



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

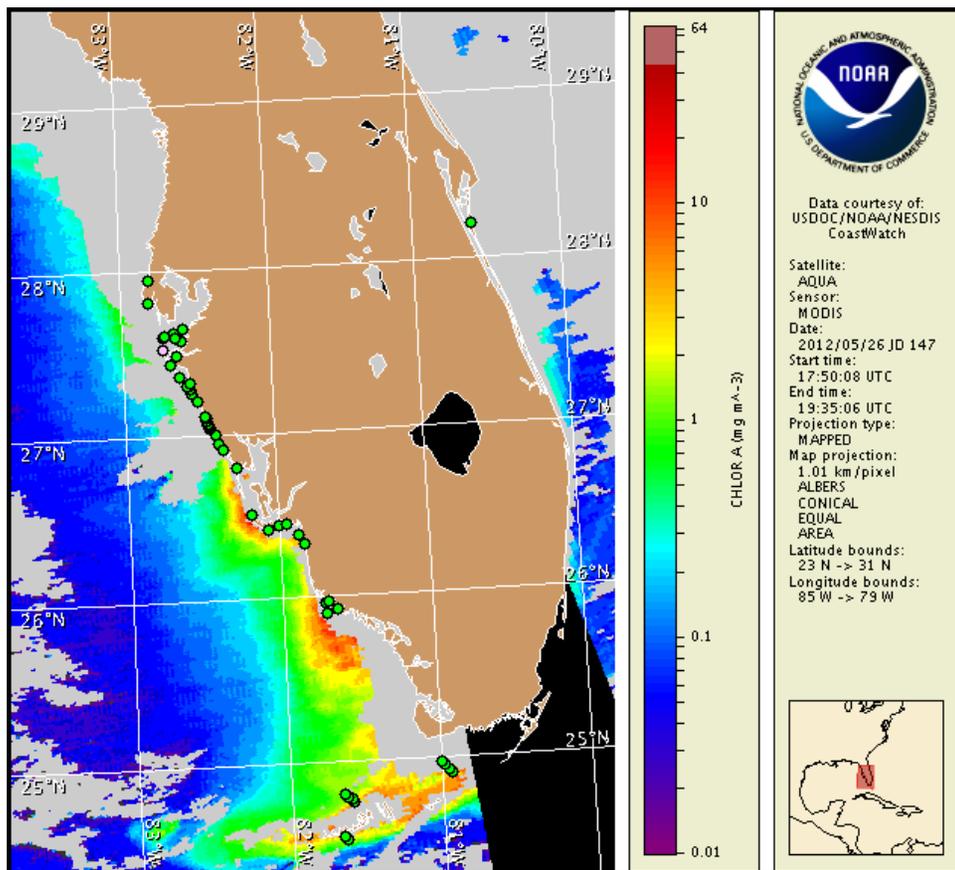
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from May 19 to 25 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), 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:

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

Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Florida FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at:

<http://myfwc.com/research/redtide/events/status/statewide/>

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Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom in southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No impacts are expected alongshore southwest Florida today through Sunday, June 3.

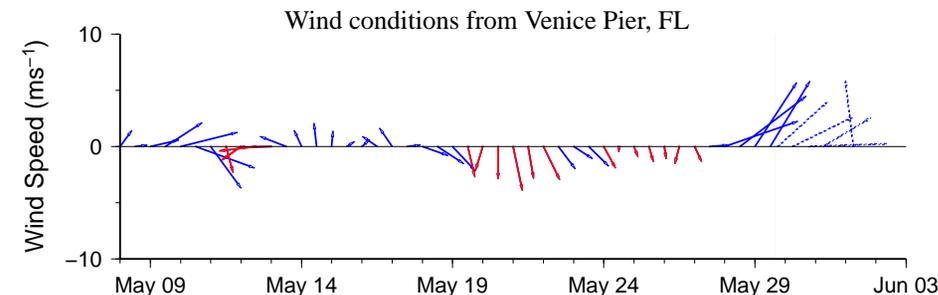
Analysis

Southwest Florida: There is currently no indication of a *Karenia brevis* bloom in southwest Florida. Recent samples collected from the gulfside of Anna Maria Island in Manatee County identified background concentrations of *K. brevis* (5/22; FWRI). All other samples collected alongshore Pinellas, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier and Monroe counties, including the Florida Keys, indicate that *K. brevis* is not present (5/15-25; FWRI, MML).

