



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

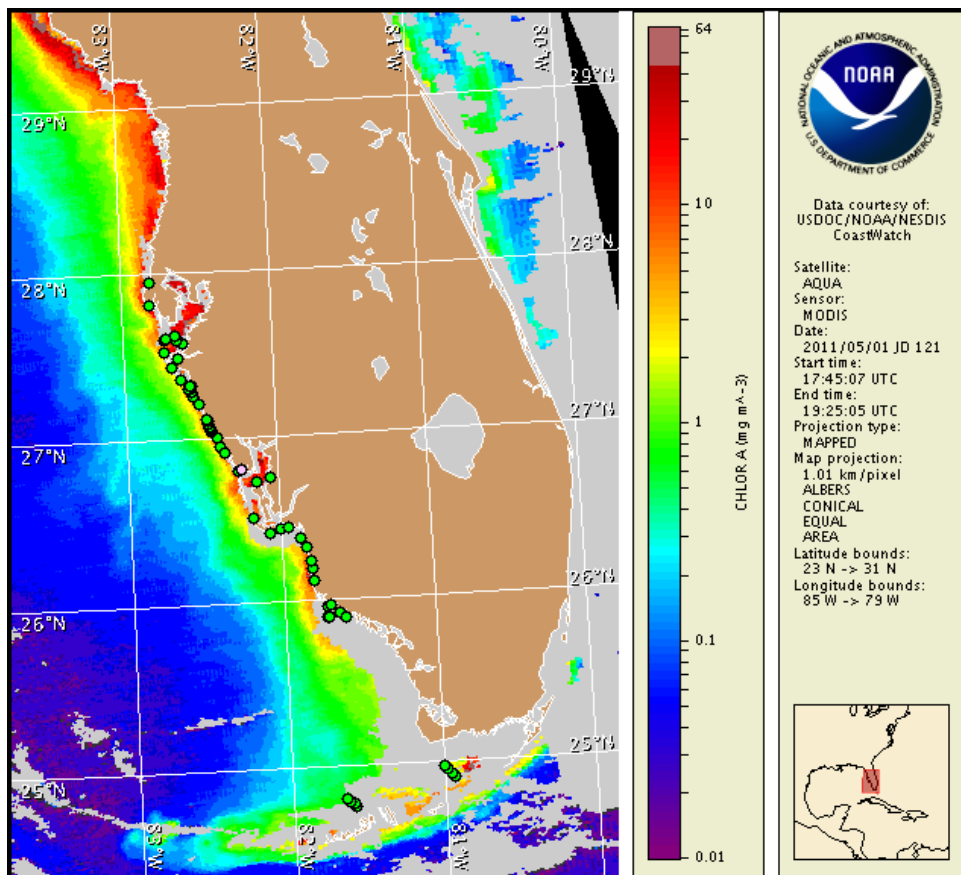
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from April 24 to 28 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Conditions Report

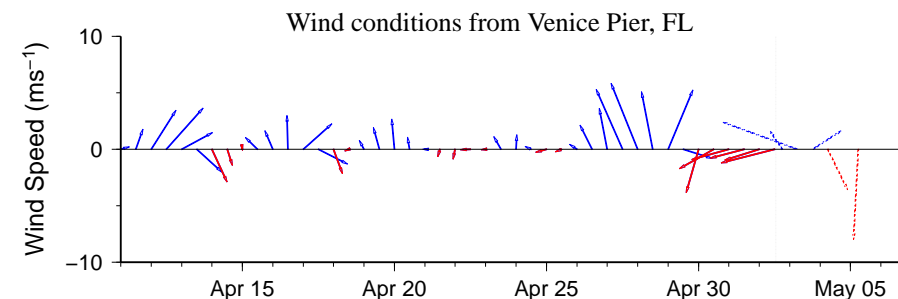
There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom at the coast in southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No impacts are expected alongshore southwest Florida today through Sunday, May 8.

Analysis

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom in southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. Background concentrations of *Karenia brevis* were identified in one sample at Catfish Point in Gasparilla Sound, Charlotte County (FWRI, 4/26) and in one sample at Bay Dock, Sarasota Bay, Sarasota County (MML, 4/25). No additional *K. brevis* was identified in samples taken alongshore southwest Florida from Pinellas to Collier County or offshore the Florida Keys (Monroe County) (FWRI, MML, SCHD, 4/25-4/29).

Recent MODIS imagery (4/25-5/1) shows elevated chlorophyll (2 to <10 µg/L) remains visible within 1-5 miles of the coast alongshore southwest Florida from Pinellas to southern Collier County. Elevated chlorophyll levels at the coast are likely the result of non-toxic algal blooms that continue to be reported by FWRI alongshore several counties in southwest Florida. Harmful algal bloom formation is not expected at the coast through Sunday, May 8.

