IMPACTS FOR D7 (through next 5 days)

Winds – Moderate

Storm Surge - Moderate

Rainfall/Flash Flooding - Moderate

**Tornadoes – Low** 

**Waves - Moderate** 

## TROPICAL STORM ELSA BRIEFING



9:00 AM EDT

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Prepared by:

Scott Stripling

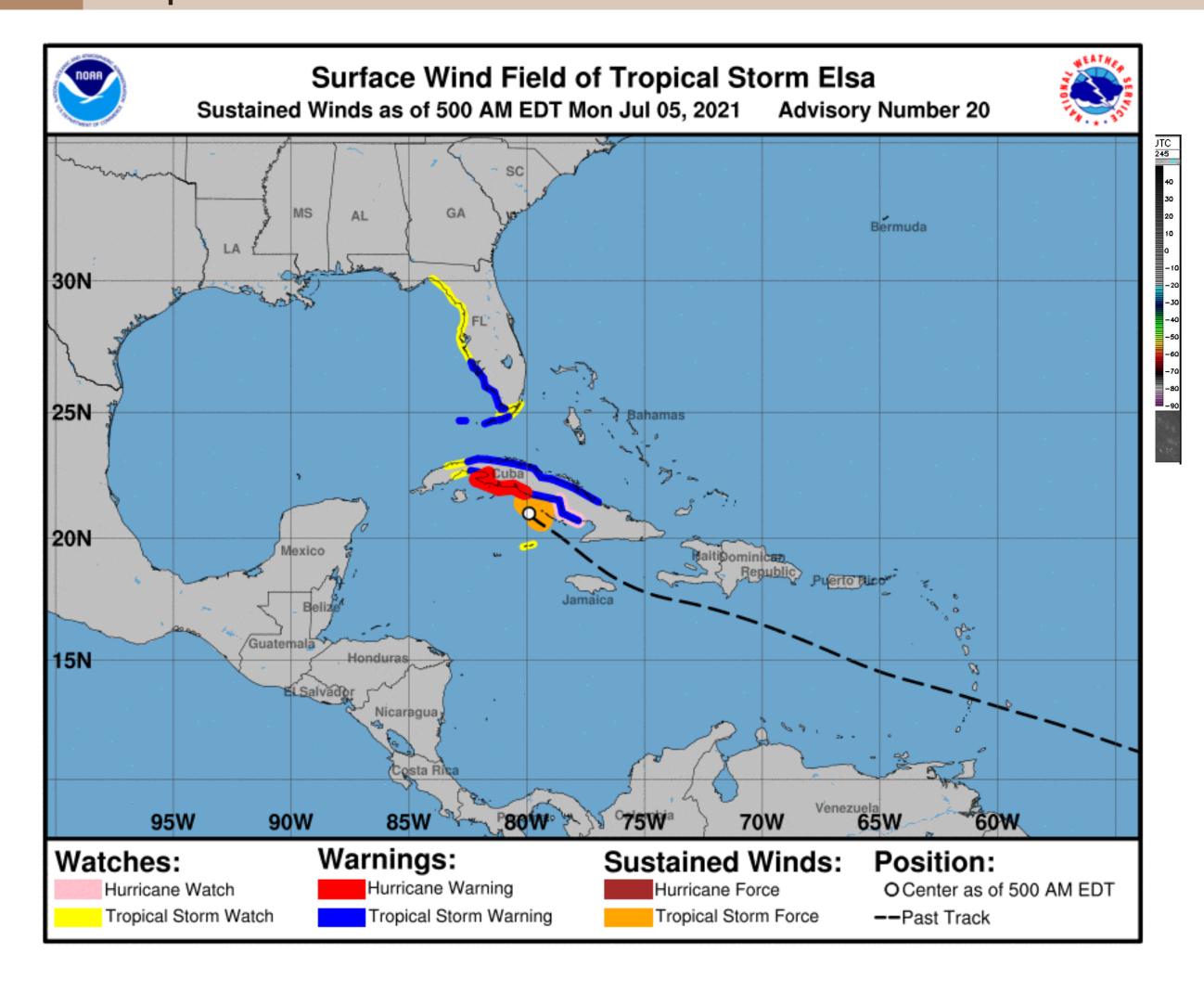
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#### Tropical Storm Elsa



...Elsa Moving NW Along S Central Coast of Cuba...

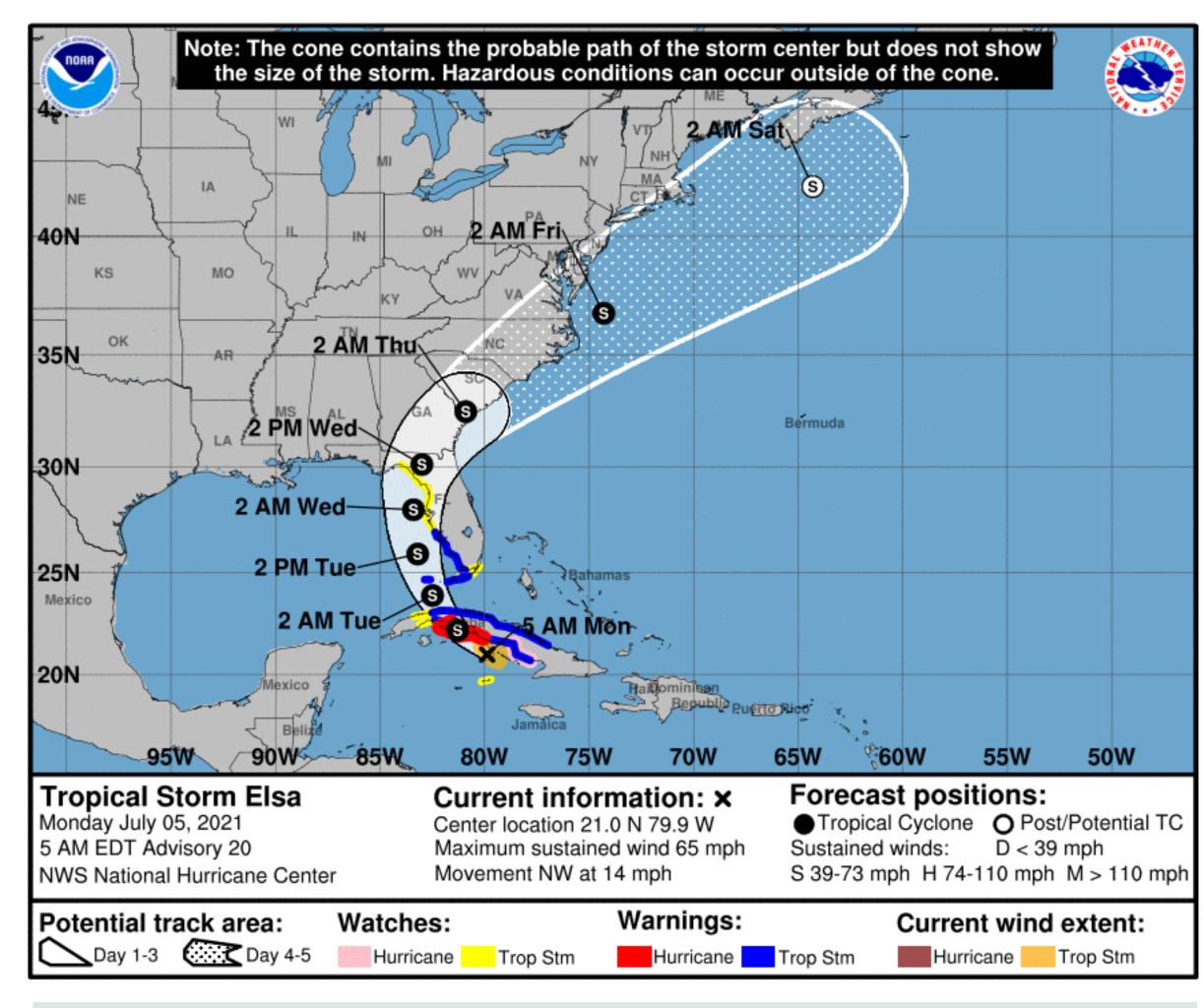
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## Forecast Information

