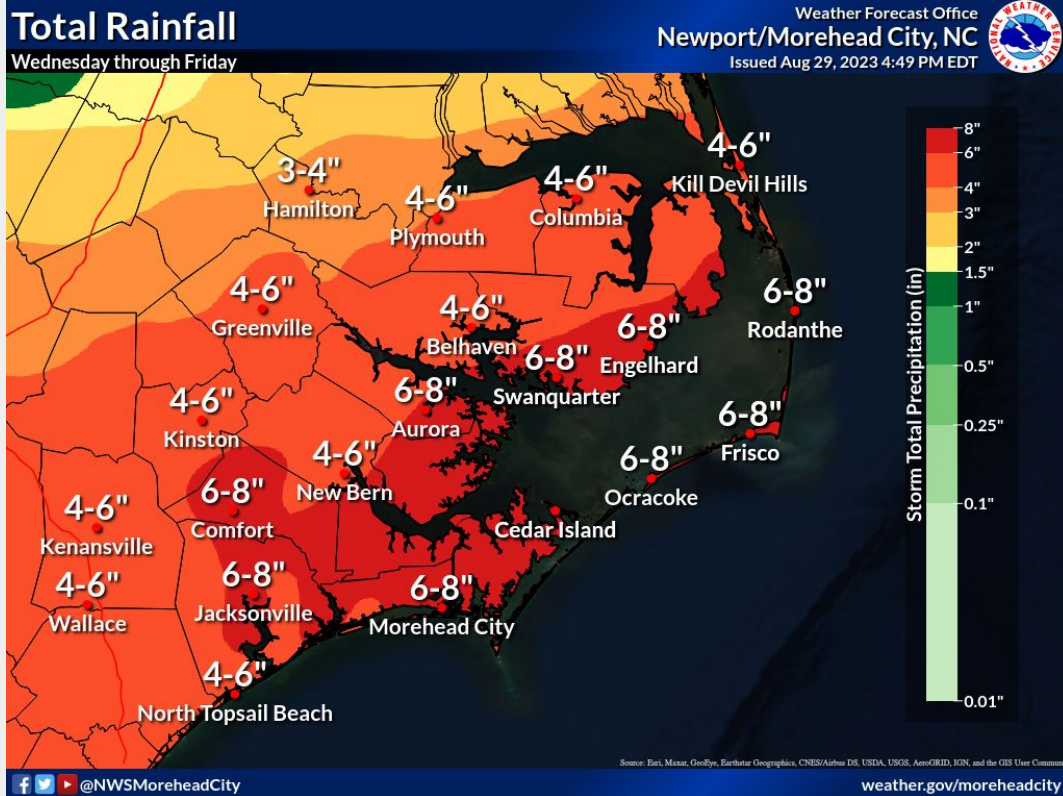


- Areas outlined in red have the greatest potential for significant flash flooding Wednesday afternoon through Thursday.



