

NWS Melbourne Marine Web Letter

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

Dry/Cooler Season Outlook

As most are probably aware, El Nino will be strong this Fall and Winter. This will lead to a greater frequency of storm systems (compared to normal) moving across the Gulf of Mexico and Florida peninsula, bringing more frequent periods of breezy to windy conditions and disturbed seas. Boaters should also be aware of the increased threat of strong/severe storms that require Special Marine Warnings. Usually we have a few months of above normal rainfall too.

Opportunities for good boating weather may be more difficult to find this Fall/Winter. So make sure you follow forecast trends closely and also look at our [Hazardous Weather Outlook](#) which will highlight threats from approaching storm systems. Investing in an [Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon \(EPIRB\)](#) would provide an extra layer of safety for those venturing offshore.

[Central Florida 2015-2016 Dry Season Forecast](#)

Nearshore Wave Prediction System

Enhancements over the past year have made our local wave model much more stable, so new data from it is usually available twice a day. Remember to check out the excellent graphics (including the Ocean Current) [here!](#)

Talks

The dry/cool season is a good time for me to get out and give talks about marine forecasting. If you are interested, the best way to contact me is via [email](#).

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