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**NOTE:** Do not focus on the exact track. Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

- Elsa is moving NW along S central coast of Cuba and expected to cross Cuba today and emerge across the Straits of Florida this evening and early tonight.
- Tropical storm conditions, and large seas expected to move across the Straits and enter Lower Florida Keys waters beginning early tonight and then into extreme SE Gulf of Mexico waters late Monday night through Tuesday morning.
- White swath of potential track is the probable track error added to each side of the forecast track through day 3
- Hatched swatch of potential track is 67<sup>th</sup> percentile error added to each side of the forecast track days 4-5

\*\* Swaths are calculated using 67<sup>th</sup> percentile errors and actual track may be well inside, or possibly outside the potential track areas indicated.

## Hazards Map

### Tropical Storm Elsa

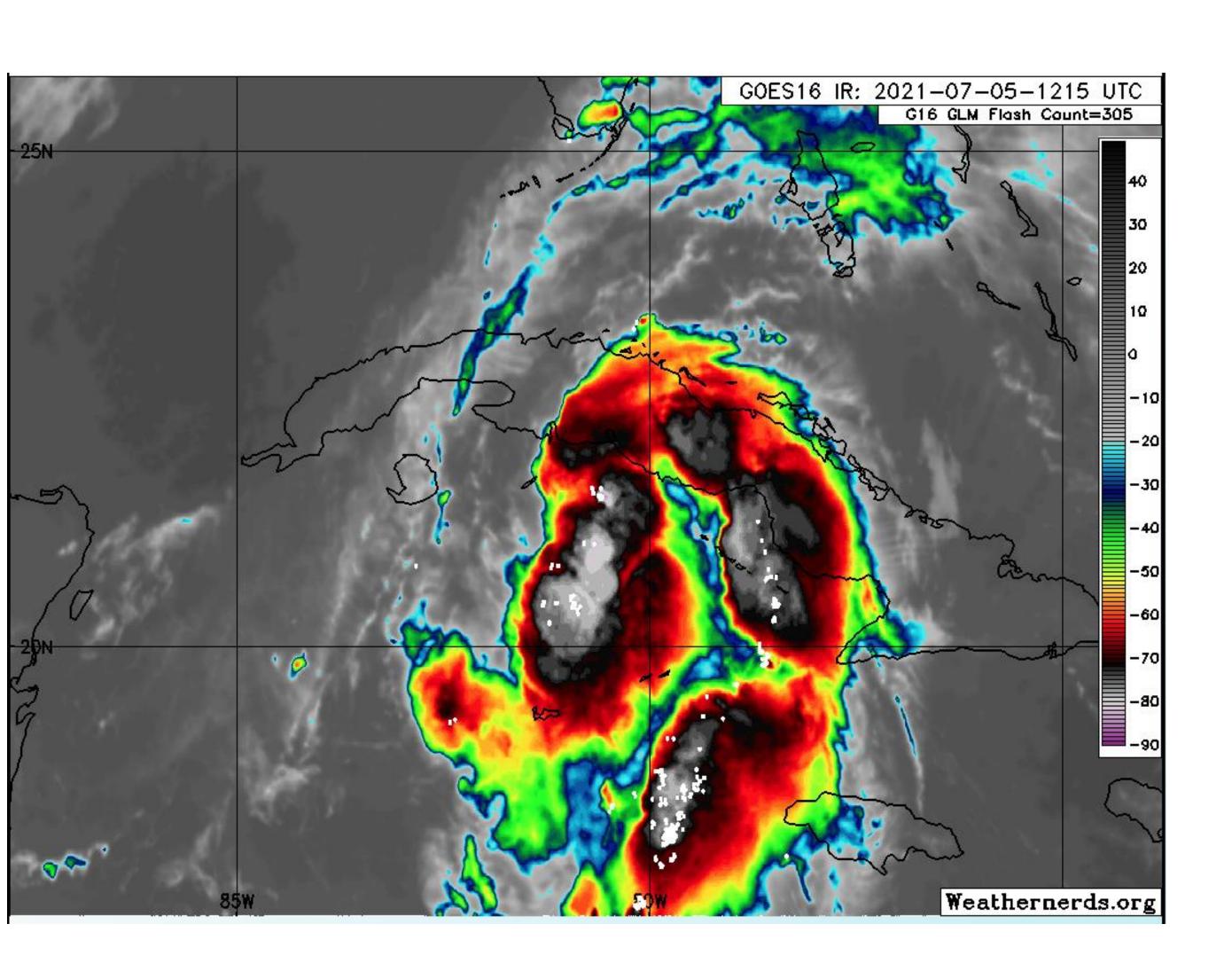








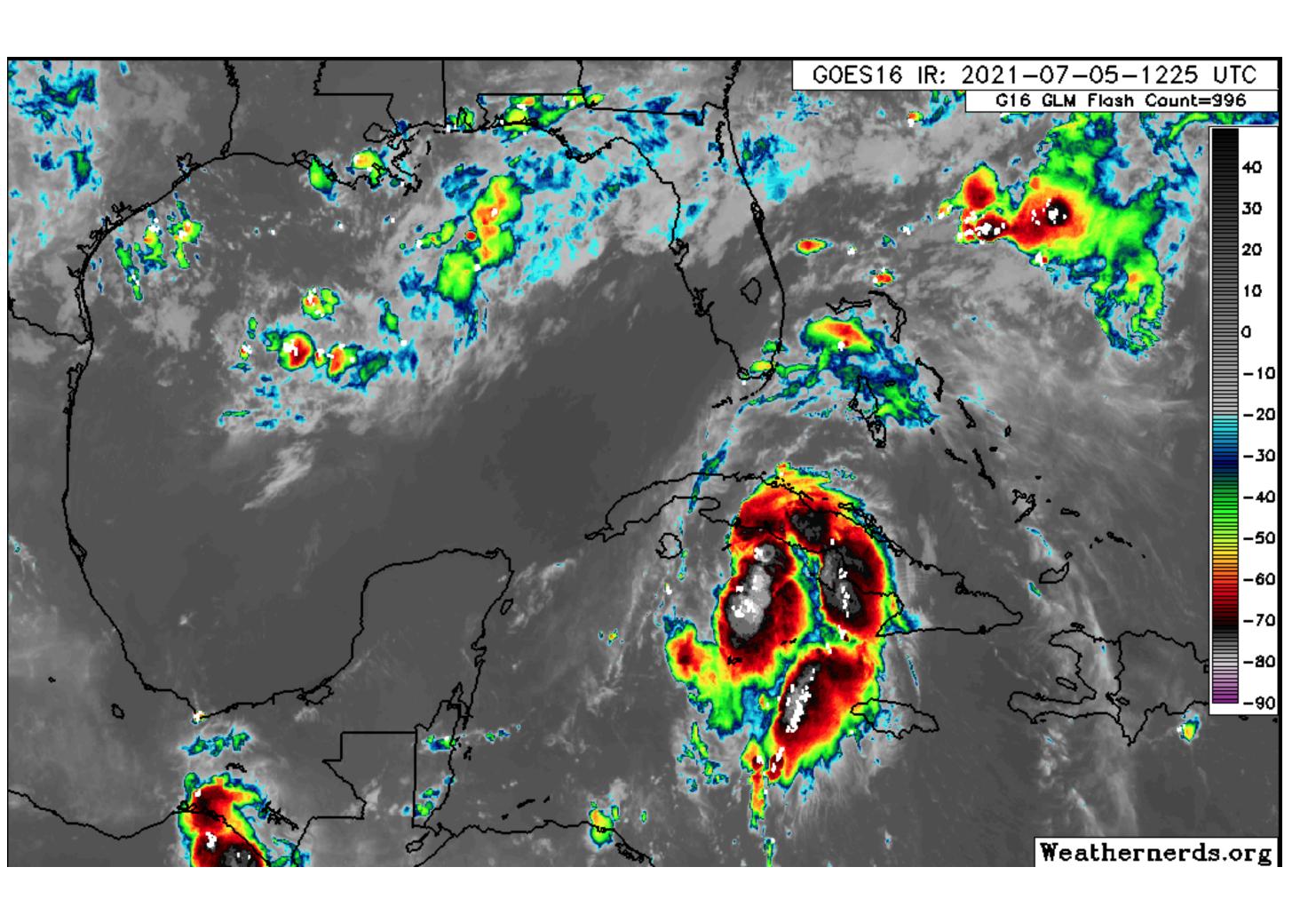
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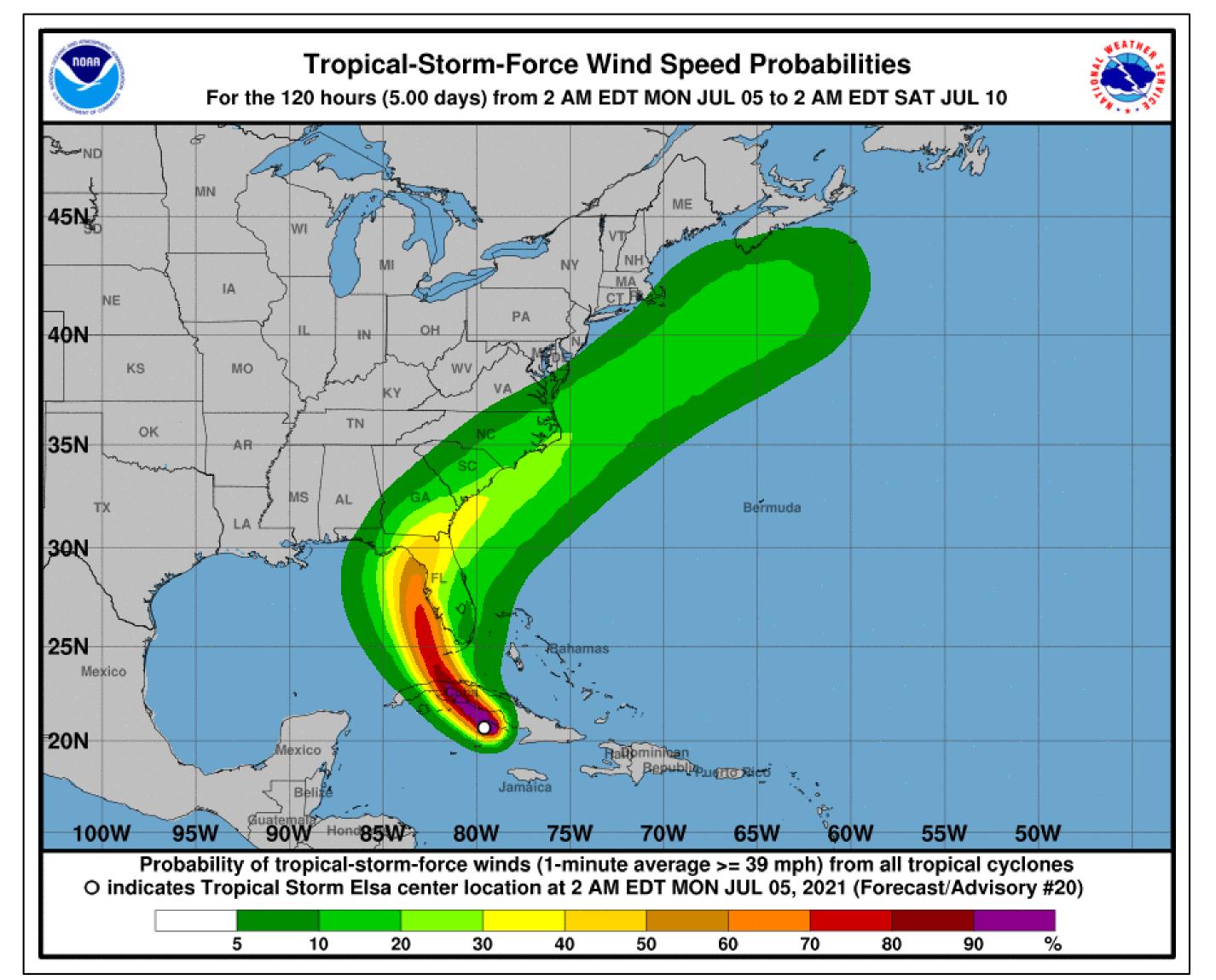
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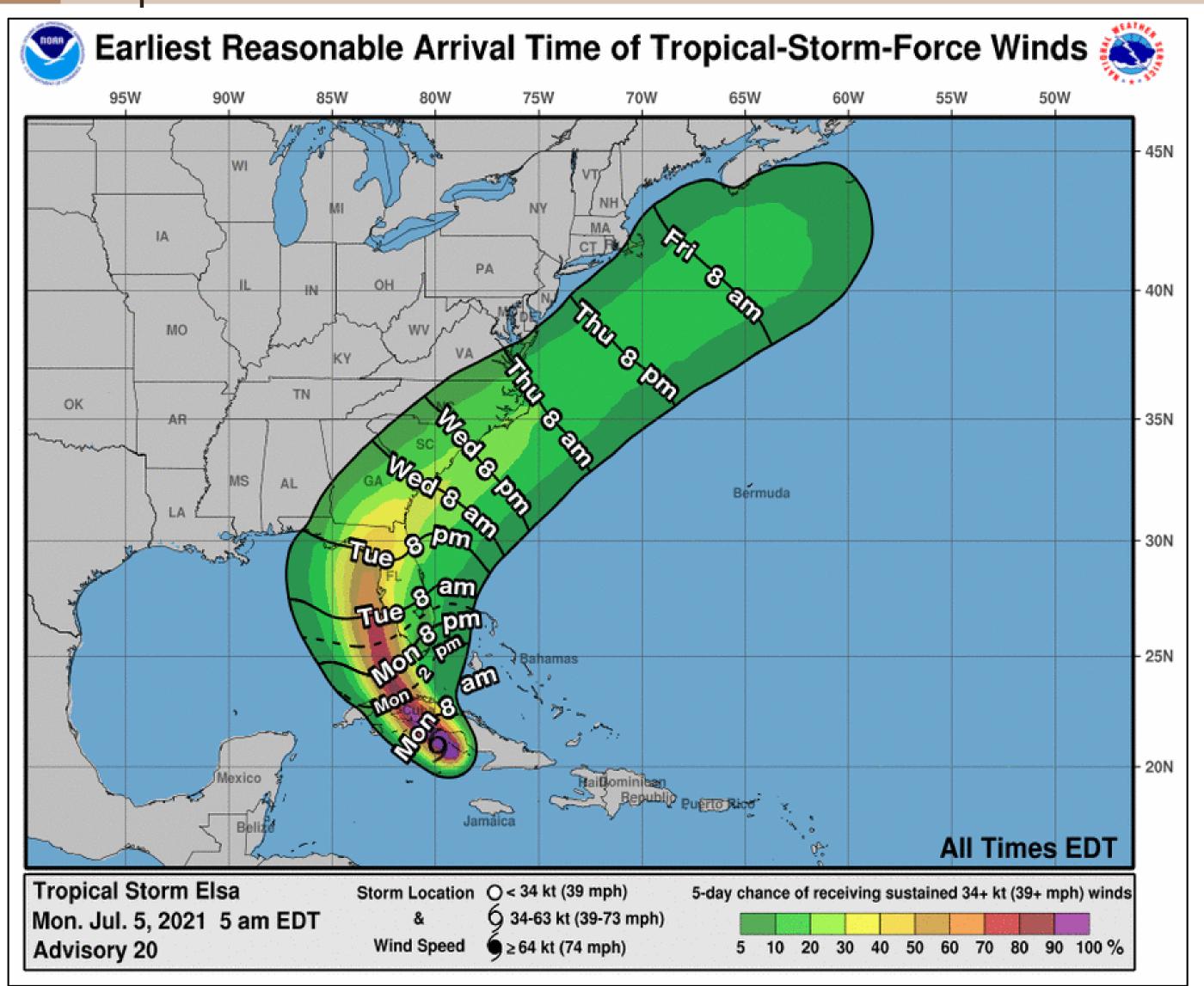




