



Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen Briefing

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Thursday, Sep 21, 2023

What has changed:

Tropical Storm Warnings expanded westward.
Storm Surge Warnings issued for portions of the area.
Flood Watch now in effect for Eastern North Carolina



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Potential Tropical Cyclone Advisories

Issued **before** a tropical depression or tropical storm forms.

Provide the NWS with the ability to **issue a watch with a full 48 hours of lead time** or **a warning with a full 36 hours of lead time** prior to possible tropical storm, hurricane, or life-threatening storm surge conditions on land.

Contain all of the **standard NHC advisory text and graphical products** and will be issued at the standard advisory times.



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What it tells you.

The probable forecast track of the **center of the storm** up to 5 days out from its current position.

About **two-thirds of the time**, the center of the storm will remain in the cone.

What it *doesn't* tell you.

The size of the storm.

The impacts both within the cone and outside the cone. **Impacts often occur well outside of the cone.**




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| Hazard | Impacts | Location | Timing |
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|  Storm Surge & Inundation | Moderate impacts: Up to 2-5 ft of inundation could result in flooding of some very low-lying roadways and properties. | All of coastal eastern NC, with greatest confidence around the lower Pamlico and Neuse Rivers. | Later Friday through Saturday night. |
|  Wind | Moderate impacts: Tropical storm force winds could result in scattered tree damage and power outages. | All of eastern North Carolina with the strongest winds extending from the Cape Lookout area across the OBX. | Friday through Saturday. |
|  Flooding Rain | Moderate impacts. Widespread 3-5 inches, with localized amounts around 7 inches, will could produce localized flash flooding, especially for urban and poor drainage areas. | Flash flooding threat extends across all of eastern NC, with greatest rainfall amounts expected along and east of US Hwy 17. | Friday through Saturday. |



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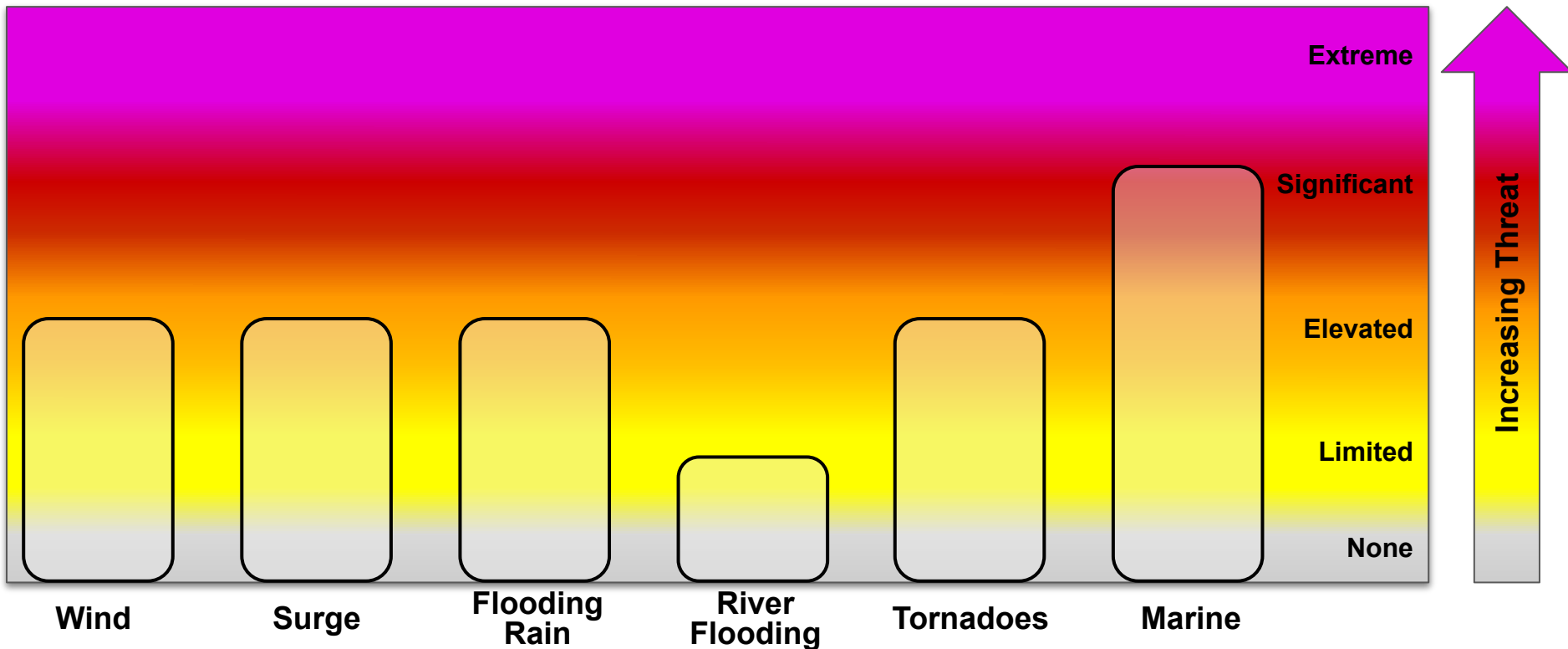
| Hazard | Impacts | Location | Timing |
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|  <p>Tornado</p> | <p>Moderate impacts: Several tornadoes are possible. A few places may experience tornado damage, along with power and communications disruptions.</p> | Coastal North Carolina | Friday through Saturday. |
|  <p>Marine</p> | <p>Significant impacts: Large dangerous seas, tropical storm force winds will produce life threatening conditions to mariners.</p> | All of NC coastal waters and sounds. | Friday morning through Saturday night. |



