



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

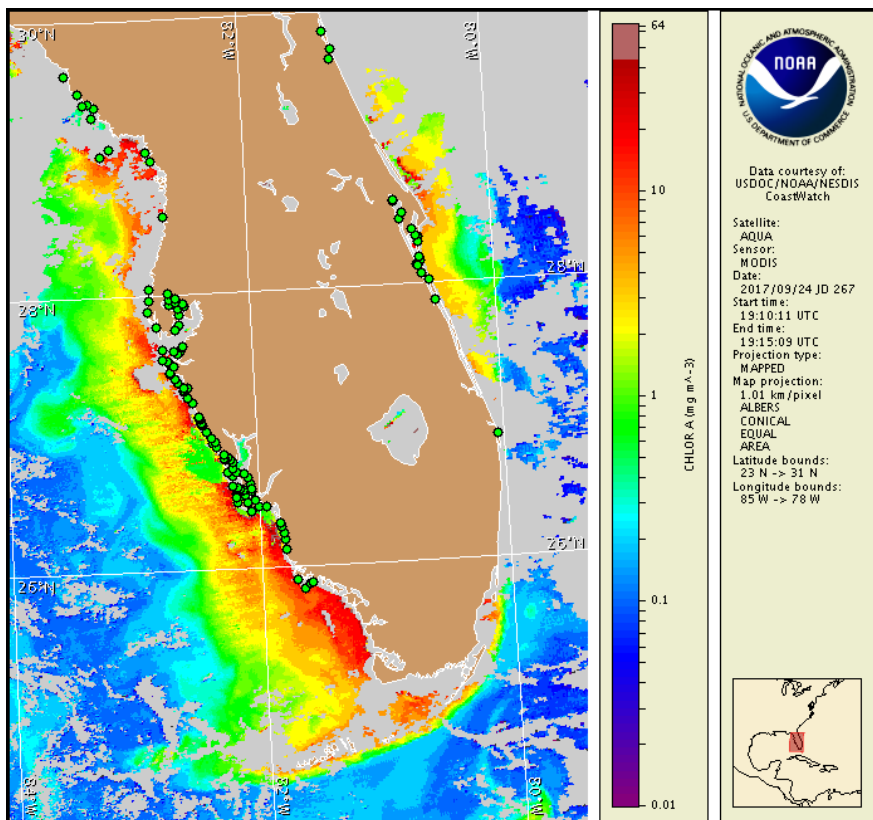
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible K. brevis HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from September 15 to 21: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very 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:

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/hab_publication/GOMX_HAB_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: <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx.html>

Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Florida red tide) along the coast of southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation is expected Monday, September 25 through Monday, October 2. For recent, local observations and data check Mote Marine Laboratory Daily Beach Conditions (<http://visitbeaches.org/>) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Red Tide Status (<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>).

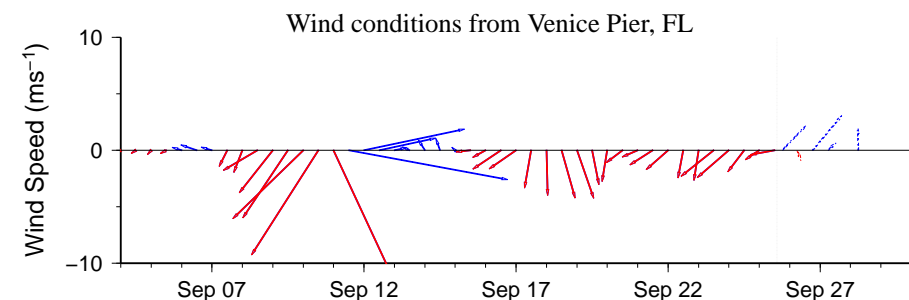
Analysis

Recent samples received from alongshore southwest Florida from Pinellas to Collier counties indicate *Karenia brevis* is not present, (FWRI, MML, SCHD; 9/15-9/21). Detailed sample information and a summary of impacts can be obtained through FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at: <http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>.

Recent ensemble imagery (MODIS Aqua, 9/24 shown left) is partially obscured by clouds alongshore southwest Florida from Pinellas to Sarasota counties, limiting analysis. Patches of elevated to very high chlorophyll (2 to >20 µg/L) are visible along- and off-shore southwest Florida from Pinellas to Monroe counties, with the optical characteristics of *K. brevis*, which may be the result of mixed non-harmful algal blooms that continue to be reported in the region.

