



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

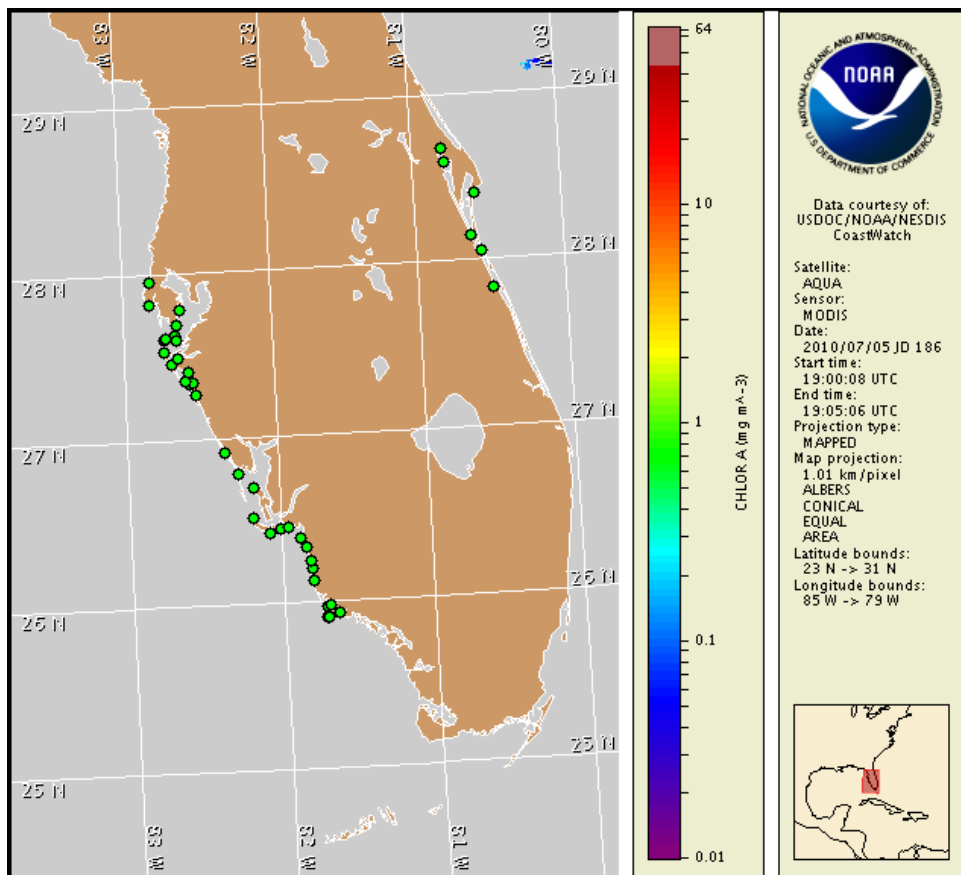
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from June 26 to July 1 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), 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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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 11.

Analysis

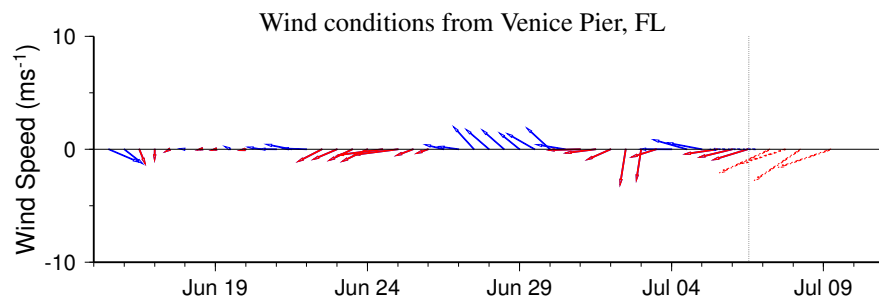
There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom in southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No *Karenia brevis* was identified at the coast last week between Pinellas and Collier counties, or offshore Pinellas County (FWRI, MML, SCHD; 6/28-7/2).

Recent satellite imagery has been completely obscured by clouds and no updated near or offshore chlorophyll analysis of the southwest Florida coast is possible at this time. Elevated chlorophyll last reported visible along and offshore Pinellas, Manatee, Charlotte, Lee, and Monroe counties is likely the result of mixed non-harmful algal blooms that continue to be reported in many southwest Florida counties (FWRI; 6/29-7/2). These regions will continue to be monitored as imagery becomes available.

Harmful algal bloom formation is not expected at the coast through Sunday, July 11.

MODIS imagery is shown at left and on page 2.

