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Subject: NWS Making Changes to Icons Associated with Tropical Cyclone  
Point-and-Click Forecasts: Effective by the Beginning of the 2017 Tropical  
Cyclone Seasons

The NWS will be making changes to icons associated with tropical cyclone  
Point-and-Click forecast web pages effective by the beginning of the 2017  
Tropical Cyclone seasons. Point-and-Click forecasts can be viewed by  
entering location information at:

<http://www.weather.gov>

Current New Forecast-at-a-Glance Icons can be seen at this URL (scroll  
about halfway down to tropical icons):

<http://www.weather.gov/forecast-icons>

The NWS will remove the marine flags from the tropical icons on the Point-  
and-Click by reducing the number of tropical icons from four to two. The  
icon presently identified for a Hurricane Watch on the New Forecast-at-a-  
Glance Icons webpage will be used when hurricane conditions are expected  
or possible. The icon presently identified for a Tropical Storm Watch  
will be used when tropical storm conditions are expected or possible.

The marine flag icons on the Point-and-Click forecasts used to depict  
tropical cyclone wind conditions are confusing. The flags are not  
intended for use over land, and there are cases where the flag displayed  
does not accurately depict the conditions expected. For example, gale and  
storm-force winds both fall within the range of tropical storm force  
winds.

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