Expected Storm Total Rainfall

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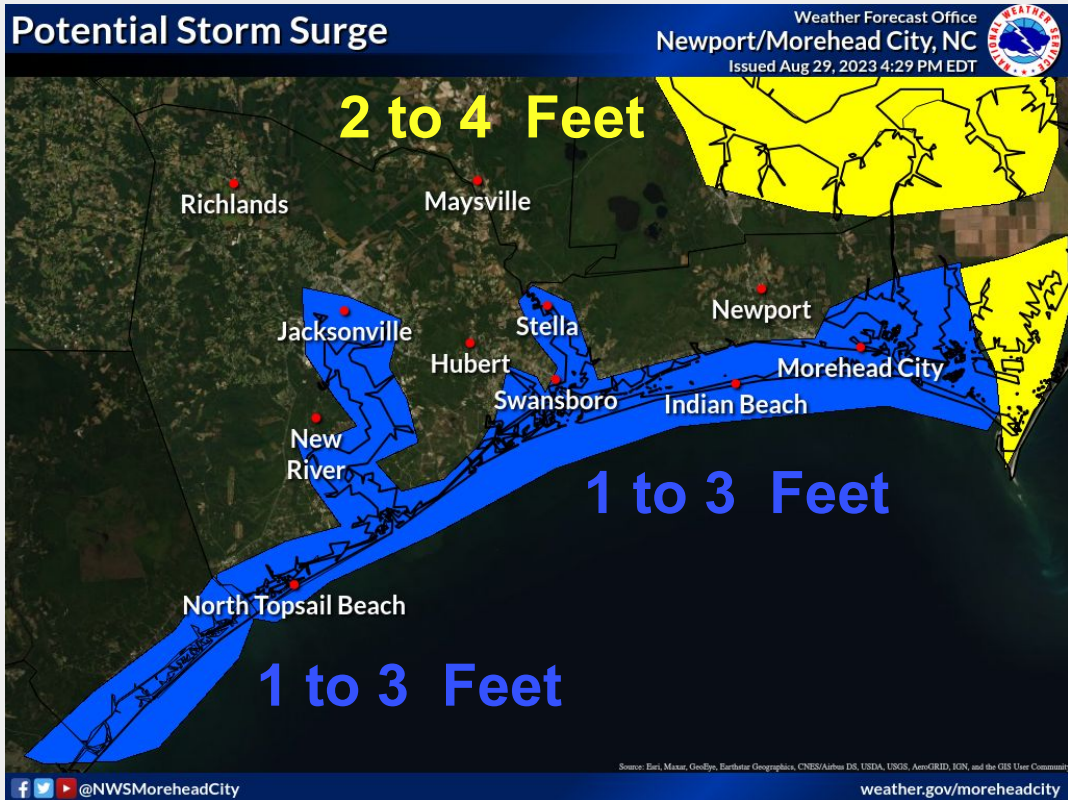


- An average of **3" to 8"** of rain will be possible across Eastern NC, with isolated totals **up to 10"** possible.
- A Flood Watch has been issued for all of Eastern North Carolina.
- There is potential for **Minor to Moderate River Flooding** from heavy rainfall.



Potential Storm Surge Impacts

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- Moderate impact

(Yellow shaded areas):

Areas of inundation with moderate damage to marinas, docks.

- Elevated impact

(Blue Shaded Areas):

Localized inundation, mainly along immediate shorelines and in low-lying spots.

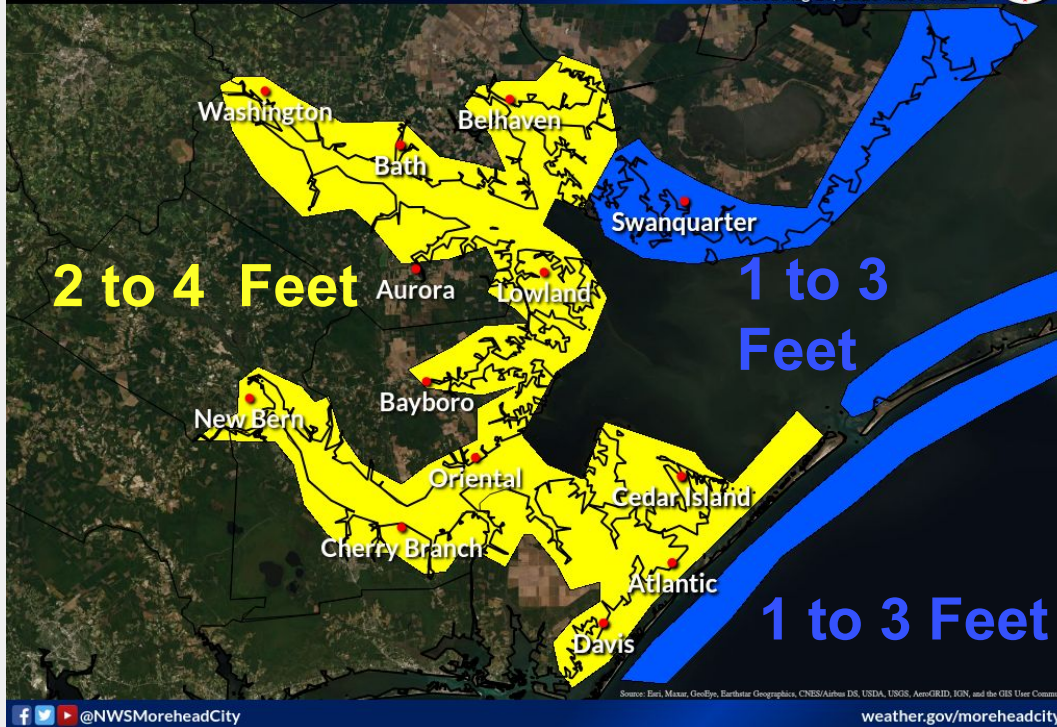


Potential Storm Surge Impacts

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Peak Storm Surge Through Friday

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- Moderate impact

(Yellow shaded areas):

Areas of inundation with moderate damage to marinas and docks.

