

NWS Melbourne Marine Web Letter

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Marine Point and Click Forecast

I have created a brief explanation on how to utilize this service and why it is a good idea:
http://www.srh.noaa.gov/media/mlb/pdfs/marine_pointclick.pdf

Swan Model

Some nice graphics from this model are available on the web:
<http://innovation.srh.noaa.gov/swan/swanloop.php?sid=MLB>

I particularly like the Ocean Current, which seems to be doing a good job of depicting the Gulf Stream this season. Also, the Wind Speed is what goes into the Coastal Waters Forecast.

Safe Boating News

A banner has been added to the [NWS Melbourne Boating Safety Page](#) where local classes can be highlighted. Additionally, when the [NWS Melbourne Homepage](#) does not have too many news headlines, we will include a link for near future safe boating classes. If you would like yours highlighted or if there are any corrections to the links already on the Boating Safety page, please email me.

Small Craft Advisory for Hazardous Seas

As mentioned in my last Web Letter, forecasters will hold off on Small Craft Advisories for Hazardous Seas when winds are light (10 knots or less). Instead, we will headline "Small Craft Should Exercise Caution", since long period swells can adversely impact small boats traversing inlets. So far this season, we have used this local rule on a few days. Hopefully, this provides a little better service to mariners.

Talks

If you are interested in having me give a talk about marine forecasting, the best way to contact me is via [email](#).

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[Marine Links relevant to East Central Florida](#)