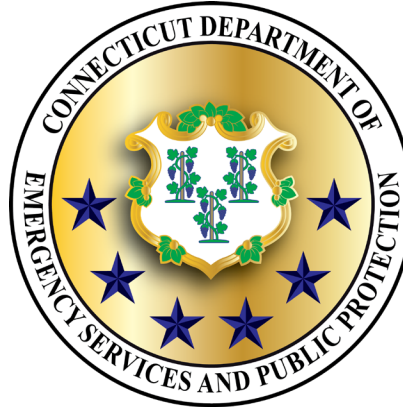


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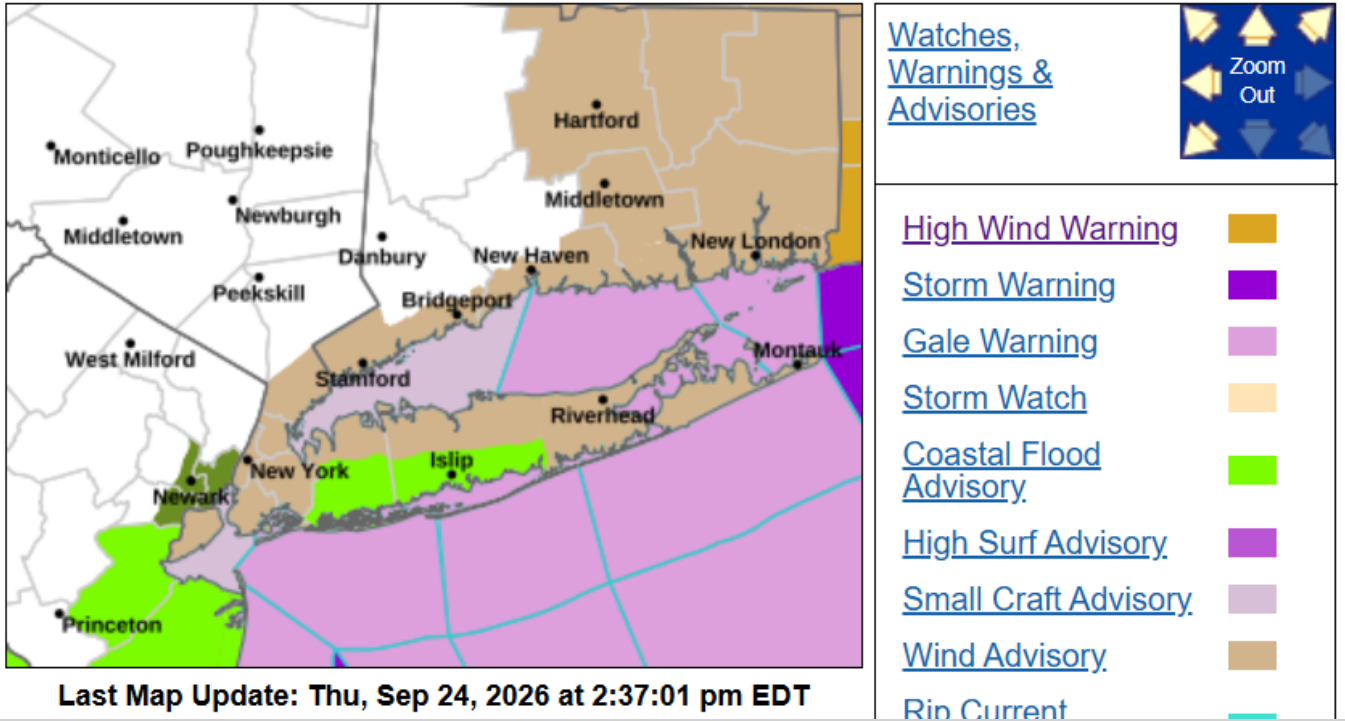
EARLY SEASON NOR'EASTER STILL EXPECTED TO IMPACT OUR AREA THIS WEEKEND WIND ADVISORIES ISSUED FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN CT

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Wind Advisories have been issued for all of Hartford, Tolland, Windham, Middlesex and New London Counties and the coast of Fairfield and New Haven counties starting at noon on Friday.