- Elevated impact

(Blue Shaded Areas):

Localized inundation, mainly along immediate shorelines and in low-lying spots.



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Ocean overwash, possibly impacting NC-12, especially at periods of high tide.

Moderate beach erosion.



Potential Tornado Impacts

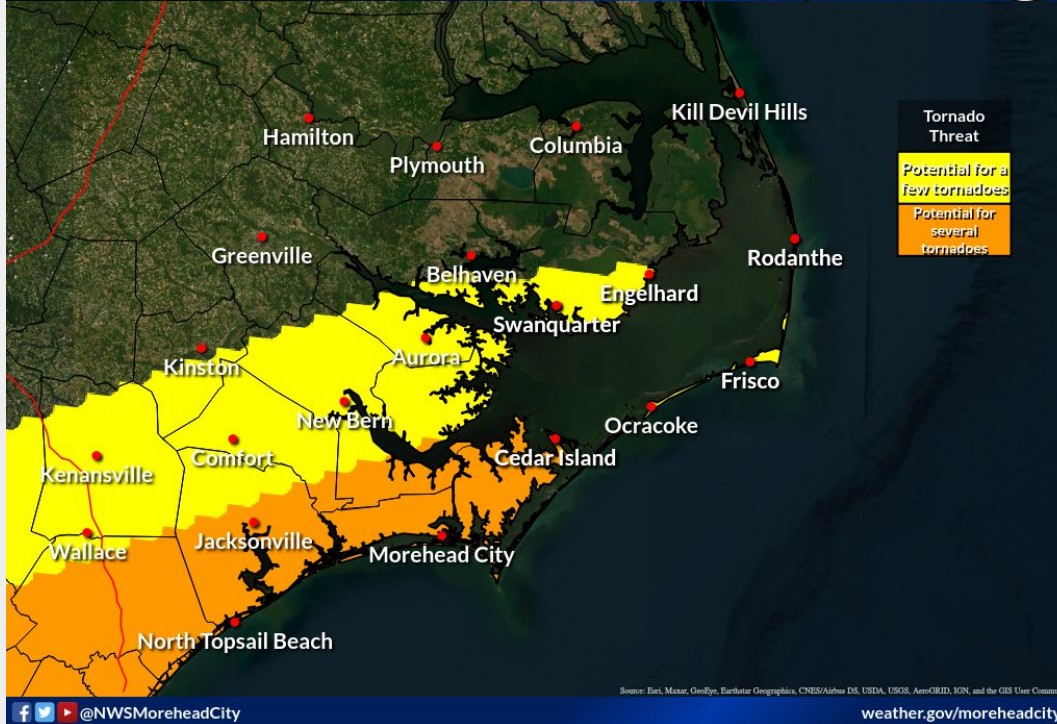
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Tornado Threat

