

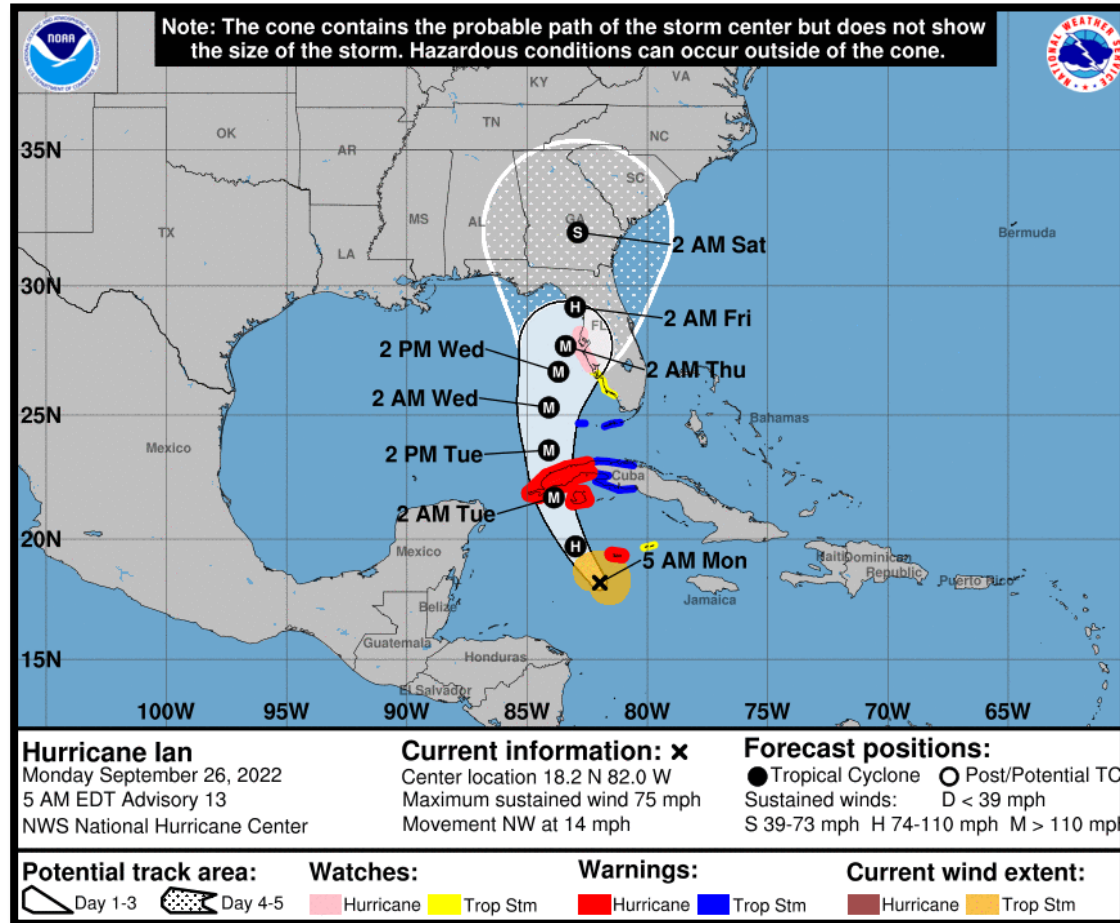
Hurricane Ian



- Ian has strengthened to a Hurricane this morning, and is expected to rapidly intensify to a Major Hurricane in the next 24 hours as he heads northward into the Gulf of Mexico, and eventually to the Florida peninsula by late week.
- Though Ian will weaken after landfall and track to our west, **impacts to eastern NC are expected beginning Friday and lasting through much of this weekend.** The extent of these impacts will be highly dependent on the eventual track (which is likely to change over the next few days).

- The most probable local threats will be widespread heavy rain with the **potential for flash flooding & coastal flooding.**

- For the latest info, check out:
<https://www.weather.gov/mhx/tropical>



Potential For Flash Flooding



- A combination of an offshore front and tropical moisture associated with lan will lead to an **extended period of heavy rain** across Eastern NC late this week.
- As a result there will be the **potential for flash flooding**.
- Right now the **heaviest amounts are expected along the coast**, but that could shift as it is highly dependent on the eventual track and speed of lan as he tracks over the Southeast US.
- There is also the **potential for at least minor flooding of local main stem rivers**, as well as smaller tributaries and creeks.