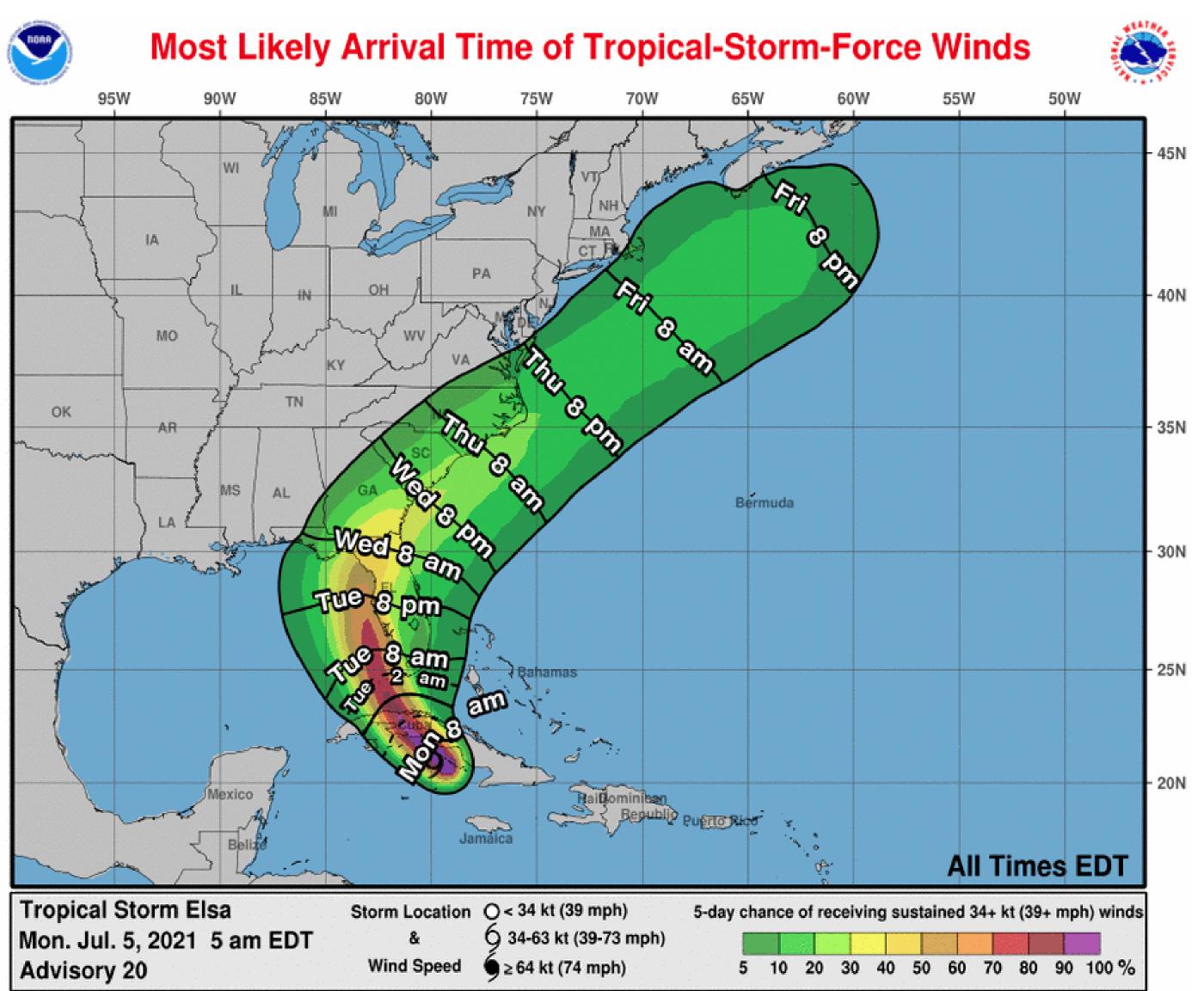
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- Probabilities of sustained tropical storm force winds (34 kt to 63 kt) over the next 5 days, based off this cyclone's wind radii and track.
- Clear or dark green are the lowest chances of 0-30%.
- Yellow to orange is 31-70%
- Red through purple are the highest probabilities of 71%-100%
- See the color bar below the image for more details.



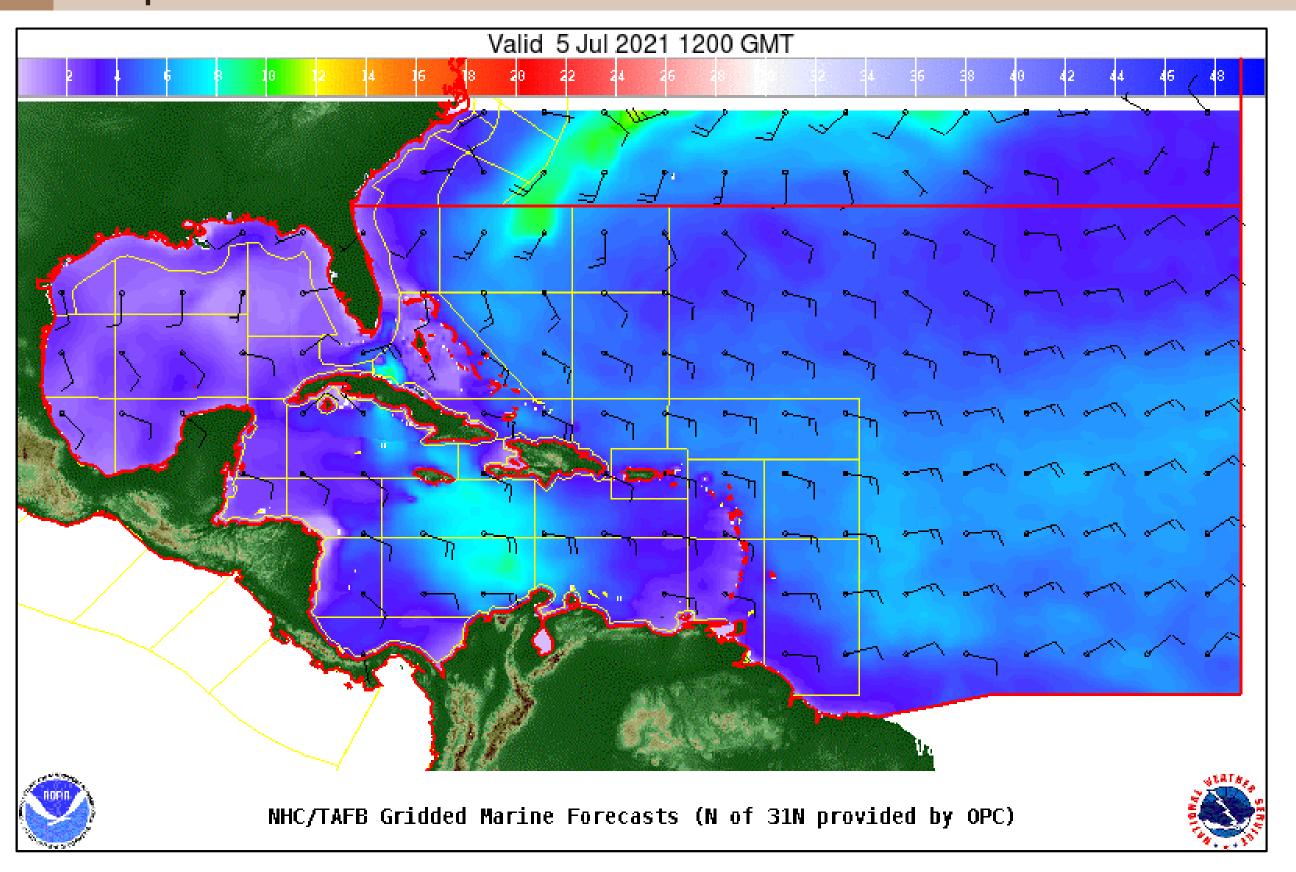
- The earliest reasonable time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds (34kt to 63 kt) for this cyclone based off the current track and wind radii.
- Earliest reasonable time of arrival for TS winds across Key West area is Monday afternoon
- Earliest reasonable time of arrival for TS winds across Tampa Bay/St Pete area is Tuesday midday
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- The most likely time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds (34kt to 63 kt) for this cyclone based off the current track and wind radii.
- The most likely time of arrival for TS winds across Key West area is Tue night prior to midnight
- The most likely time of arrival for TS winds across Tampa Bay/St Pete area is Tuesday evening
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12 Hour Forecast5 Jul 1200 UTC or 8 am