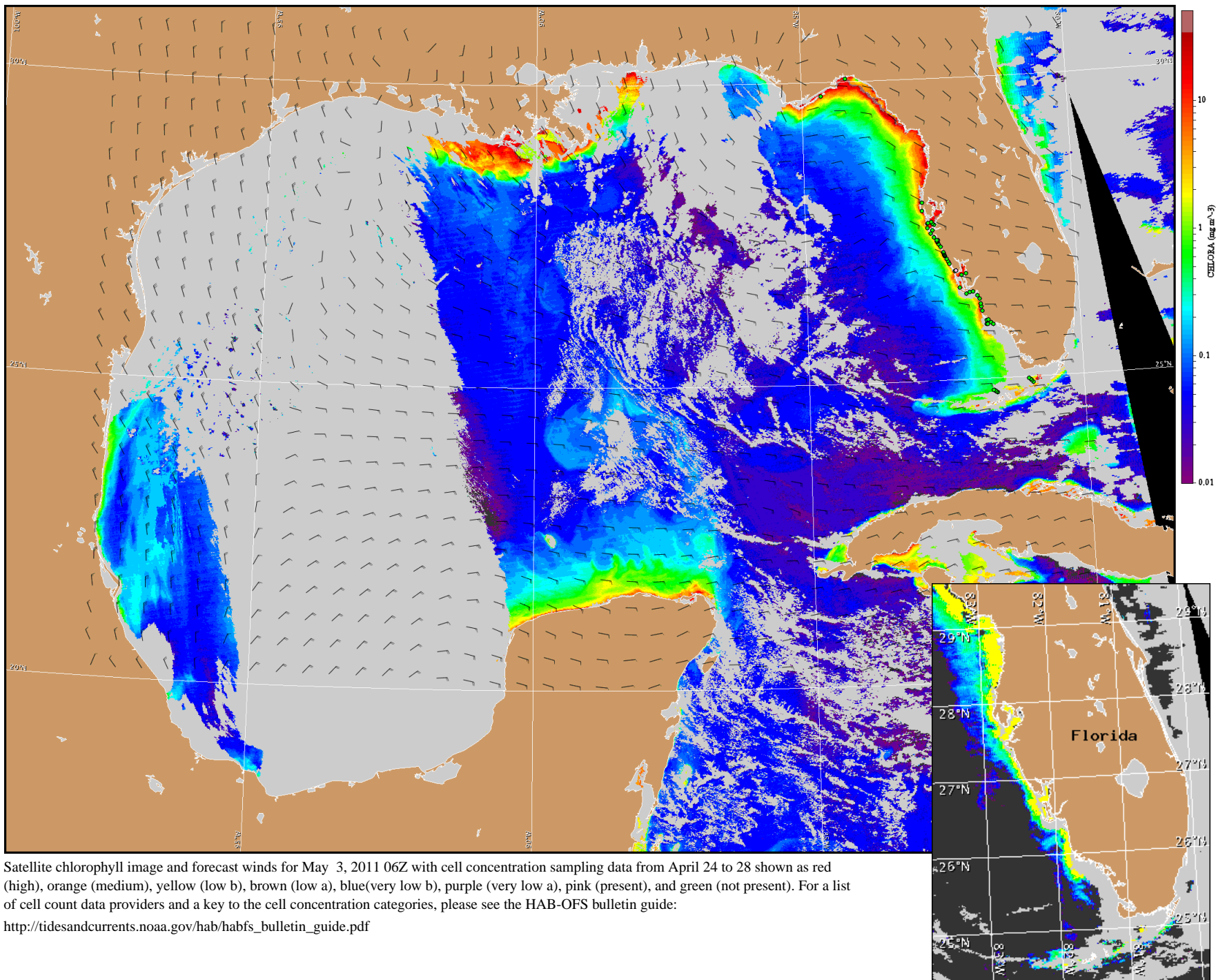
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical 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 (15 kn, 8 m/s) today becoming northwest winds (5-10 kn, 3-5 m/s) this afternoon. East winds (15 kn) tonight. Southeast winds (10-15 kn) Tuesday becoming west (5-10 kn) Tuesday afternoon. North winds (10-15 kn) Tuesday night and Wednesday. Northeast winds (15-20 kn, 8-10 m/s) Wednesday night and Thursday. East winds (15 kn) Thursday night. Northeast winds (10 kn) Friday becoming northwest Friday afternoon.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 3, 2011 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from April 24 to 28 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 HAB-OFS 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).