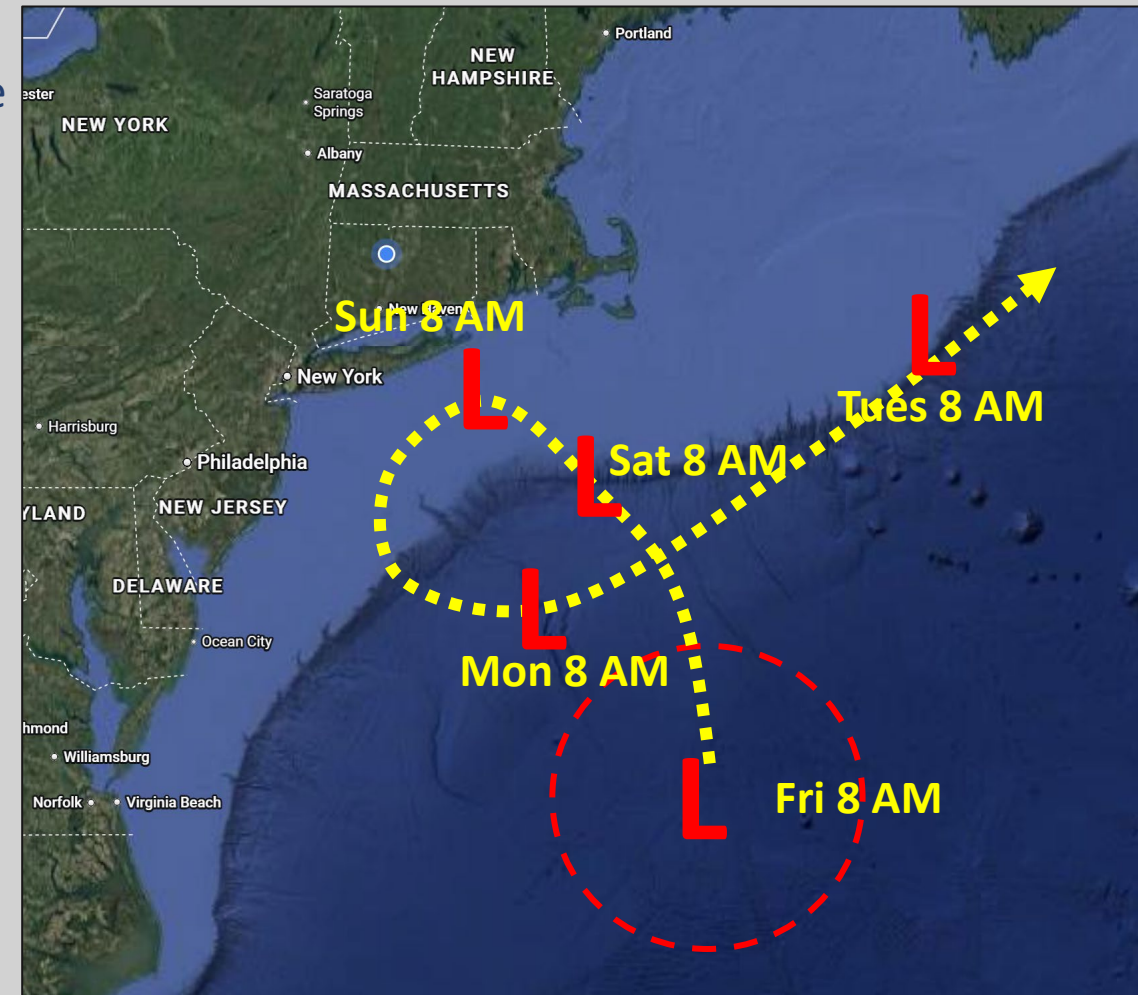
MOST LIKELY SCENARIO...



Most of the major computer models are only in fair agreement on the track of the weekend Nor'Easter. There are several outliers (see next slide) with widely different tracks and intensities.

Based on a blend of the major models, the most likely track is shown to the right. The Nor'Easter is expected to form well off the Virginia coast Friday morning and move north on Friday before turning to the northwest and west south of Long Island on Saturday and Sunday. The storm finally exits to the northeast away from our area Monday and Tuesday.