Threat Levels

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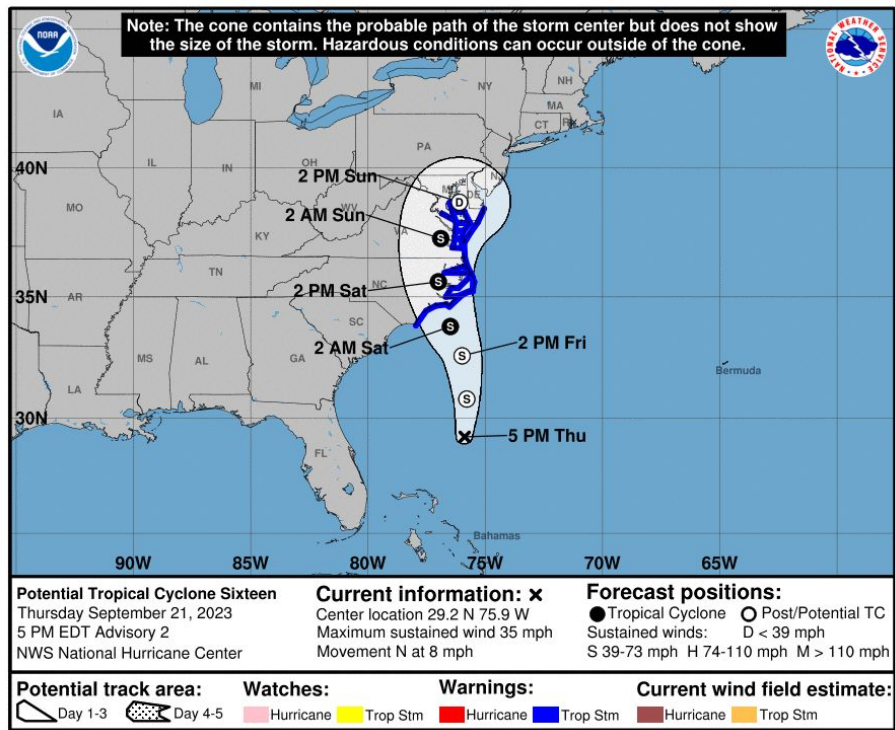
For information on specific hazards in this area, please go to: <https://www.weather.gov/srh/tropical?office=mhx>





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- Low pressure off the Southeast coast could become tropical or subtropical tonight or tomorrow.
- Regardless of tropical development, the low will move toward the Carolinas, bringing impacts to eastern NC beginning Friday.
- This is a good reminder that impacts can occur well away from the center of the storm or forecast “cone”.

