Buoys
As most are probably aware, buoy 41009 was sent adrift by Hurricane Matthew along with buoy 41114 (near Ft. Pierce Inlet). Matthew also put SPGF1 (west end Grand Bahama) out of commission. Back in August, buoy 41010 also went adrift.

At the time of this Marine Letter, there is no good news for a quick return to service of these data sources. Tentatively, buoys 41009 and 41010 are scheduled to be redeployed in Spring 2017. However, if another ship were to become available before then, the buoys could be returned to service sooner. Let’s hope for the best!

The lack of marine observations will make forecasting very challenging. I’m sure decisions to leave port will also be difficult at times. Forecasters will be utilizing data in the links below, you can too:

http://www.weather.gov/mlb/marob

Cape Canaveral Wind Towers

Web Page
Recently, our web page, www.weather.gov/mlb, was redesigned. This caused links to change (sorry about that)! I’ve tried to make sure that links are working on the Melbourne marine page: http://www.weather.gov/mlb/marine

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