This track could bring an extended period of moderate wind and rain to our area from Saturday to Monday.



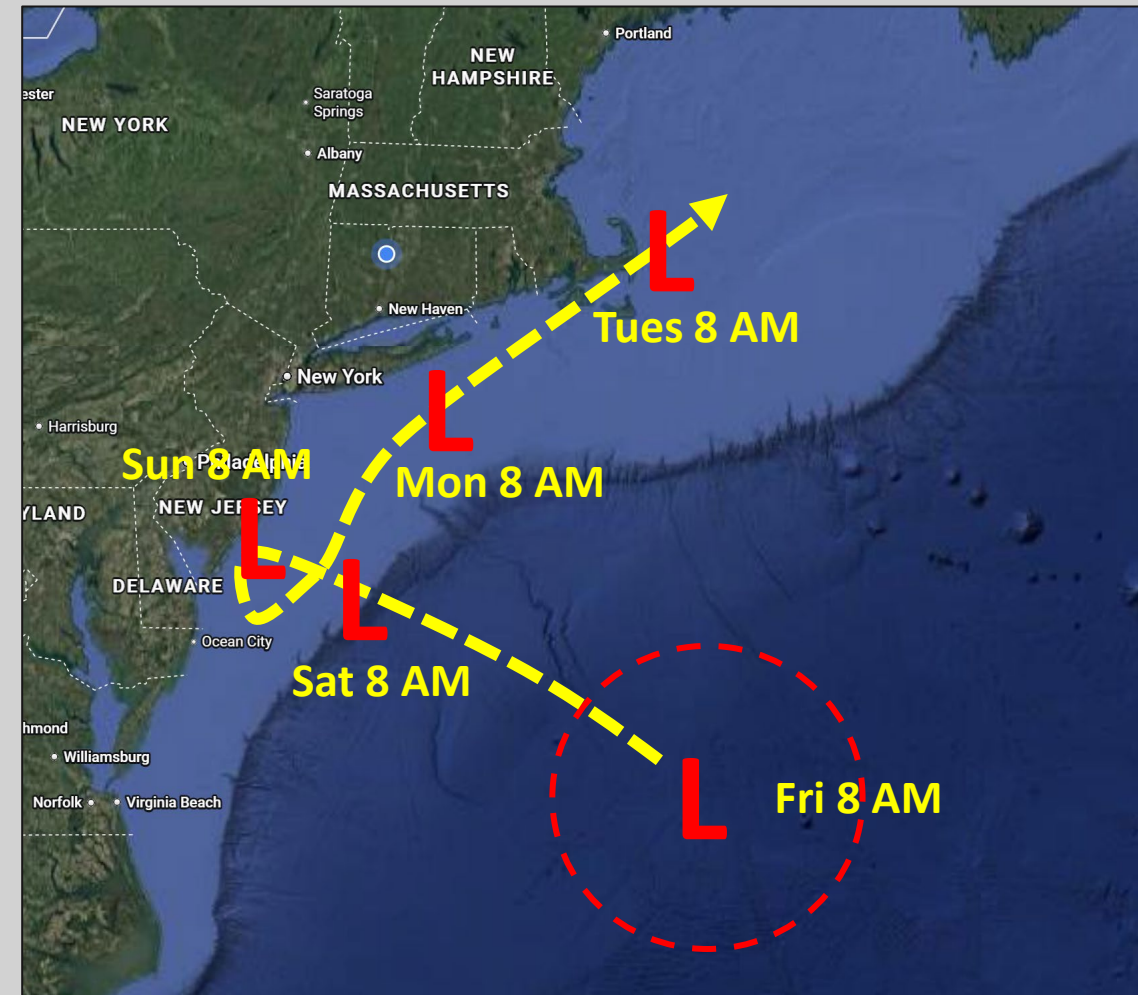


ALTERNATE SCENARIO...



A few of the Higher Resolution short range models (NAMHRES, RRFS AI) are forecasting a more southerly track and a much stronger storm (possibly tropical) impacting the mid-Atlantic.

This scenario would keep the strong winds south of our area, however heavier rainfall could work into the area by late Sunday as the storm passes to our southeast and continue into the day on Monday.