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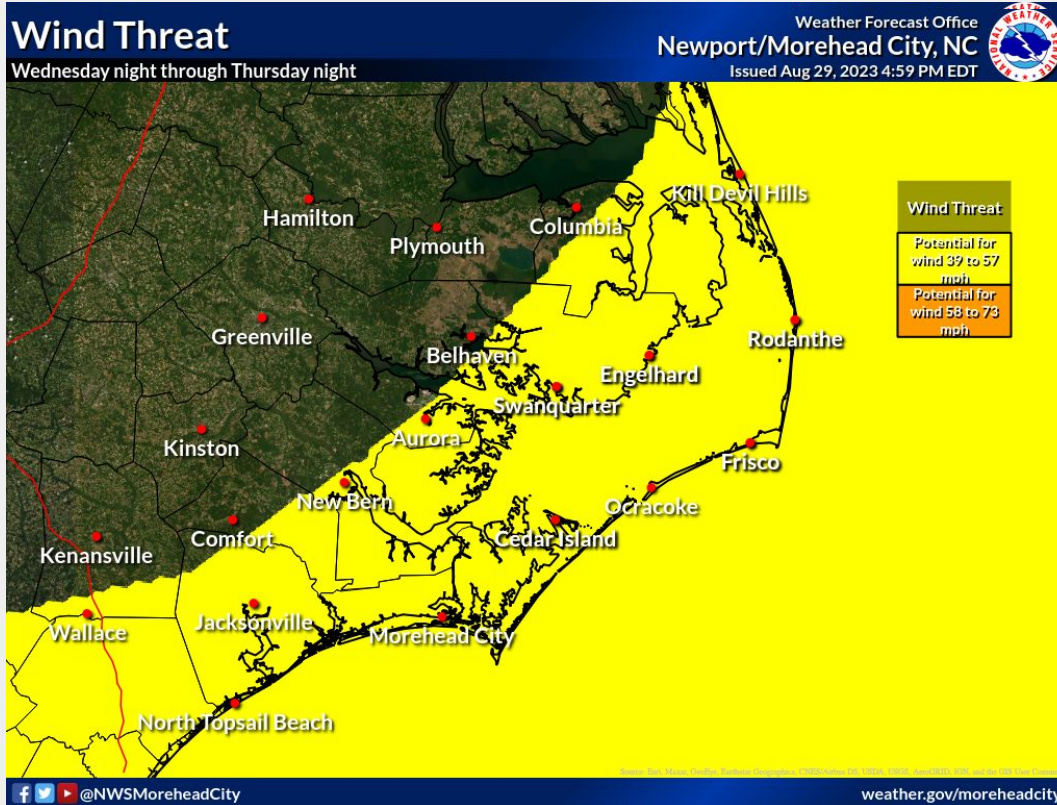


- Highest threat shaded in **Orange**
- Main threat of tornadoes will be from Wednesday afternoon through Thursday.
- Enhanced areas of damage possible.
- Nighttime tornadoes are particularly dangerous! Have multiple ways to receive warnings, and at least one that can wake you up at night!



Wind Threat / Potential Impact

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There is a potential for:

- Scattered power and communication outages.
- Highest potential will be in the **Yellow Shaded** area, closer to the coast.



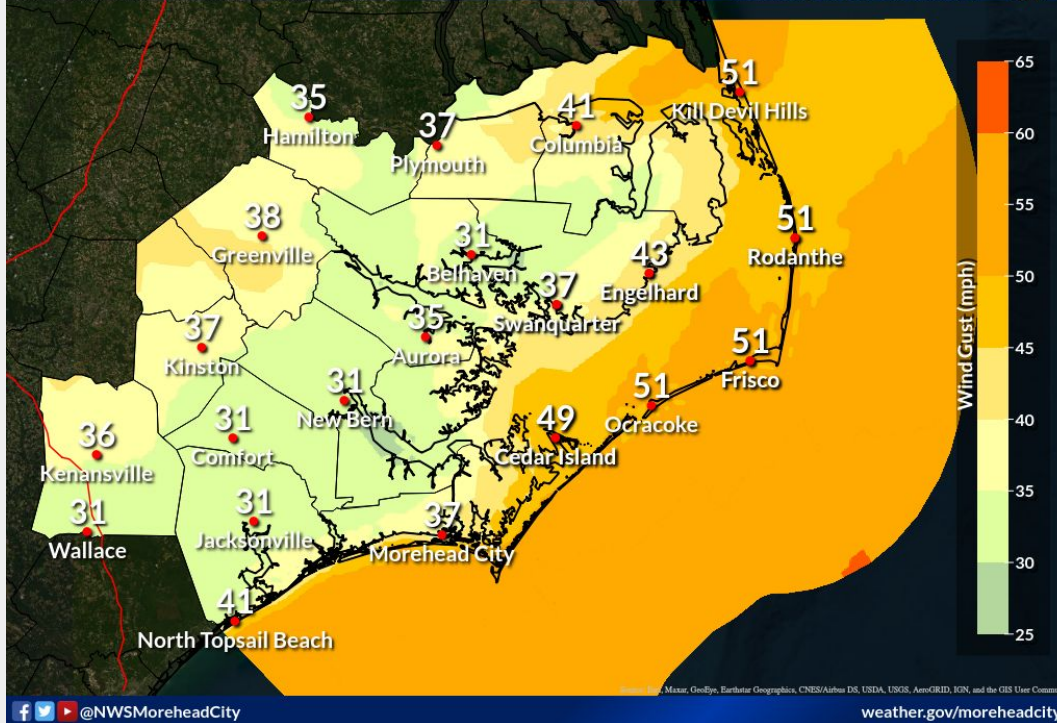
Maximum Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gusts

