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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-36
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
235 PM EDT MON MAY 5 2008

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SUBJECT: NEW CALL TO ACTION /CTA/ MARKERS IN THE OPERATIONAL
MARINE WEATHER MESSAGE /MWW/: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008

REFER TO: SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-27: TRANSMITTED
APR 7 2008

ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME
/UTC/...THE MWW PRODUCT WILL CONTAIN NEW CTA MARKERS TO IDENTIFY
THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE CTA STATEMENT/S/. THIS PRACTICE
ENABLES SPECIALIZED USE OF CTA STATEMENTS BY PARTNERS AND OTHER
USERS.

THE CTA MARKERS WILL USE PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... AND
&& CHARACTER STRINGS TO INDICATE THE CTA BEGINNING AND ENDING
MARKERS...RESPECTIVELY. THE PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
AND && CHARACTER STRINGS WILL BE LEFT JUSTIFIED WITH NO OTHER
PRINTABLE CHARACTERS ON THE SAME LINE OF TEXT.

THE GENERIC CTA MARKER FORMAT IS SHOWN BELOW:

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/BLANK LINE/  
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...  
/BLANK LINE/  
/CALL TO ACTION STATEMENT/S//  
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THE CTA MARKERS WILL BE INSERTED INTO EACH MWW PRODUCT SEGMENT
THAT CONTAINS A CTA STATEMENT(S). THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SET OF
INSTRUCTION FIELD MARKERS IN EACH SEGEMENT.

THE CTA MARKER FORMAT FOR A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IS SHOWN BELOW:

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PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
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A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY MEANS THAT WIND SPEEDS OF 21 TO 33 KNOTS ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE HAZARDOUS WAVE CONDITIONS TO SMALL CRAFT. INEXPERIENCED MARINERS...ESPECIALLY THOSE OPERATING SMALLER VESSELS SHOULD AVOID NAVIGATING IN THESE CONDITIONS.

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IF THERE IS NO CTA...CTA MARKERS NORMALLY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MWW PRODUCT SEGMENT. THIS OCCURS MOST FREQUENTLY WITH CANCELLATION OR EXPIRATION STATEMENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW OPERATIONAL MWW PRODUCT EFFECTIVE AUG 5 2008 SEE SCN 08-27 POSTED AT

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

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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