Peak Winds: 55 kt

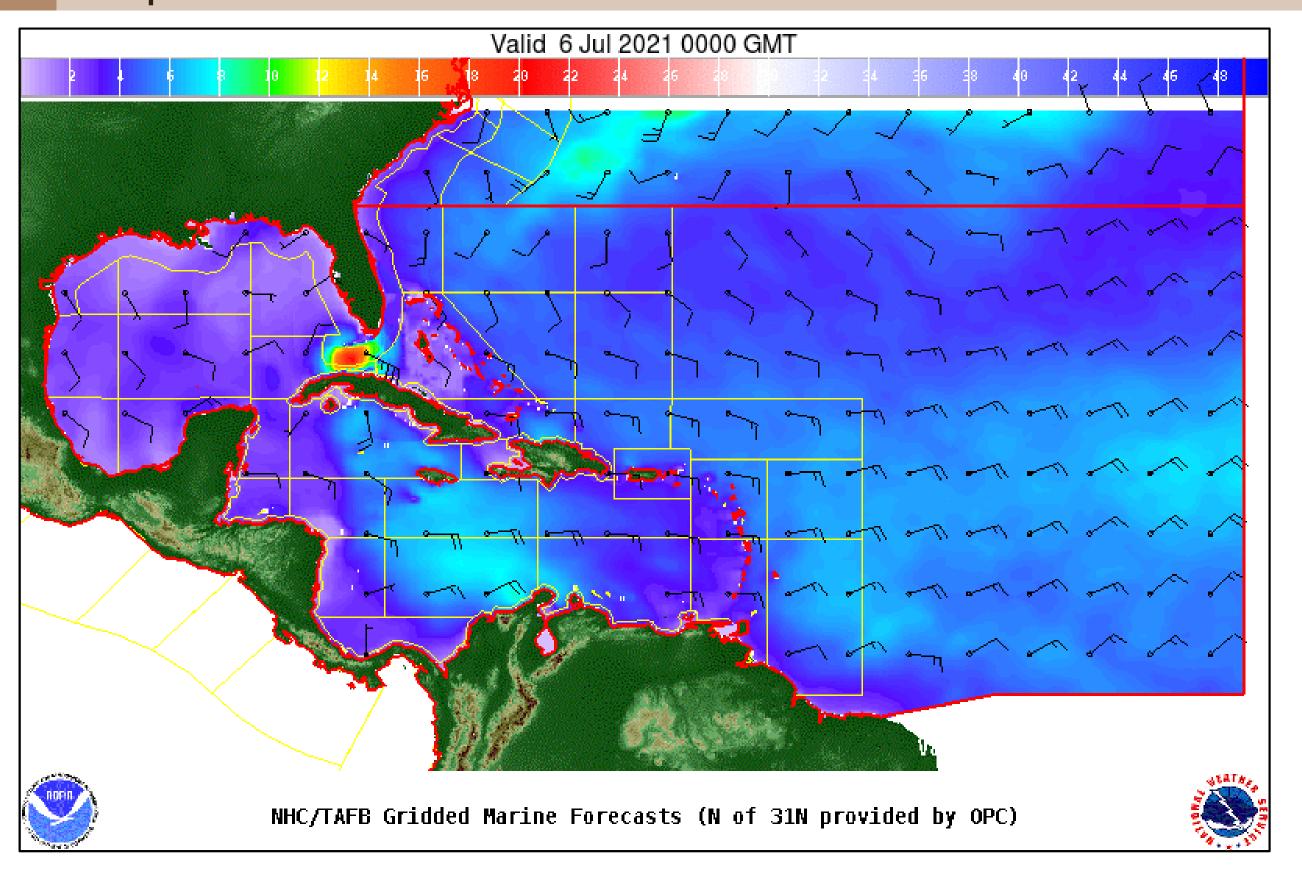
Peak Seas: 15 ft

Wave heights are in feet



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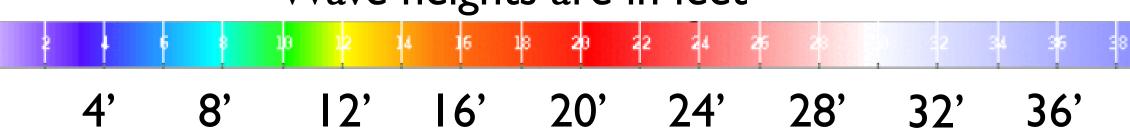
24 Hour Forecast