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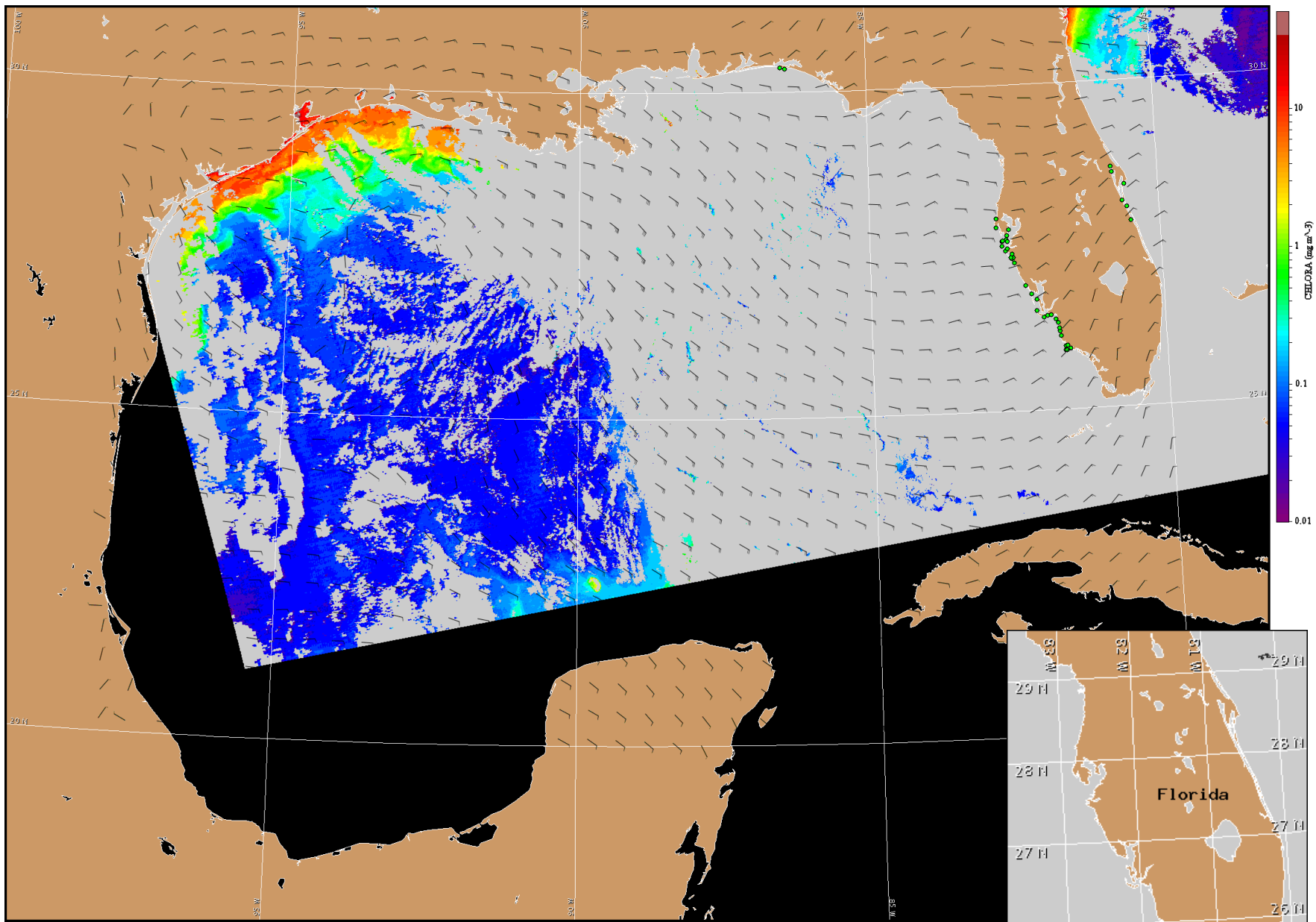


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts.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

Wind Analysis

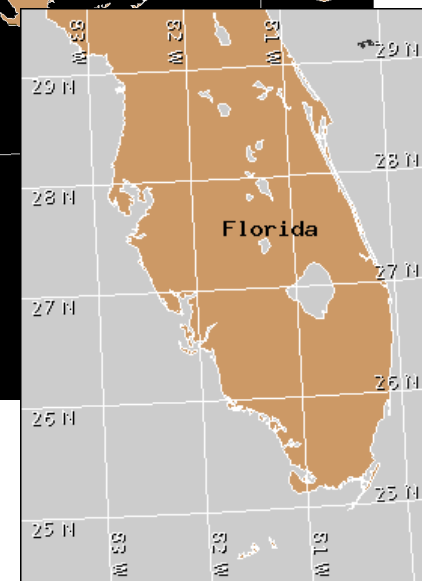
Southwest Florida: East winds (10-15kn, 5-8m/s) today through Wednesday. Southerly winds (10kn, 5m/s) Thursday, becoming northeast to east (5-10kn, 3-5m/s) Thursday night. East winds (5kn, 3m/s) Friday, shifting onshore Friday afternoon. West winds (5kn) Friday night, becoming southeast (5kn) late in the night through Saturday.

To see previous bulletins and forecasts for other Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin regions, visit the NOAA CoastWatch bulletin archive: http://coastwatch.noaa.gov/hab/bulletins_ns.htm



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for July 7, 2010 06Z with Cell concentration sampling data from June 26 to July 1 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).