Utilization of the Point and Click Forecast for Mariners

The National Weather Service's Coastal Waters Forecast is an average of conditions over a zone. This is often not a problem for mariners, as conditions can be similar over large areas. However, when a slow moving frontal boundary slices through a zone, there can be large differences in winds, seas and weather. Conditions can also be vastly different when navigating in the Gulf Stream. That is why it is a good idea to utilize the "point & click" forecast, which will give you a forecast at the nearest grid box in our digital database. Here is a brief description on how to utilize this service:

1) From our [home page](http://www.example.com), click approximately where you want to go fishing.
2) This will take you to a page which depicts our Coastal Waters (Zone) Forecast. Click within the large red box to get the "point forecast."
3) This is the “point forecast.” Note that in the browser address bar, there is a lat/lon (latitude, longitude). If you know the lat/lon of your favorite fishing spot, edit the numbers in the browser address bar and hit enter.
4) You will then have the point forecast for your favorite fishing spot! Bookmark it! Note that in this case the wind forecast changes from 14-18 knots to 13-16 knots with gusts decreasing from 25 knots to 20 knots, which is typical for an offshore (west) wind.