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From: Eli Jacks
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Subject: Amended: Changes to the Marine Weather Message (MWW)
Effective May 7, 2015

Refer to: SCN 14-66 and SCN 14-67 both issued May 7, 2015:
Changes to the Hurricane Local Statement effective
May 7, 2015

Amended effective date from June 1 to May 7, 2015 due to a high
chance of a subtropical or tropical cyclone developing near the
southeast United States coast.

Effective Thursday, May 7, 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/om/notification/scn14-66hls_aab.htm

http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/notification/scn14-67tcv_aab.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 May 7, 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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