Recent MODIS imagery (5/26; shown left) is partially obscured by clouds along the coast of southwest Florida, limiting analysis. Patches of elevated to high chlorophyll (2-11 $\mu\text{g/L}$) are visible from Lee to Monroe counties and in the Florida Keys (2-7 $\mu\text{g/L}$). Elevated chlorophyll is likely the result of non-toxic algal blooms that continue to be reported in several counties alongshore southwest Florida (5/21-23; FWRI).

Harmful algal bloom formation alongshore southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys, is not expected today through Sunday, June 3.

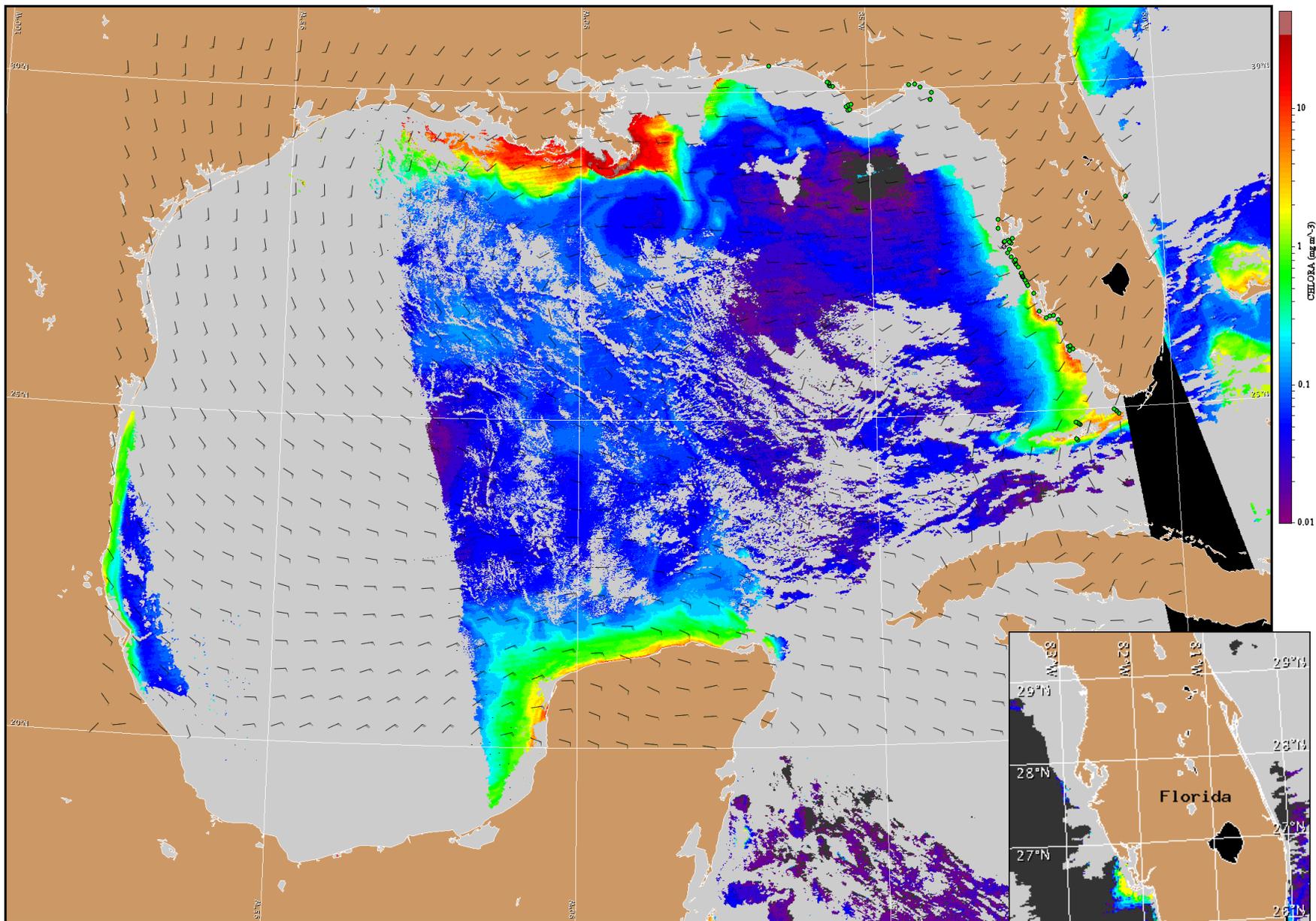
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical 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

SW Florida: Southwest to west winds (10-15 kn, 5-8 m/s) today through Thursday. South winds (10 kn, 5 m/s) Thursday night through Friday night. Southwest to west winds (5-10 kn, 3-5 m/s) Saturday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 30, 2012 06Z with cell concentration sampling data from May 19 to 25 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).