Wednesday evening through midday Friday

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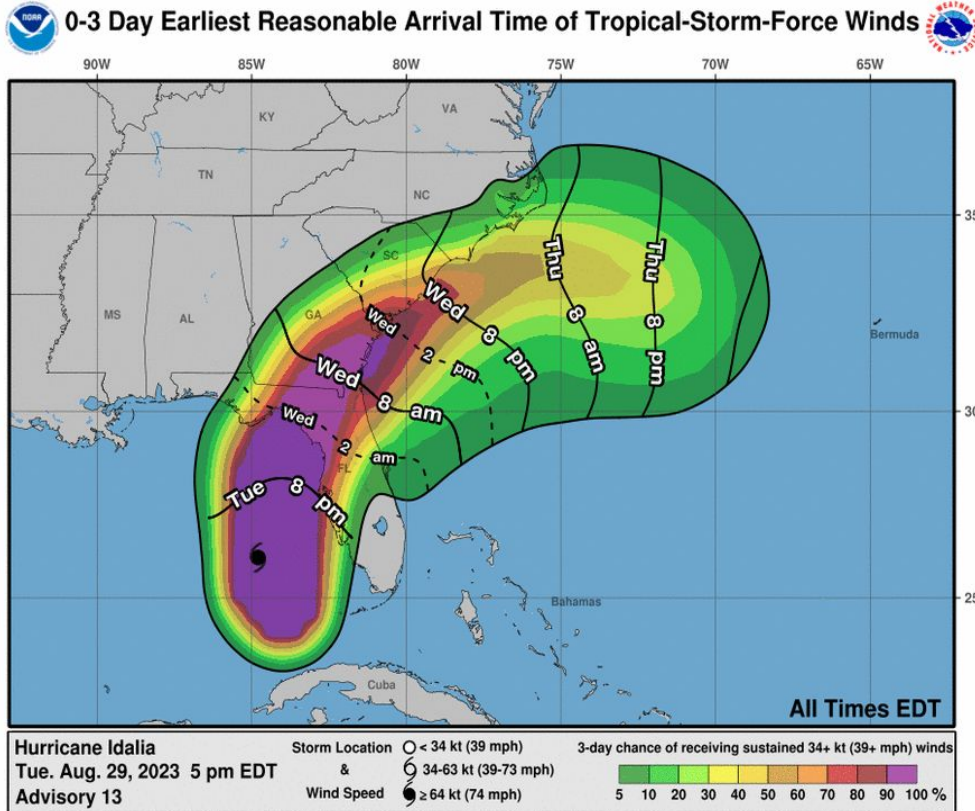
These winds are **highly dependent** on the storm's track and intensity. A small change could result in significant differences in wind speeds and impacts.

- Highest wind speeds expected near the coast.
- Strongest winds are anticipated Thursday through Thursday evening.



