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Subject: Changes to the Marine Weather Message (MWW) Effective
June 1, 2015

Refer to: SCN 14-66 and SCN 14-67 both issued December 30, 2014:
Changes to the Hurricane Local Statement effective
June 1, 2015

Effective Monday, June 1, 2015, the NWS will implement changes to the Hurricane Local Statement (HLS) and the Marine Weather Message (MWW). See SCN 14-66 and SCN 14-67 for more information.

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn14-66hlscca.htm>
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/notification/scn14-67tcv.htm>

As part of these changes, the HLS will become a land zone only product. The HLS will no longer be the mechanism for issuing tropical storm, hurricane and typhoon watches and warnings for marine zones in a WFO's area of responsibility.

Effective June 1, 2015, WFOs will issue tropical storm, hurricane, and typhoon watches and warnings via the Marine Weather Message (MWW) for marine zones in the Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Pacific waters. In addition to the current marine Valid Time Event Code (VTEC) codes, the MWW will also carry the tropical VTEC codes:

TR.A - Tropical Storm Watch
TR.W - Tropical Storm Warning
HU.A - Hurricane Watch
HU.W - Hurricane Warning
TY.A - Typhoon Watch
TY.W - Typhoon Warning

Additional information on UGC and VTEC can be found in NWS Instruction (NWSI) 10-1703, Valid Time Event Code, at:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/sym/pd01017003curr.pdf>

A complete list of WFOs affected by the changes above can be found at:

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/pns/hls_mww.xlsx

There will be no change to WMO headers or AWIPS IDs for the HLS or the MWW. Users will need to look to the MWW for tropical hazards over marine zones.

An example of the MWW with tropical VTEC codes, headlines, and content can be found at

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/pns/mww_case1.txt

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