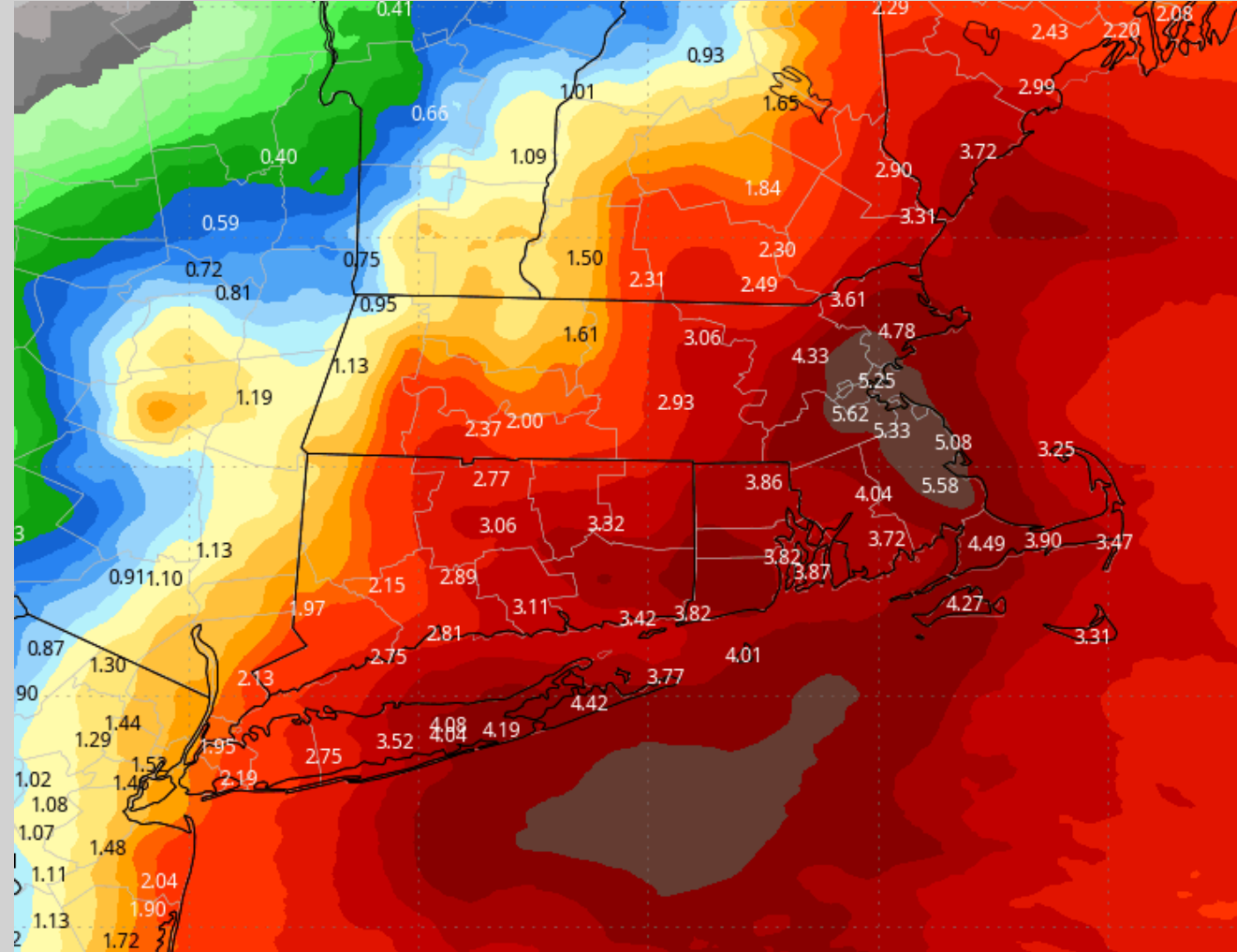




MOST LIKELY RAINFALL SCENARIO...



Based on the most likely track, the heaviest rainfall is currently expected to occur over Cape Cod and southeast of Connecticut with 4" – 6 in those areas. In this scenario, Connecticut would receive 1.5 – 3.5 inches of rainfall. This rainfall is currently forecast to occur from Friday at midnight to Sunday at midnight.