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Peak Winds: 50 kt

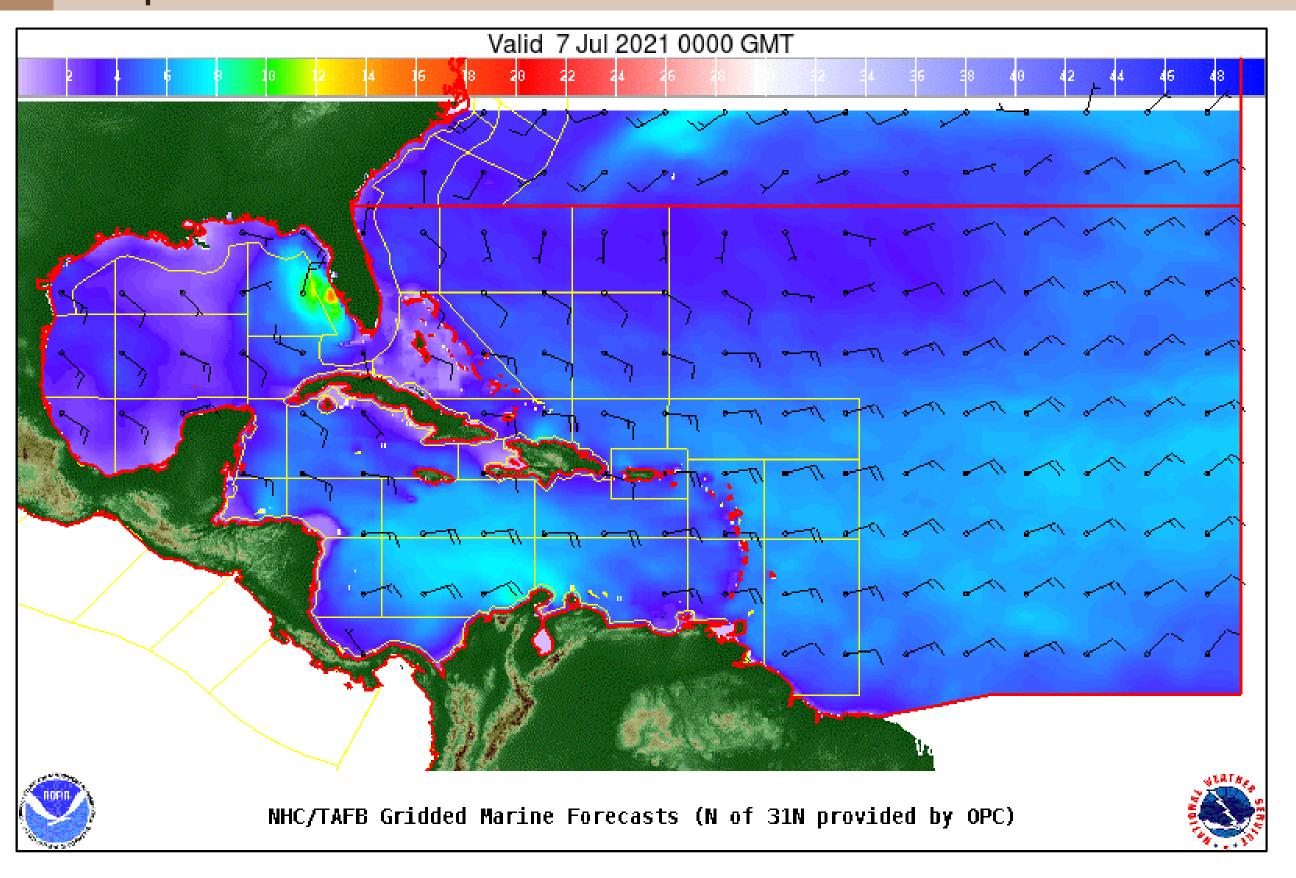
Peak Seas: 21ft Straits of Florida, 8 ft S of Cuba





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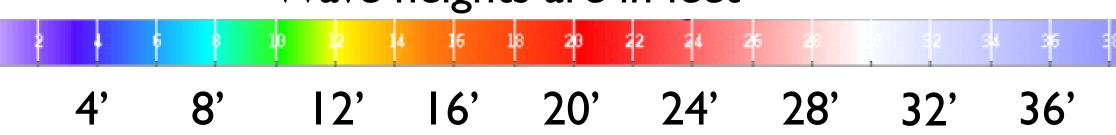


48 Hour Forecast7 Jul 0000 UTC of 8 pm

Peak Winds: 55 kt

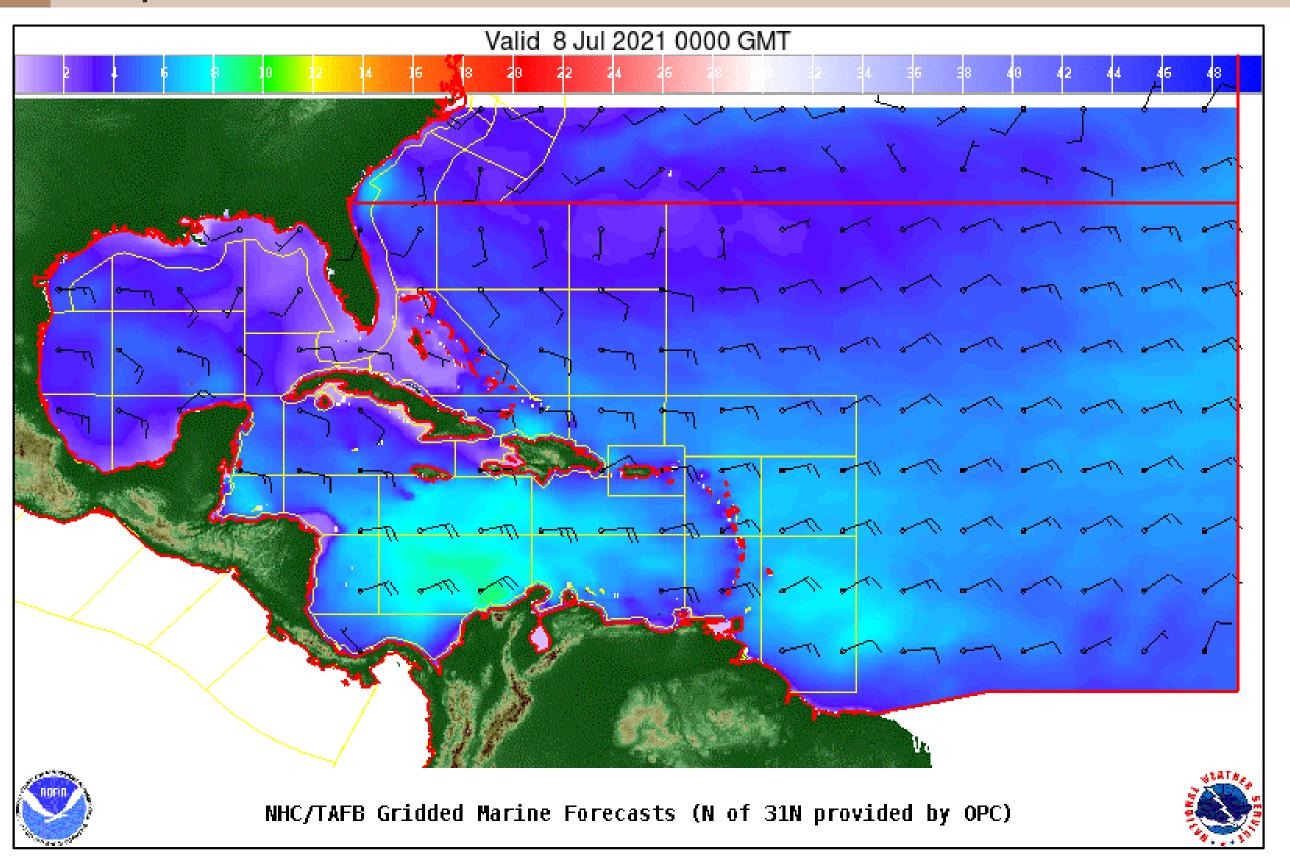
Peak Seas: 16 ft





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72 Hour Forecast8 Jul 0000 UTC of 8 pmInland just N of JAX