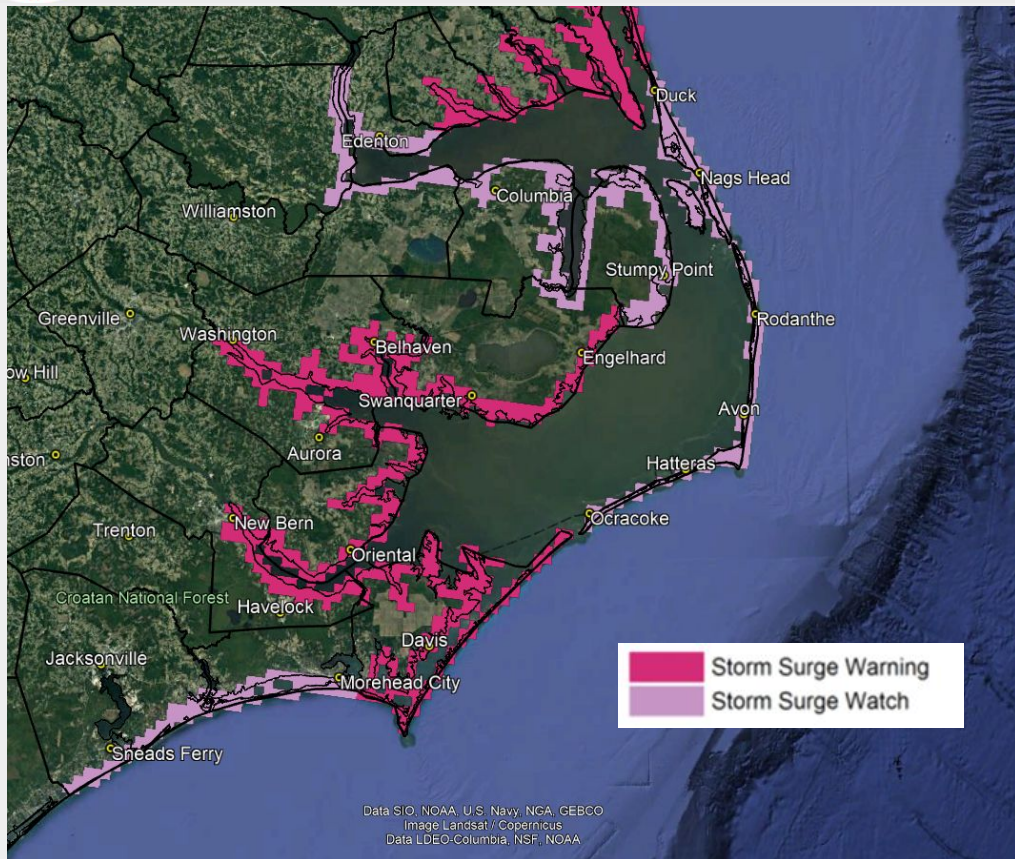
NOTE: Do not focus on the exact track.

Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.



Storm Surge Watches/Warnings

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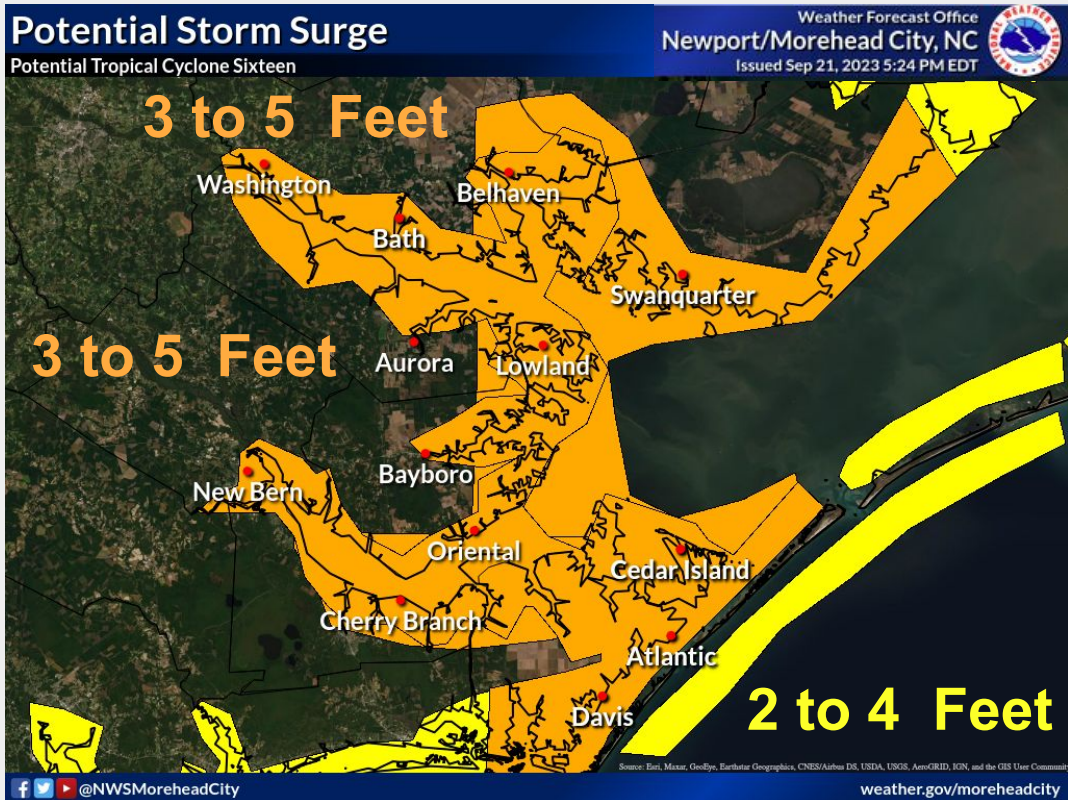


- Storm Surge Warning in effect for **Red Shaded Areas**
- Storm Surge Watch in effect for **Purple Shaded Areas**