Forecasted winds today through Friday may decrease the potential for *K. brevis* bloom formation at the coast.

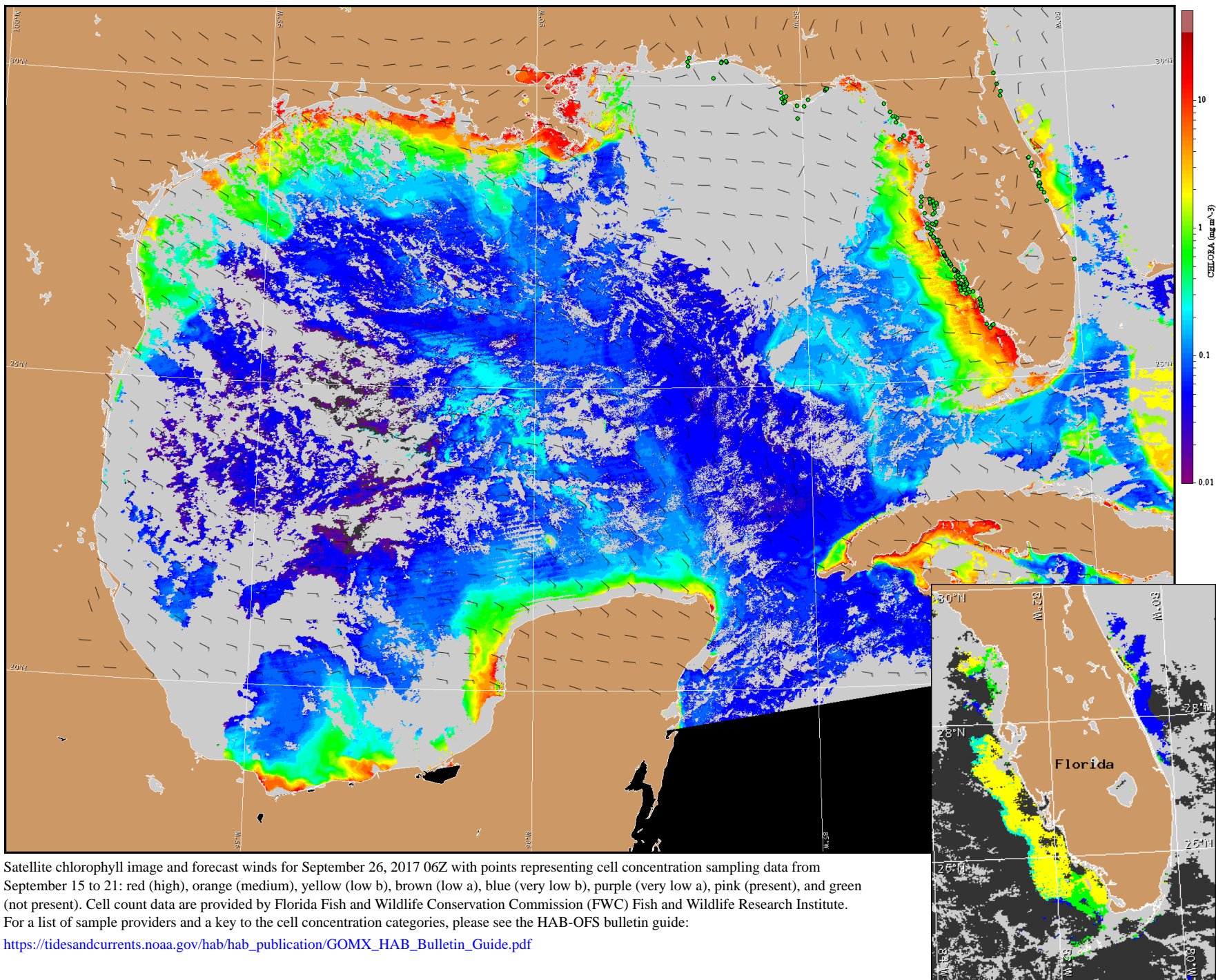
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical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

Englewood to Tarpon Springs (Venice): Variable winds (5-10kn, 3-5m/s) today through Tuesday. Northwest winds (10kn, 5m/s) Tuesdays night through Wednesday night. Northwest to west winds (5kn, 3m/s) Thursday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for September 26, 2017 06Z with points representing cell concentration sampling data from September 15 to 21: 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 with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).