



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

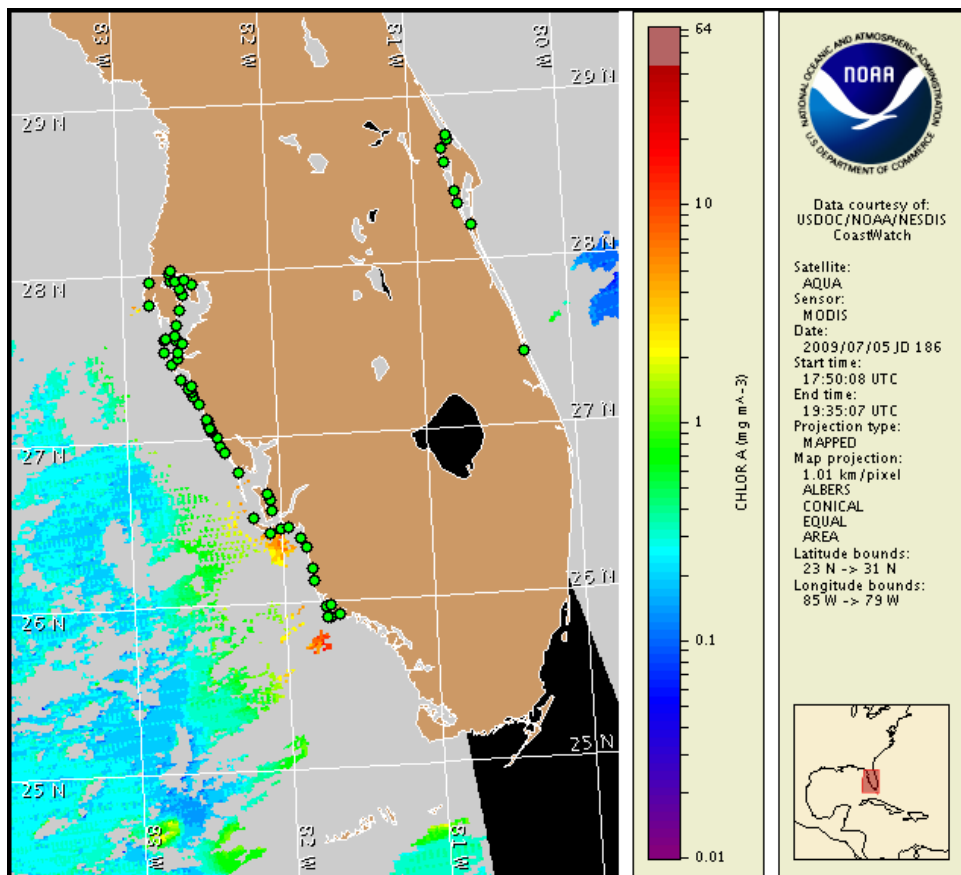
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from June 26 to July 2 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

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Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No impacts are expected alongshore southwest Florida today through Sunday, July 12. Discolored water has been reported in the northwestern region of Tampa Bay over the last week. This discoloration is attributed to a bloom of the algae *Pyrodinium bahamense* which does not produce respiratory irritation impacts associated with the Florida red tide caused by *Karenia brevis*.

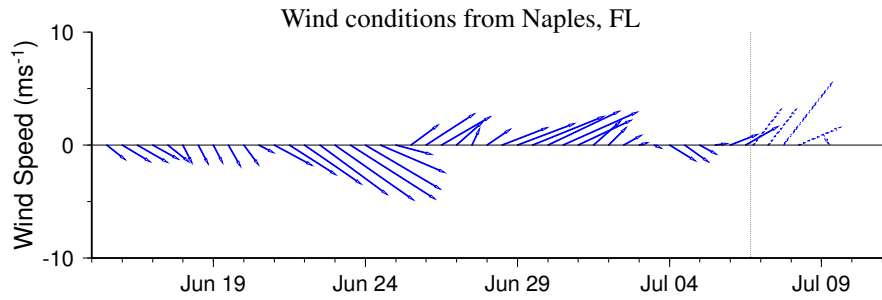
Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in southwest Florida. No *Karenia brevis* was identified in samples collected last week alongshore from Pinellas to Collier Counties (FWRI, SCHD, MML; 6/28-7/1). Blooms of other algal species continue to be identified along much of the southwest Florida coast (FWRI; 6/30-7/1). Satellite imagery has been obscured by clouds throughout the past week, limiting bloom analysis. Although full extents are not visible, MODIS imagery (6/2-6/5) suggests that chlorophyll remains elevated to high alongshore and offshore southern Lee County (southern Sanibel Island region), and offshore southern Collier and Monroe Counties (southwest of Cape Romano and northwest of Cape Sable, respectively).

