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Subject: Updated: The Ocean Prediction Center is upgrading its Website: Effective September 26, 2017

Updated to change implementation to September 26, 2017, or on the next available non-critical weather day.

Effective Tuesday September 26, 2017, the NWS Ocean Prediction Center (OPC) website:

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov

will be upgraded to new formatting currently available for review at:

https://para.ocean.weather.gov

This change represents the first major upgrade to the OPC website since 2002.

Additionally, the URL will change from:

http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov

to the currently available:

https://ocean.weather.gov

This change provides content through a more secure connection. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directive describing the requirement to only provide service through https: can be found at:

https.cio.gov/

The new format provides an improvement of service over the current website format, including easier navigation and a cleaner look and feel with better support for mobile devices. The new format will also bring the OPC website in line with other recent NWS web formatting upgrades.
Please note that mainly the formatting of the website will change on September 26. No changes have been made to any operational products. In addition, the old URL, www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov, will automatically redirect to ocean.weather.gov for approximately 6 months. Users do not need to take any action now but should update their bookmarks after the September 26 transition.

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