



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

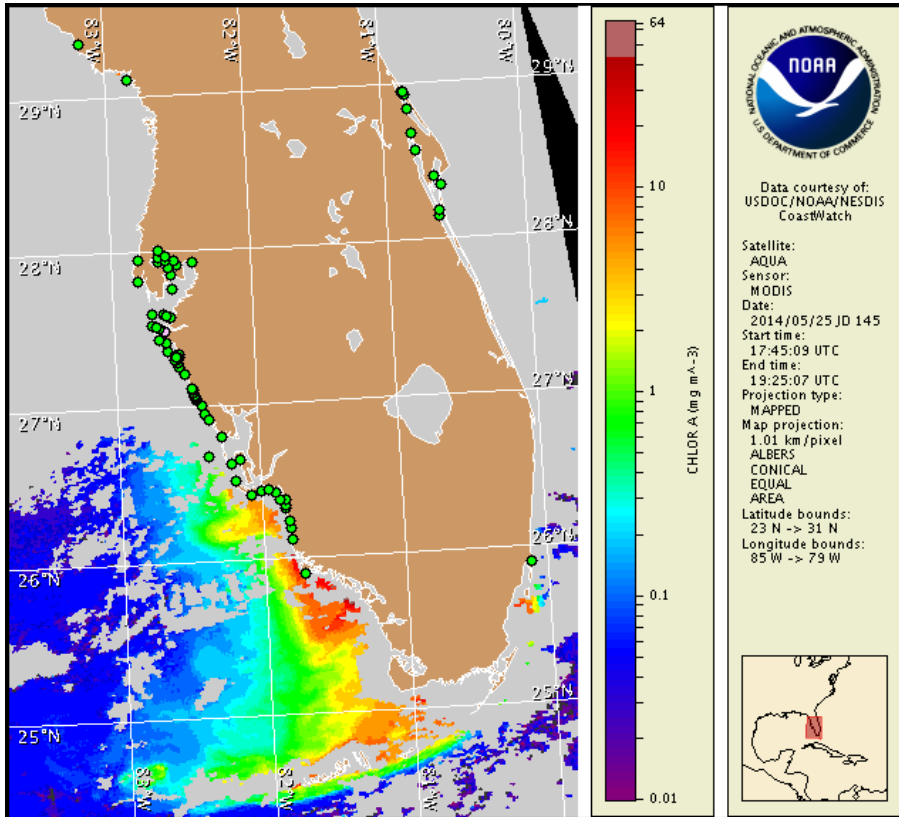
Tuesday, 27 May 2014

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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from May 17 to 22: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample 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 FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at:

<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>

To see previous bulletins and forecasts for other Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin regions, visit at: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/bulletins.html>

Conditions Report

Karenia brevis (commonly known as Florida red tide) ranges from not present to background concentrations along the coast of southwest Florida, and is not present in the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation is expected Tuesday, May 27 through Monday, June 2.

Check http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/beach_conditions.html for recent, local observations.

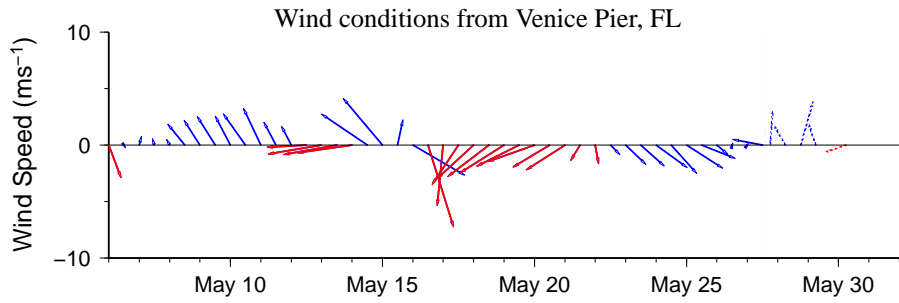
Analysis

Samples collected over the past ten days along the coast of southwest Florida from Pinellas to Collier counties all indicate that *Karenia brevis* is not present, with the exception of one background concentration identified in a sample collected in Manatee County at Palma Sola Bay (FWRI, MML, SCHD, CCPCPD; 5/17-5/22).

Recent MODIS Aqua imagery alongshore southwest Florida has been obscured by clouds, limiting analysis. In MODIS Aqua imagery from 5/25, (shown left) patches of elevated to high chlorophyll (2 to 15 $\mu\text{g/L}$) are visible along- and offshore portions of southern Lee and Collier Counties.

Harmful algal bloom formation at the coast of southwest Florida is not expected today through Monday, June 2.