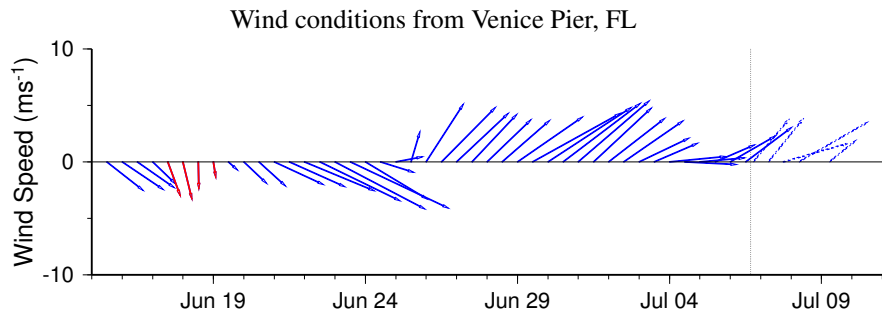
Discolored water continued to be reported last week in the northwestern Tampa Bay region due to a bloom of *Pyrodinium bahamense*. No impacts have been reported in association with this bloom (FWRI, 7/2). Harmful algal bloom formation alongshore southwest Florida is not expected today through Sunday, July 12.

Due to technical difficulties, SeaWiFS imagery is presently unavailable. MODIS imagery has been used for bloom analysis and is displayed on this bulletin.

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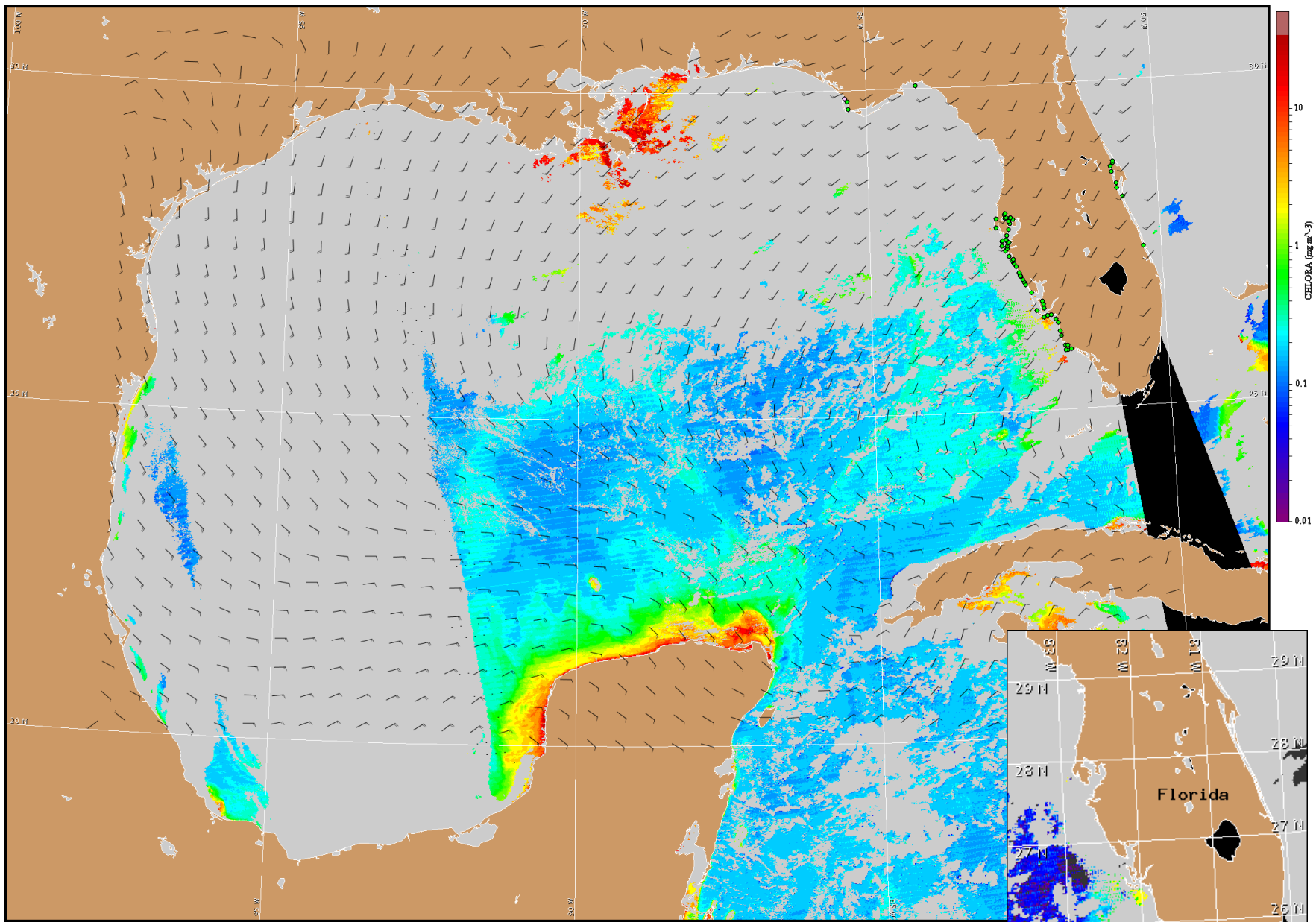


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).



Wind Analysis

Southwest winds today (5-15kn, 3-8m/s). Southwest to west winds Tuesday (5-15kn). South to southwest winds Wednesday (5-10kn, 3-5m/s). Variable winds Thursday (5-10kn). East winds Friday (5-10kn) becoming onshore in the afternoon in Pinellas through Lee Counties.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for July 7, 2009 06Z with Cell concentration sampling data from June 26 to July 2 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).