Earliest Reasonable Time of Arrival

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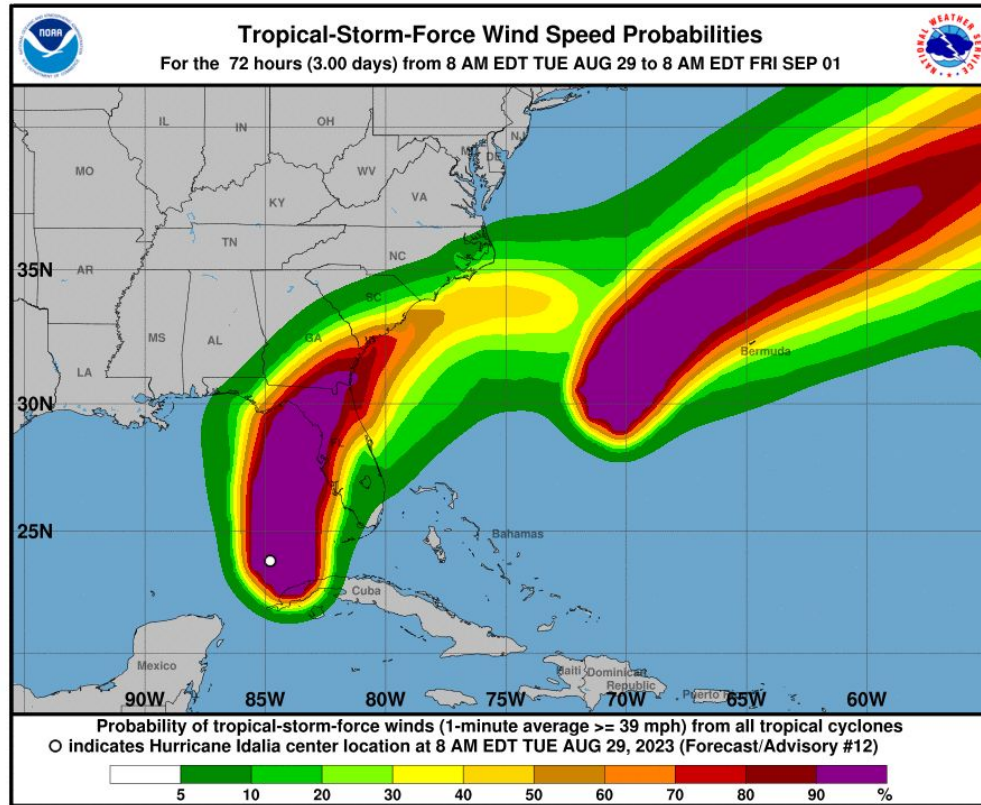


- The earliest reasonable time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds for Eastern North Carolina is Wednesday night.
- **However, the most likely time** this area could see Tropical Storm Force Winds will be Thursday.



Tropical Storm Wind Speed Probabilities

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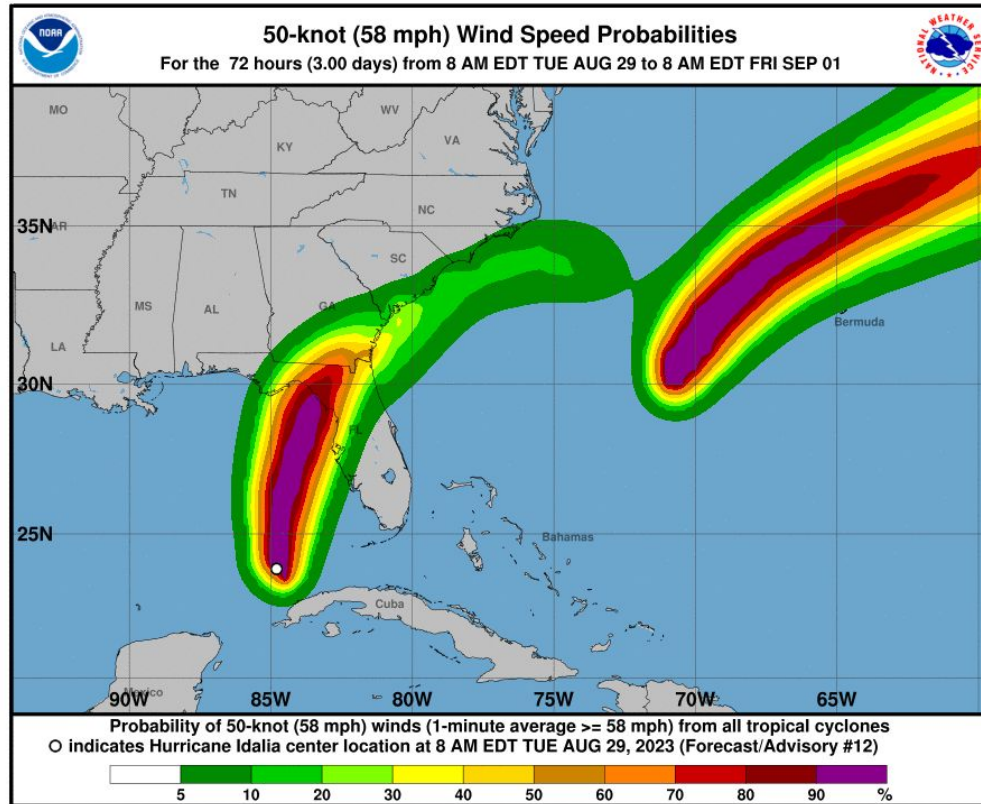


- The probability for tropical storm force winds is increasing.
- The highest probability for tropical storm force winds remains near the coast and over the southern waters.
- Tropical storm conditions could begin as early as Wednesday night.