Potential Storm Surge Impacts

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- Moderate impact

(Orange Shaded Area):

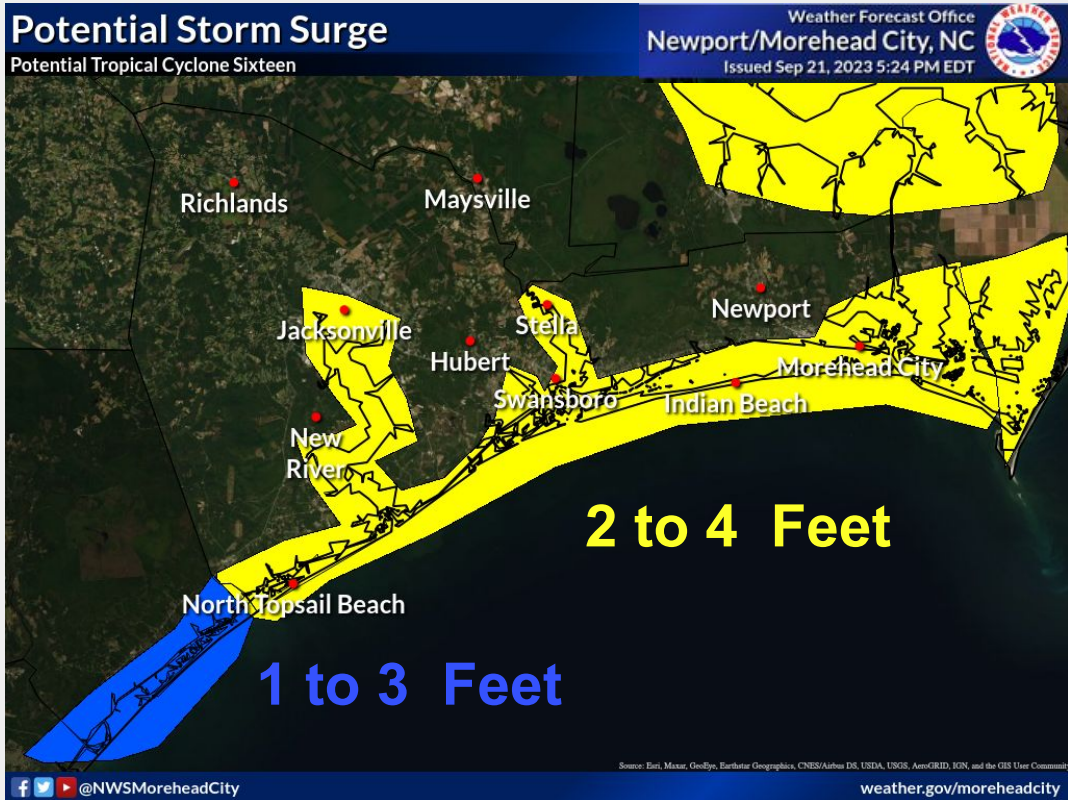
Areas of inundation with moderate damage to marinas and docks.

Sections of near-shore escape routes and secondary routes become washed out, especially in vulnerable low spots.



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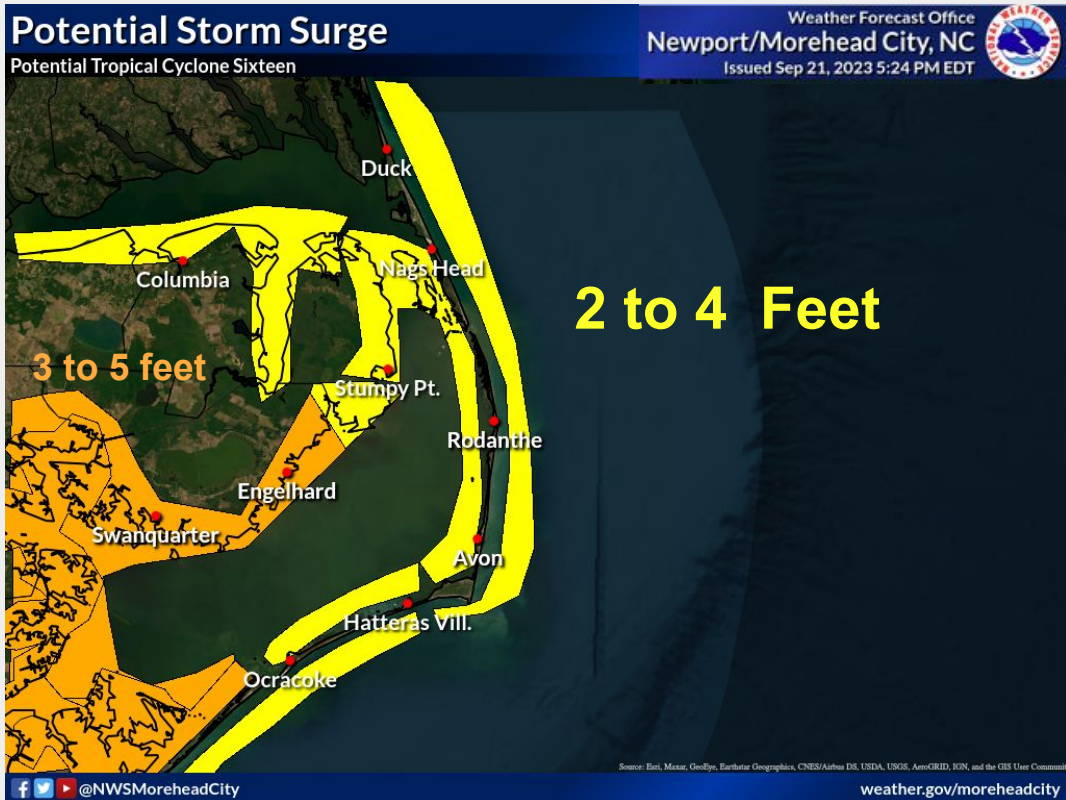