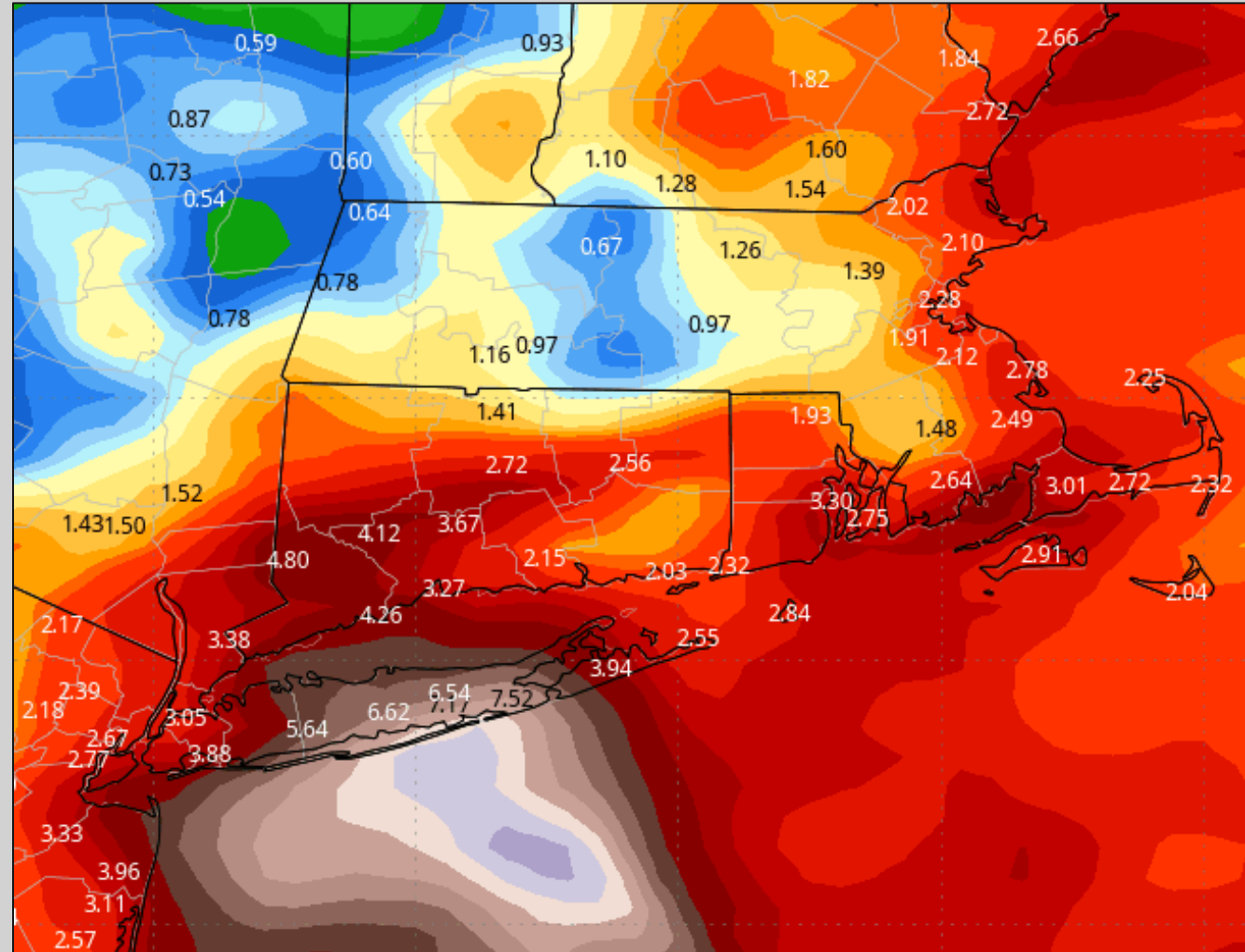




WORST CASE RAINFALL SCENARIO...



