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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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