- Moderate impact
(Yellow shaded areas):
Areas of inundation with moderate damage to marinas, docks.
- Elevated impact
(Blue Shaded Areas):
Localized inundation, mainly along immediate shorelines and in low-lying spots.



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- Moderate impact
(Yellow Shaded Areas):
- **Potential for rapid water level rises (soundside) Saturday or Saturday evening.**

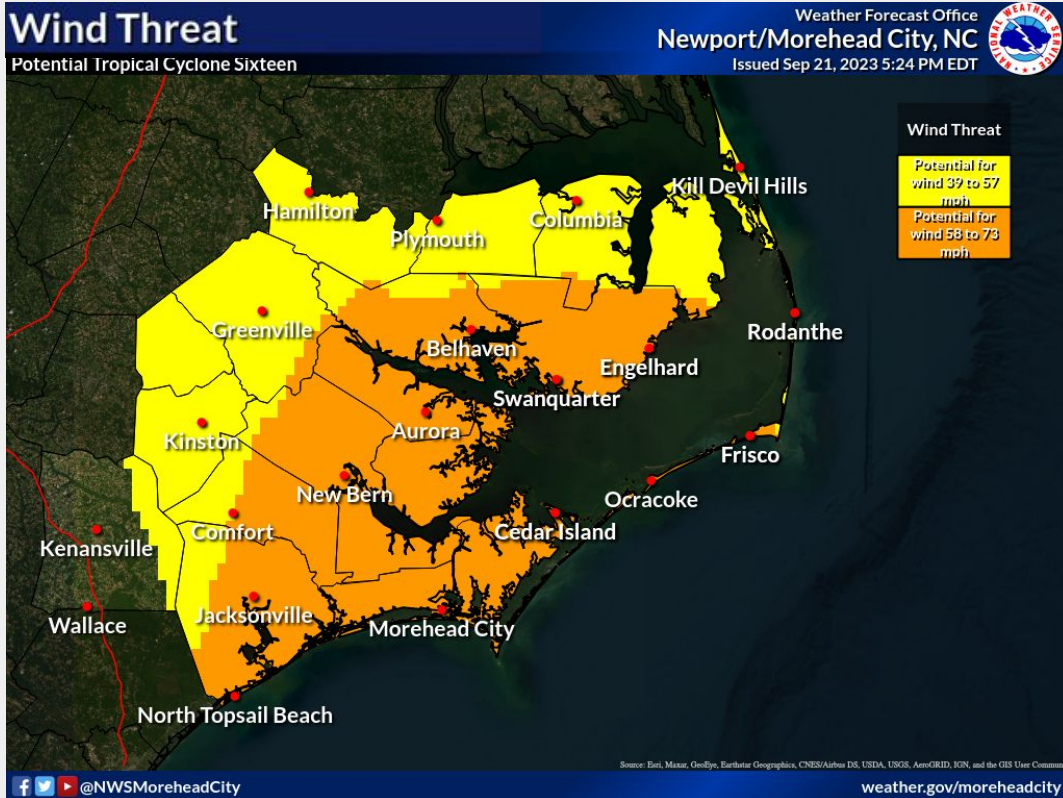
Areas of inundation with storm surge flooding accentuated by waves.

Moderate beach erosion and localized ocean over wash.



Wind Threat / Potential Impact

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There is a potential for:

- Scattered power and communication outages.
- Highest potential will be in the **Orange Shaded** area, closer to the coast.