The worst case scenario for planning purposes is represented by the current run of the GFS model which is indicating that a band of very heavy rainfall could stall over Long Island and reach into southwestern CT. If this occurs, towns in southwestern CT could see heavy rain on Saturday totaling 4" – 6". However, it's too early for any actionable forecasts on this scenario.

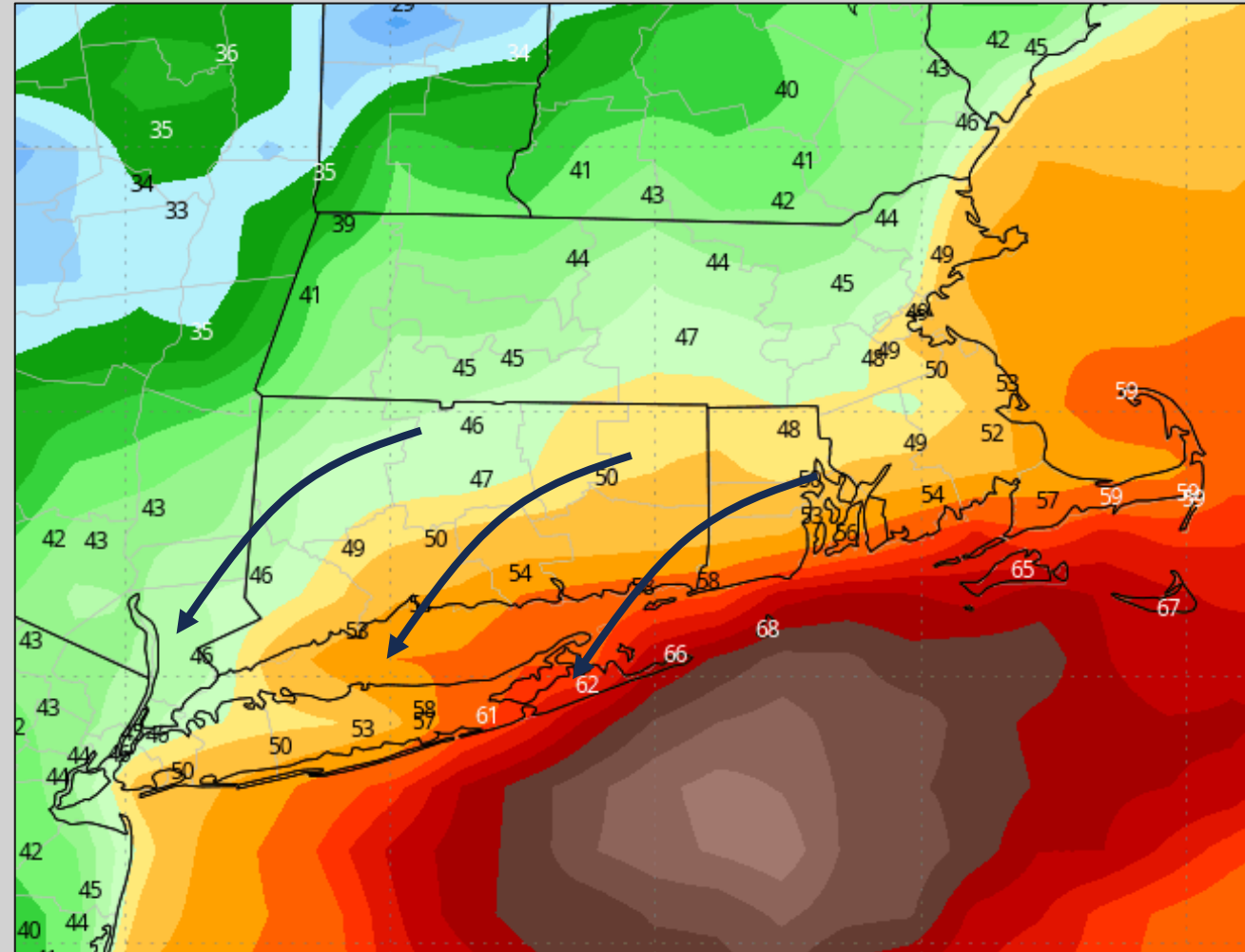




MORE LIKELY WIND SCENARIO...