Peak Winds: 40 kt

Peak Seas: 4 ft Florida Big Bend

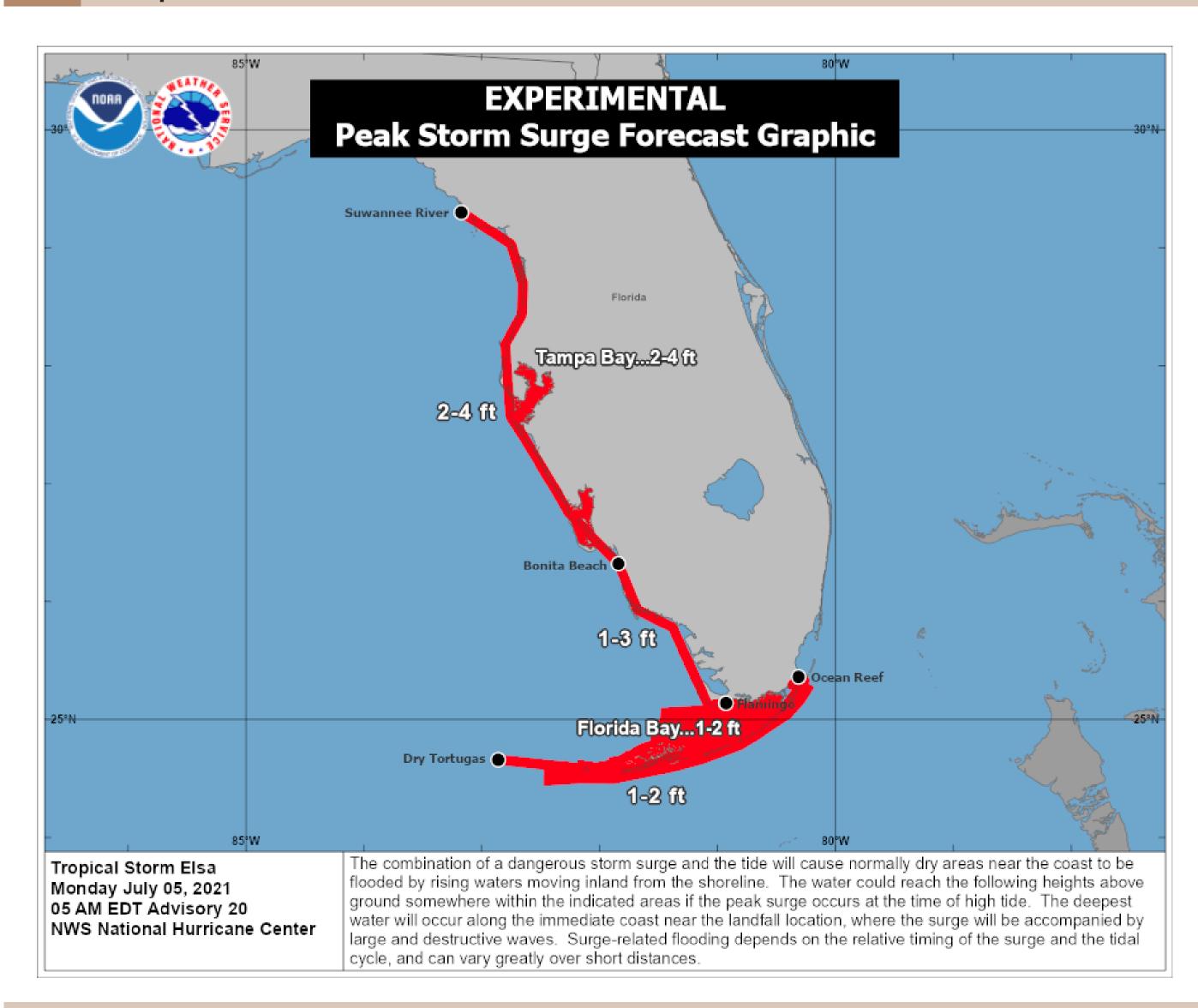
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### Potential Peak Storm Surge / Watches and Warnings

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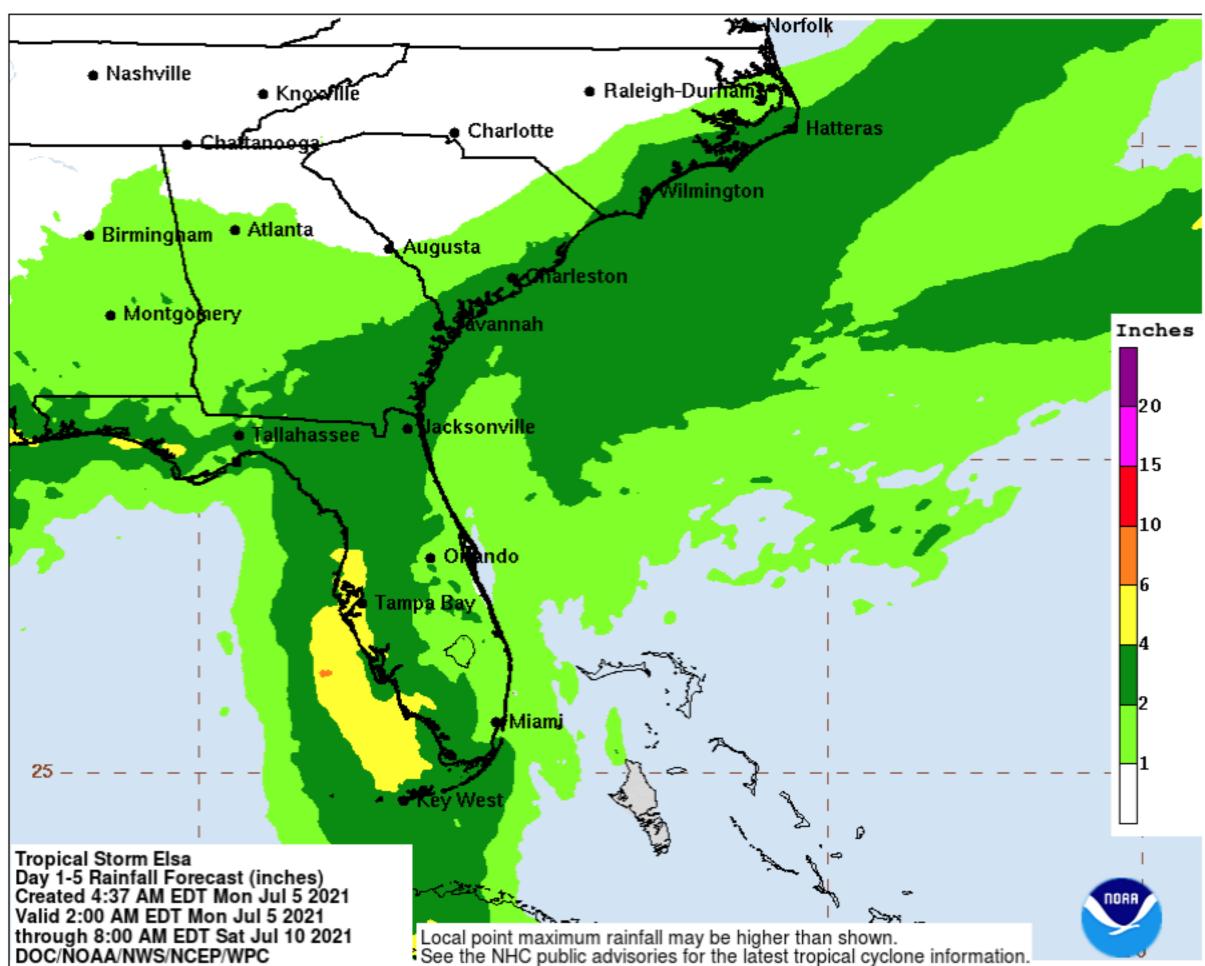
 Potential storm surge is represented in feet above the ground at any given point.