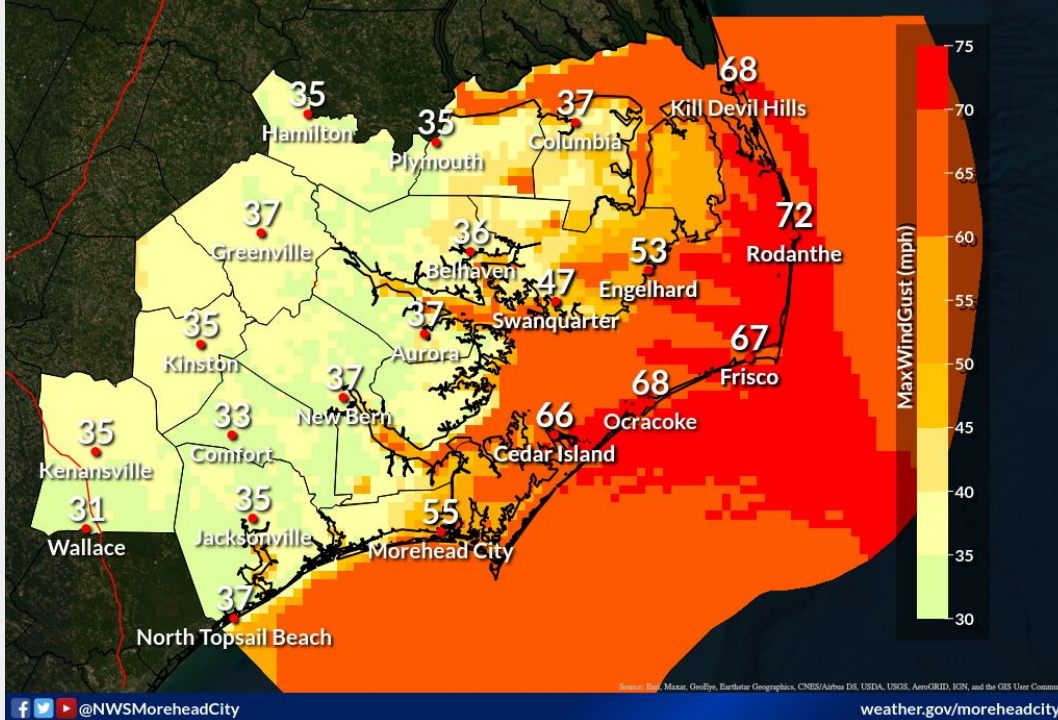
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- Highest wind speeds expected near the coast.
- Tropical storm force winds are most likely by late Friday morning.
- Strongest winds are expected Friday into Saturday.

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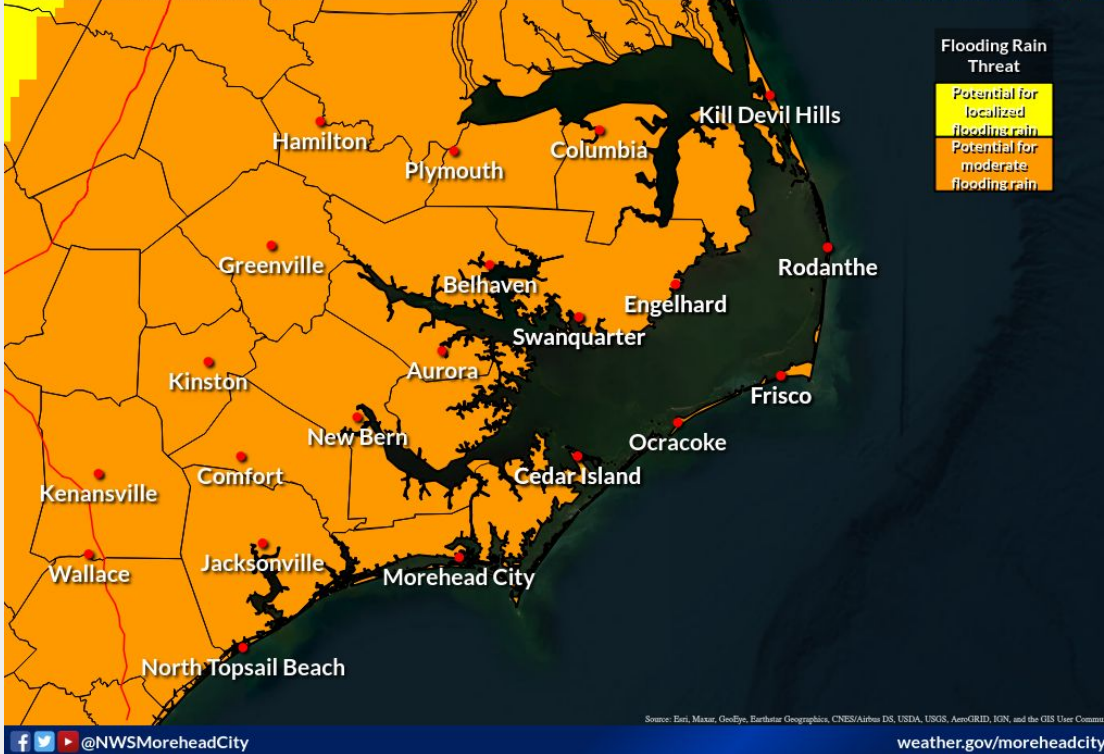
Inland Flooding Impacts

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Flooding Rain Threat

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- Areas outlined in **Orange** have the greatest potential for flash flooding through Saturday.
- Localized flash flooding, especially in urban and poor drainage areas.