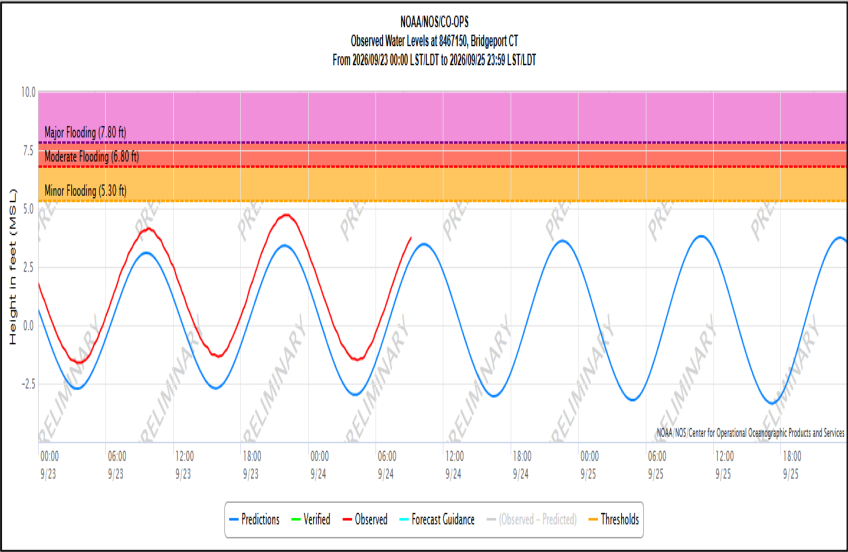


The more likely scenario for winds indicates that northeast gusts of 45 – 60 mph could move into the state during the day on Friday and continue into Sunday morning. These winds could cause a moderate power impact with widespread power outages occurring in most towns across the state.

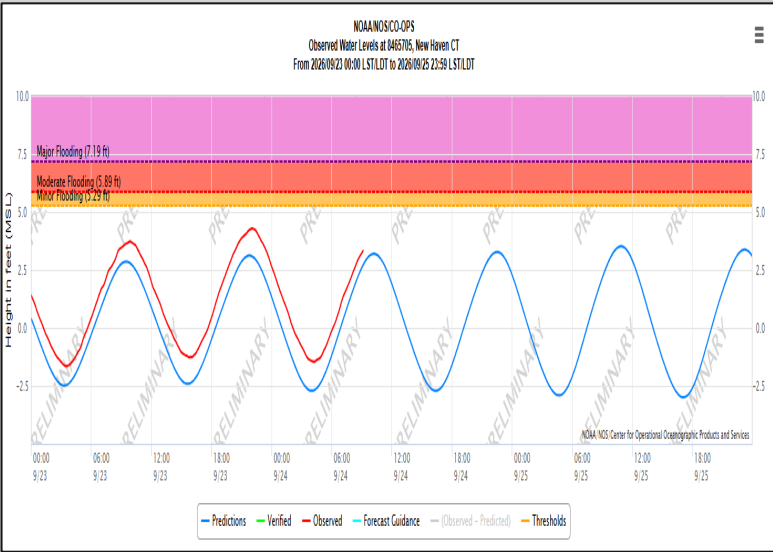


Tides are currently running a little more than a foot above normal along the coast. As water piles up somewhat in Long Island Sound over the next few days, tide departures may reach 3 - 4 feet in some areas resulting in moderate coastal flooding. This flooding is not expected to be major at this time.