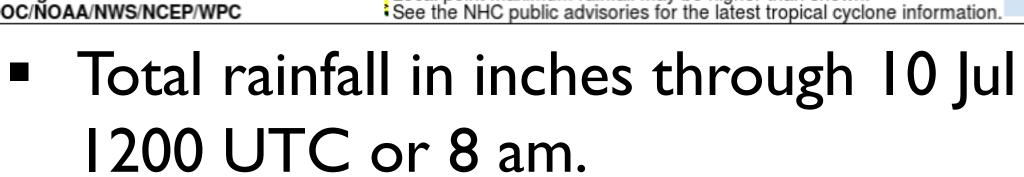
### Expected Storm Total Rainfall and Chance of Rainfall Flooding

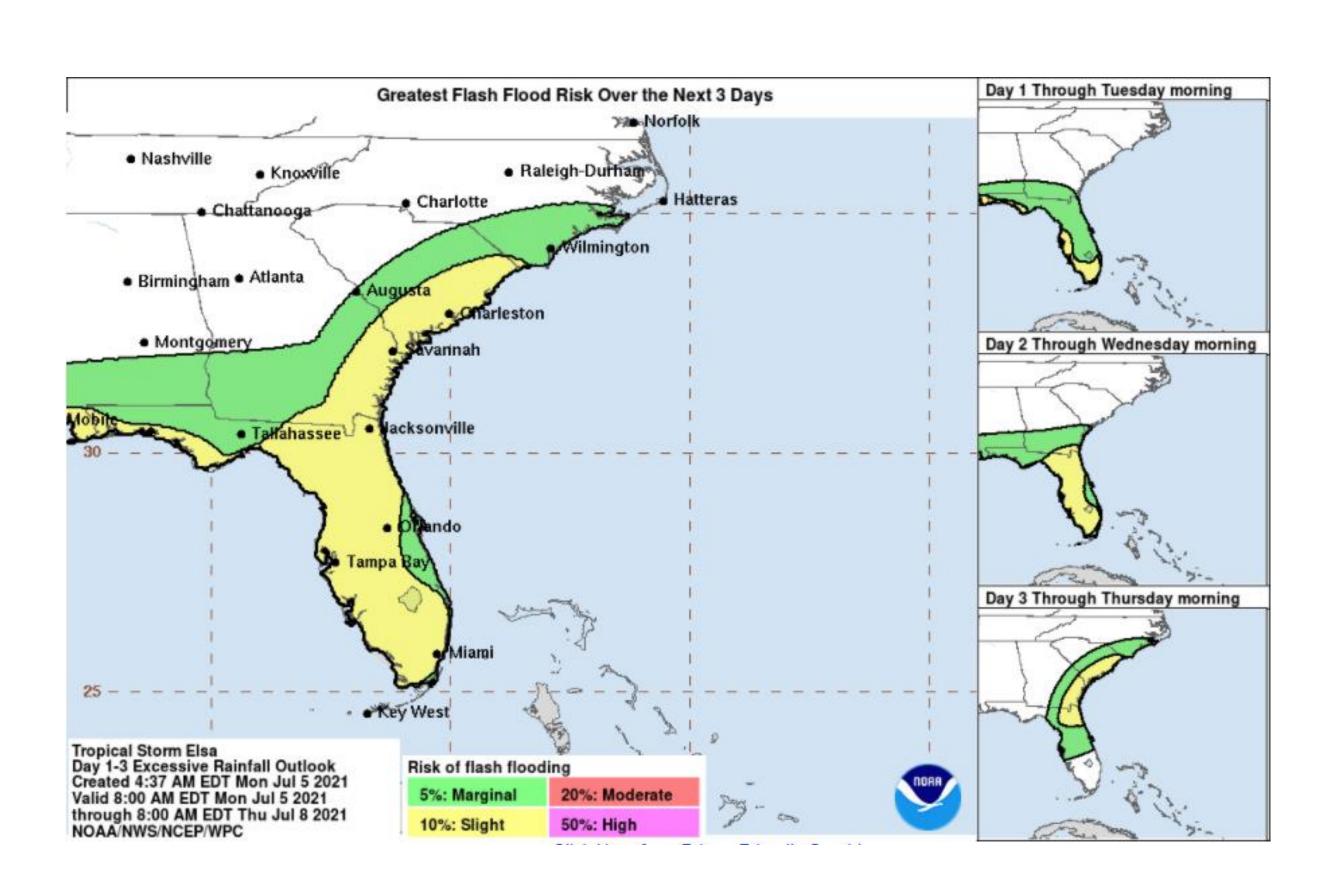


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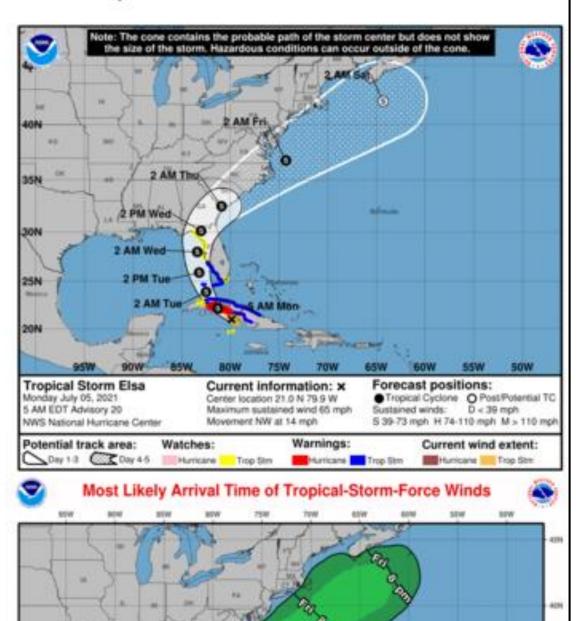


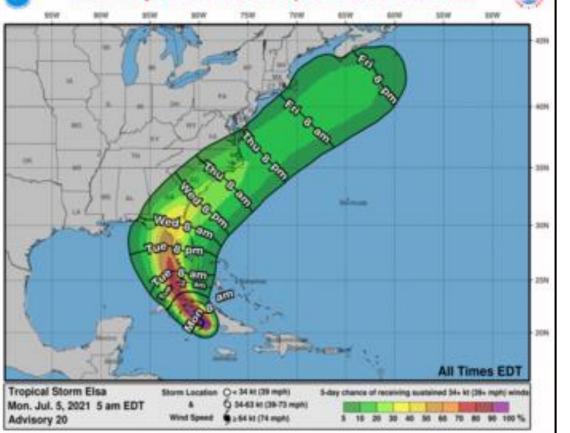
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#### Key Messages for Tropical Storm Elsa Advisory 20: 5:00 AM EDT Mon Jul 05, 2021

- 1. Heavy rain will impact the Cayman Islands and Cuba today resulting in significant flooding and mudslides over Cuba. As Elsa approaches the Florida Keys, Florida Peninsula, and coastal Georgia Monday through Wednesday, heavy rainfall may result in isolated flash, urban, and minor river flooding. Mid to late week, heavy rains across coastal South Carolina and North Carolina may result in isolated flash and urban flooding.
- Tropical storm conditions and a dangerous storm surge are expected to continue across portions of central and western Cuba today. Hurricane conditions are also possible along the south coast this morning.
- 3. Tropical storm conditions are expected in portions of the Florida Keys and southwestern Florida tonight and Tuesday, where a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect. A Tropical Storm Watch and a Storm Surge Watch are in effect for much of the west coast of Florida.
- There is a risk of tropical storm conditions and storm surge impacts along the coasts of Georgia and the Carolinas Wednesday and Thursday.





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- Tropical Storm conditions and heavy rainfall expected across Cuba today and will spread across the Straits of Florida and into extreme south Florida waters today through this evening.
- Tropical Storm winds will move into Straits of Florida early this afternoon with seas quickly building to around 20 ft again this evening through tonight as Elsa passes across Lower Florida Keys.
- Elsa expected to approach Tampa Bay/ St Petersburg area late Tuesday afternoon with moderate storm surge potential inside the bay.



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You can contact the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch at 305-229-4424

The Next Briefing Will Be: Monday 4:00 PM EDT

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