Expected Storm Total Rainfall

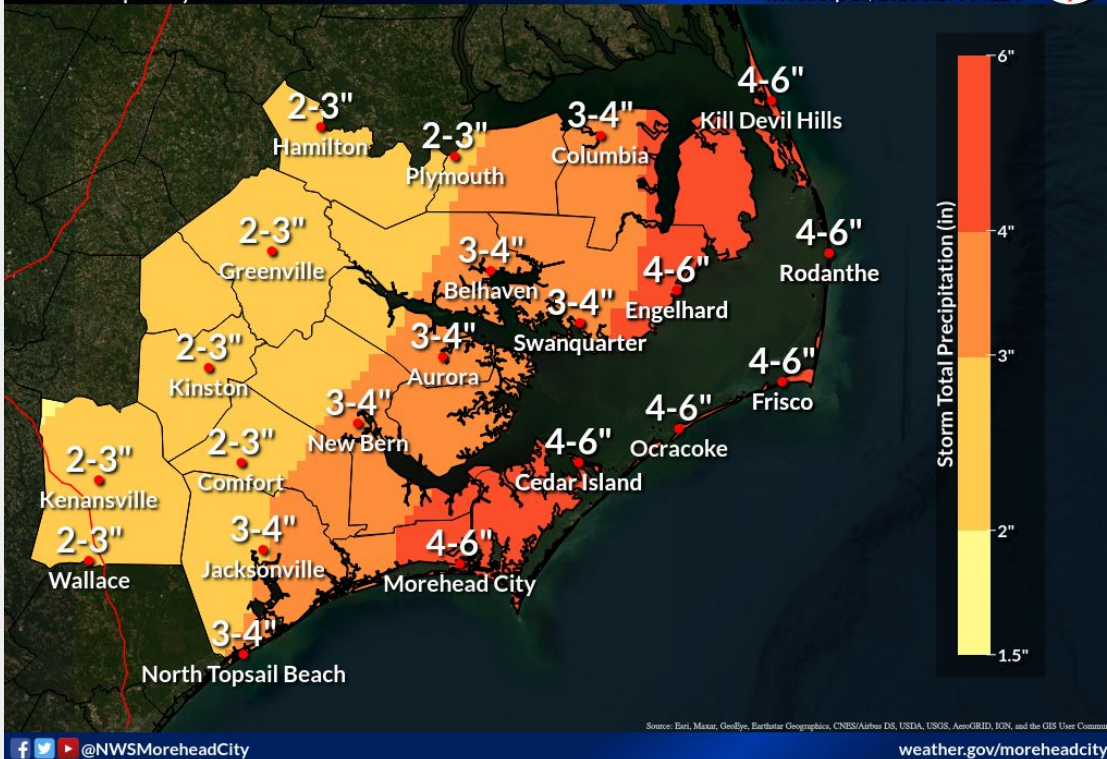
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Total Rainfall Through Saturday

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- Flood Watch now in effect.
- An average of **3" to 5"** of rain is expected with isolated totals **up to 7"** possible.
- In the heaviest bands of rain, localized flash flooding is possible.