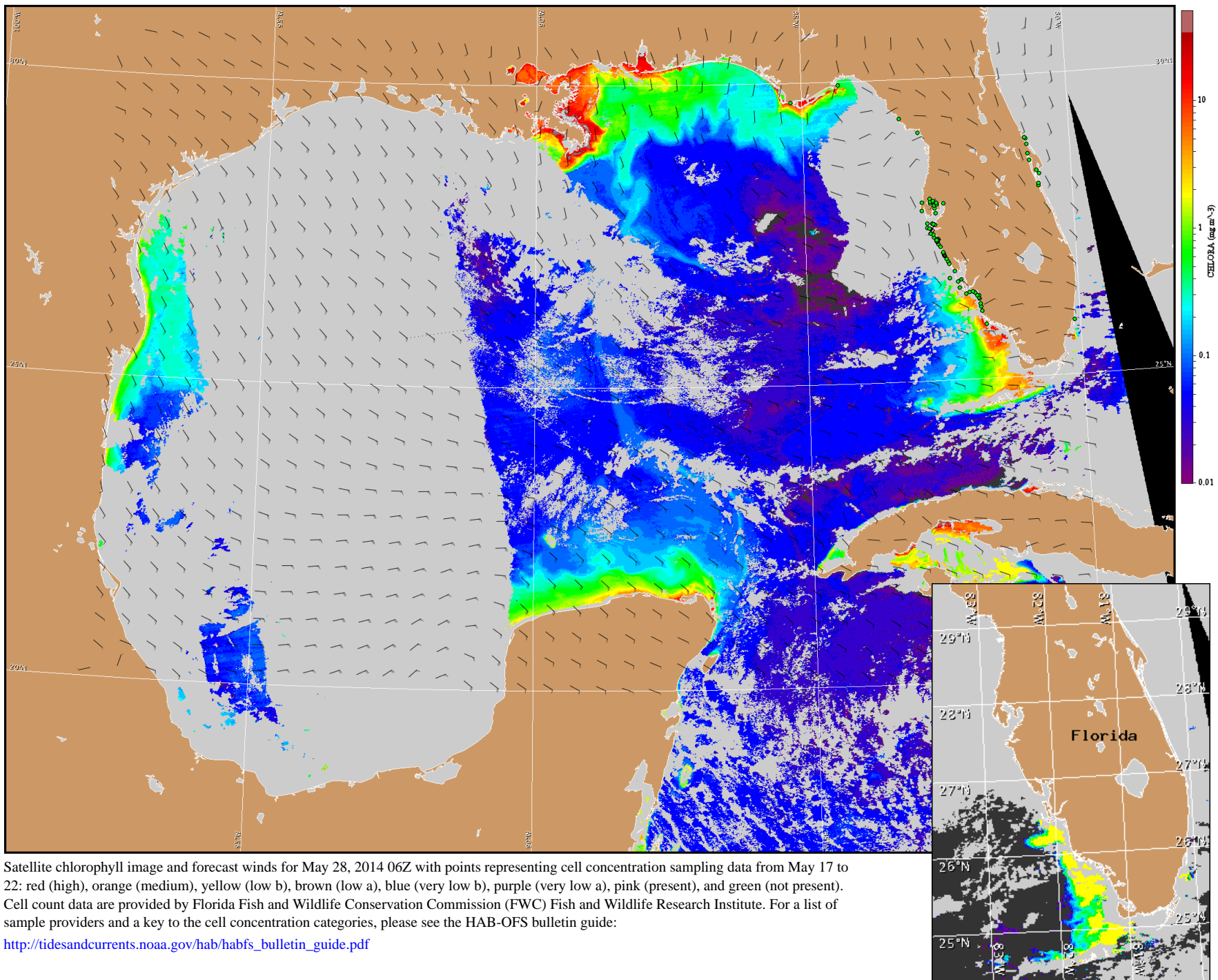
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical 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: Southeast winds (10kn, 5m/s) today becoming west winds in the afternoon. North winds (5kn, 3m/s) tonight becoming southeast winds (10kn) after midnight. South to southeast winds (5-10kn, 3-5m/s) during the day on Wednesday and Thursday, becoming east winds (5kn) in the evenings. Southeast winds (10kn) Friday, becoming west winds in the afternoon. Northeast winds (5kn) Friday evening becoming southeast winds after midnight. Southeast winds (5kn) Saturday becoming west winds (10kn) in the afternoon.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for May 28, 2014 06Z with points representing cell concentration sampling data from May 17 to 22: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample 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).