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Subject: NWS Making Changes to Icons Associated With Tropical
 Cyclone Point-and-Click Forecasts effective by the
 beginning of the 2017 Tropical Cyclone seasons

The NWS will be making changes to icons associated with tropical cyclone Point and Click forecast web pages effective by the beginning of the 2017 Tropical Cyclone seasons. Point-and-Click forecasts can be viewed by entering location information at:

<http://www.weather.gov>

Current New Forecast-at-a-Glance Icons can be seen at this URL (scroll about halfway down to tropical icons):

<http://www.weather.gov/forecast-icons>

The NWS will remove the marine flags from the tropical icons on the Point and Click by reducing the number of tropical icons from four to two. The icon presently identified for a Hurricane Watch on the New Forecast-at-a-Glance Icons webpage will be used when hurricane conditions are expected or possible. The icon presently identified for a Tropical Storm Watch will be used when tropical storm conditions are expected or possible.

The marine flag icons on the Point and Click forecasts used to depict tropical cyclone wind conditions are confusing. The flags are not intended for use over land, and there are cases where the flag displayed does not accurately depict the conditions expected. For example, gale and storm-force winds both fall within the range of tropical storm force winds.

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