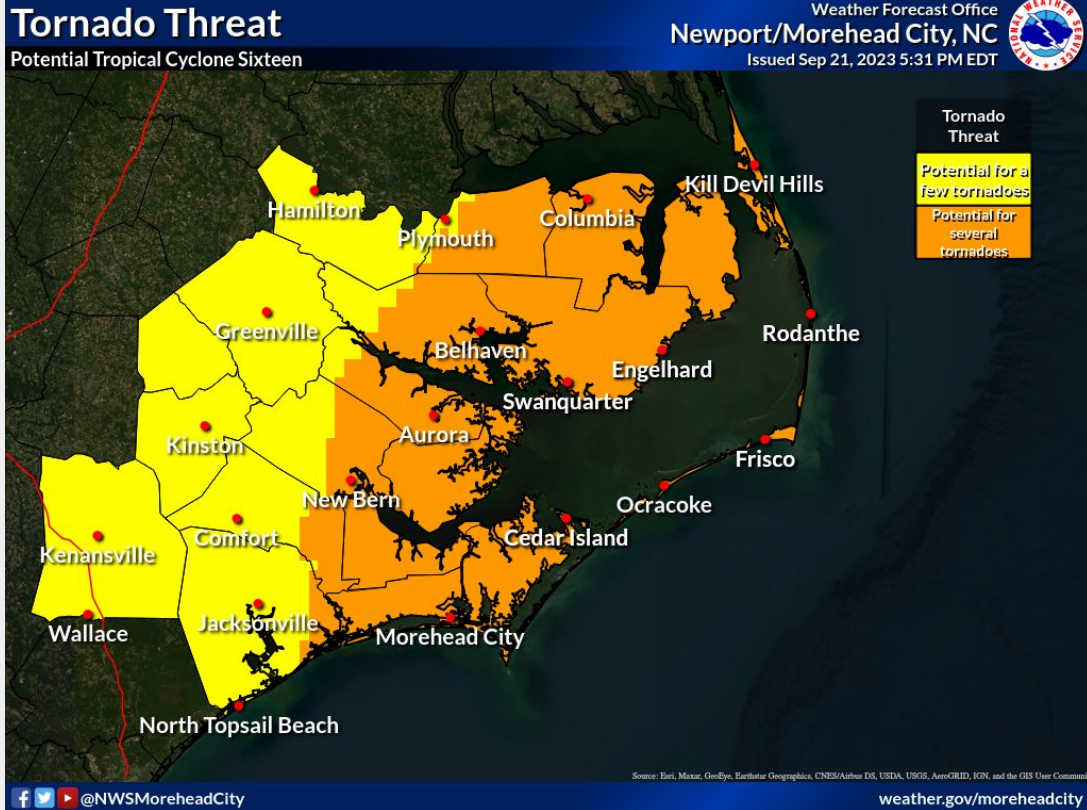
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Potential Tornado Impacts

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- Highest threat in **Orange shaded areas.**
- Potential for several tornadoes in orange shaded areas.
- A few places may experience tornado damage, along with power and communications disruptions.
- **Nighttime tornadoes are particularly dangerous!** Have multiple ways to receive warnings, and at least one that can wake you up at night!

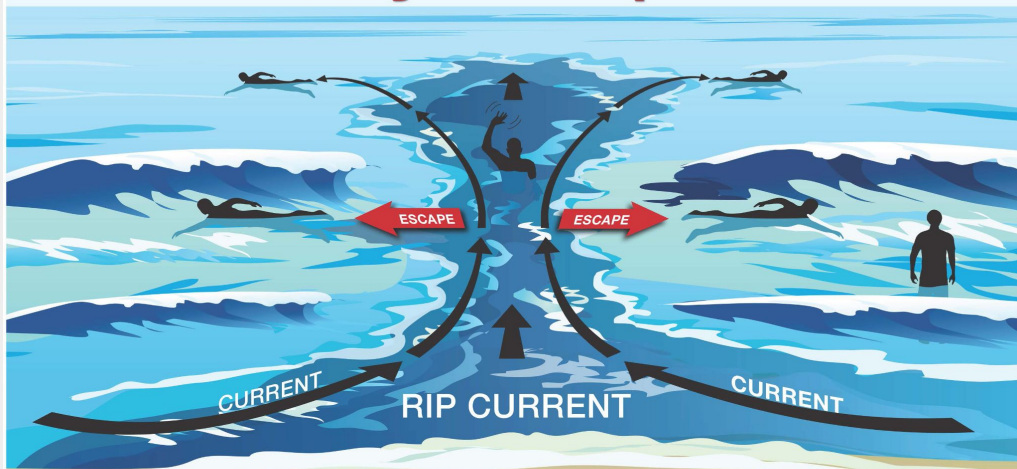


Rip Currents/Beach Erosion/Overwash

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RIP CURRENTS

Know your options



Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.

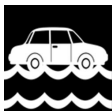
- **Dangerous Rip Currents are expected through the weekend.**
- Beach erosion and ocean overwash continuing through Saturday.



Key Take-Aways

Potential Tropical Cyclone Sixteen

Confidence is **HIGH** that the event will occur
Confidence is **MODERATE** regarding impacts



Storm surge inundation around 2-5 ft above ground is possible across coastal areas, with greatest confidence in impacts around the lower Pamlico and Neuse Rivers.



Tropical storm force winds possible across much of the area with scattered tree damage and power outages possible.



Flood Watch now in effect. Widespread rainfall of 3-5 inches, with locally higher amounts, could result in flash flooding issues, especially around urban and poor drainage areas.



A few tornadoes could bring locally enhanced damage, mainly across the Outer and Inner banks and Down East Carteret County.



Life-threatening surf conditions and dangerous marine conditions continue through the weekend.



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