50 kt (58 mph) Wind Speed Probabilities

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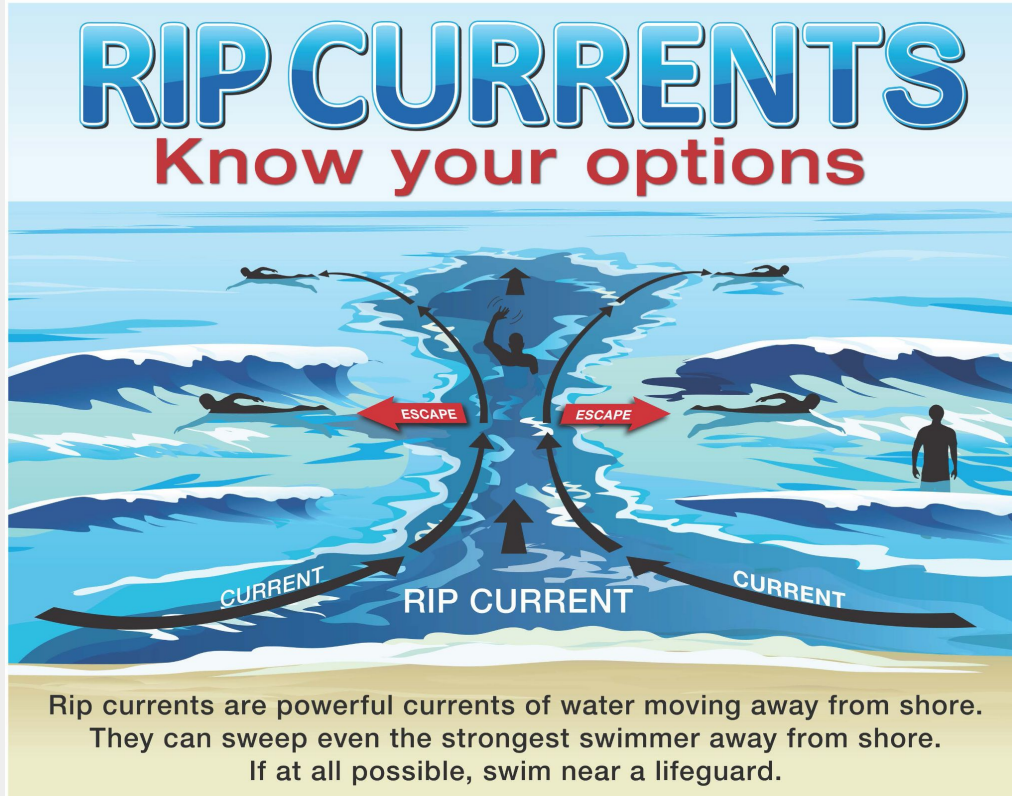


- Threat of 50 kt winds is steady.
- Highest threat remains south of Oregon Inlet.



Rip Currents/Beach Erosion/Overwash

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- **Dangerous Rip Currents** from distant Major Hurricane Franklin expected through mid week.
- Beach erosion and ocean overwash possible from Oregon Inlet to Cape Lookout through Wednesday.
- Rip current threat and coastal issues will linger through end of the week with Idalia.



Key Take-Aways

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Confidence is **MODERATE** that the event will occur
Confidence is **MODERATE** regarding impacts



Significant impacts from flash flooding possible - 3" to 8"+ of rain.



A few tornadoes are possible, which may produce enhanced areas of damage.



Inundation of low-lying areas possible, especially for areas adjacent to the southern Pamlico Sound including the Neuse, Bay, Pamlico, and Pungo Rivers.



Tropical storm force winds possible especially toward the coast and Outer Banks.



Dangerous marine conditions expected across the coastal waters.



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