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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-27
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
1110 AM EDT MON APR 7 2008

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SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE
/MWW/: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-26: TRANSMITTED
APR 7 2008

ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/... NWS FORECAST OFFICES /WFOS/ SERVING THE ATLANTIC...
PACIFIC...GULF...AND GREAT LAKES COASTS WILL BEGIN ISSUING THE
OPERATIONAL MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE /MWW/ PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT IS
INTENDED TO BETTER INFORM MARINERS OF MARINE WEATHER HAZARDS AND
SERVE AS A DEDICATED LONG DURATION MARINE WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY
PRODUCT.

THE MWW WILL IMPLEMENT THE OPERATIONAL VALID TIME EVENT CODE
/VTEC/ FOR ALL LONG TERM MARINE WATCH/WARNING/ADVISORY EVENTS.
THIS INCLUDES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE NEW MARINE WATCH PRODUCTS
USING FIVE NEW VALID TIME EVENT CODE /VTEC/ PHENOMENA AND
SIGNIFICANCE CODE PAIRINGS.

TABLE 1. FIVE NEW MARINE WATCHES AND VTEC PHENOMENA AND
SIGNIFICANCE CODE PAIRINGS

| MARINE WATCH EVENT NAME | PHENOMENA AND SIGNIFICANCE CODE |
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| GALE WATCH | GL.A |
| STORM WATCH | SR.A |
| HURRICANCE FORCE WIND WATCH | HF.A |
| HAZARDOUS SEAS WATCH | SE.A |
| HEAVY FREEZING SPRAY WATCH | UP.A |

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008...THE VTEC INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY
CONTAINED IN THE COASTAL WATERS FORECAST /CWF/ AND NEARSHORE
MARINE FORECAST /NSH/ PRODUCTS WILL BE FOUND IN THE MWW. SELECTED
WFOS HAVE BEEN ISSUING THE MWW EXPERIMENTALLY SINCE AUGUST 1
2007. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SEE SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-26
DATED APR 7 2008.

THE PRODUCT TYPE LINE IN THE MASS NEWS DISSEMINATOR HEADER BLOCK WILL BE /MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE/. USERS MUST ADD THE NEW PRODUCT HEADERS TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS DATABASES TO RECEIVE THE MWW PRODUCTS. THE COMPLETE LIST OF THE NEW MWW COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIERS...WHICH TAKE EFFECT AUGUST 5 2008... IS AVAILABLE ONLINE...LISTED BY WFO...AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW/RESOURCES/NEW_MWW.PDF](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww/resources/new_mww.pdf)

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MWW PRODUCT AND AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW FORMAT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE LETTERS/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww)

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[HTTP://WWW.NWS.NOAA.GOV/OM/NOTIF.HTM](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notif.htm)

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