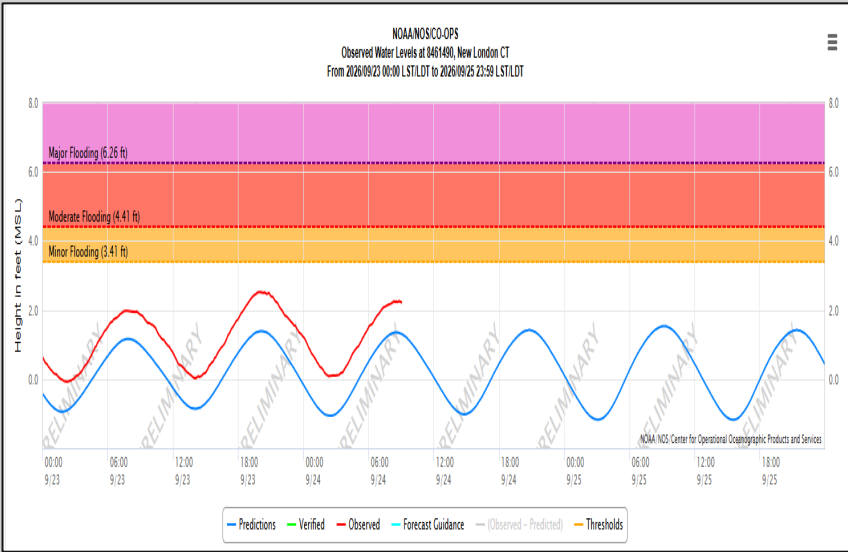
Bridgeport



New Haven



New London





PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING SANDBAGS...



Towns can order empty sandbags through your DEMHS Regional Coordinator from the Department of Transportation via WebEOC.

Please put a request into WebEOC in increments of 100 bags. Following approval, requestors will receive details on where and when to pick up sandbags at select DOT Garages. Select DOT Garages will be open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday and Friday for empty sandbag pickup. Requestors are responsible for supplying their own sand and filling the bags.





RESIDENT PREPAREDNESS TIPS



Residents can stay prepared for possible storm impacts by following along with trusted local news networks or other public safety channels. Here are a few tips for Connecticut residents to consider going into this weekend:

Check on neighbors and those who may be differently abled; ensure they have the information and resources they need for a multi-day rain event.

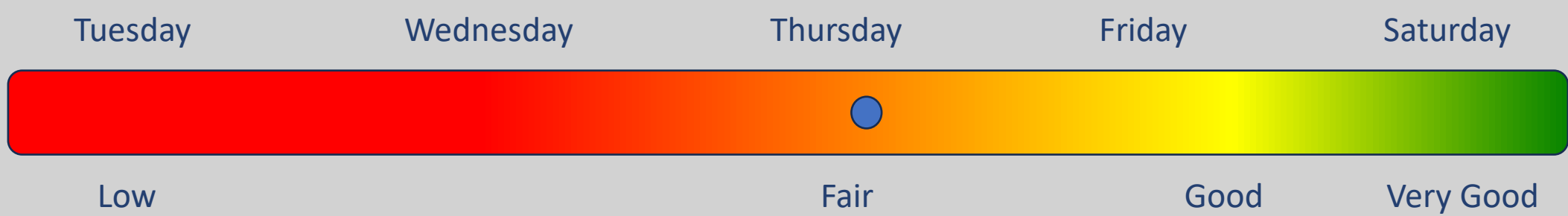
While flooding impacts seem unlikely, it's good to remember that if you approach a flooded roadway, "Turn Around, Don't Drown." Floodwaters can be deeper than expected.

Share information from trusted news sources such as local television networks and news outlets. By avoiding spreading misinformation, you can better prepare your friends and family.

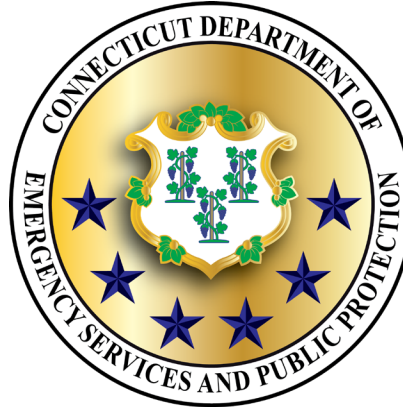


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Forecast confidence is still only fair at this time. The introduction of tropical characteristics into the forecast has increased uncertainty in the track and intensity forecast. As the models sort out this new tropical potential, confidence should slowly improve over the next 24 hours as the storm develops off the mid-Atlantic coast and the models have a low pressure center to focus on.



Next Update
Friday Morning at
10:00 AM



DESPP/DEMHS Will Continue to Closely Monitor This Evolving Situation.
Another Update Will Be Sent Out Friday Morning at 10:00 AM or Sooner
if the National Hurricane Center Posts Any Updates on This Storm

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