Current Watches and Warnings

A **Tropical Storm Warning** is in effect from Cape May, New Jersey to Watch Hill, Rhode Island; including Long Island, New York and Long Island Sound

Current Details from the National Hurricane Center (NHC)

COORDINATES: 35.5° north, 74.9° west

LOCATION: 195 miles (310 kilometers) south of Ocean City, Maryland

MOVEMENT: north at 7 mph (11 kph)

WINDS: 45 mph (75 kph) with gusts to 60 mph (95 kph)

RADIUS OF TROPICAL STORM-FORCE WINDS: 140 miles (220 kilometers)

MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE: 1005 millibars SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE RANKING*: Tropical Storm

FORECAST LANDFALL LOCATION: New Jersey or New York
FORECAST LANDFALL TIMEFRAME: late Friday evening local time

Latest Satellite Picture



Source: NOAA; NASA; Colorado State University (RAMMB)



Discussion

Tropical Storm Faye, located approximately 195 miles (310 kilometers) south of Ocean City, Maryland, is currently tracking north at 7 mph (11 kph). Radar and surface observations continue to show that the area of low pressure near the coast of North Carolina had a reforming of its center today, which is located closer to a main area of thunderstorm activity located east of the Outer Banks. An Air Force Reserve reconnaissance aircraft flew into the system earlier this afternoon and discovered that the center is near the edge of the convective mass and is producing an area of wind speeds approaching 45 mph (75 kph). These winds are primarily located to the east and southeast of the center. Based on this data, the National Hurricane Center has initiated advisories on Tropical Storm Fay with 45 mph (75 kph) winds. This makes Fay the earliest sixth-named storm on record in the Atlantic Ocean; data records extend to 1851. The previous record was Tropical Storm Franklin on July 22, 2005.

Fay is currently located over the warm waters of the Gulf Stream and within an area of light to moderate westerly wind shear. These conditions could allow for slight strengthening tonight and Friday. After that time, the circulation is forecast to interact with the Mid-Atlantic coast and start traversing cooler waters north of the Gulf Stream that will likely limit any further intensification. Fay should quickly weaken after coming ashore on Friday night or Saturday.

Since a new center has recently formed, the initial motion highly uncertain towards the north. Fay is expected to move generally northward between a ridge of high pressure located over the western Atlantic Ocean and an approaching mid-latitude trough. The forecast model guidance has come into much better agreement on a track very close to the U.S. Mid-Atlantic coast. The NHC track lies along the left side of the guidance envelope but it is not as far west as what is indicated in the model fields.

The NHC track and intensity forecast has required the issuance of a Tropical Storm Warning for a portion of the U.S. coast from the Mid-Atlantic states to southern New England.

Key Messages from the National Hurricane Center

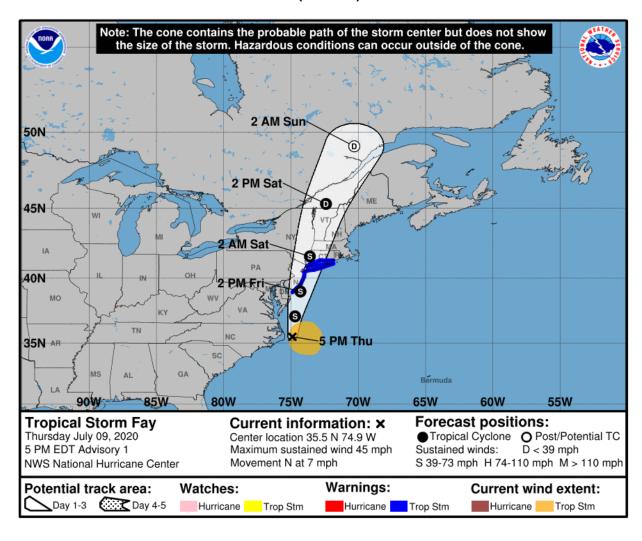
- 1. Fay is expected to produce 3 to 5 inches of rain with isolated totals of 8 inches along and near the track across the Mid-Atlantic States into southeast New York and southern New England. These rains may result in flash flooding where the heaviest amounts occur. Widespread river flooding is not expected at this time.
- 2. Tropical storm conditions are expected along portions of the Mid-Atlantic and northeast coast Friday and Friday night, and a Tropical Storm Warning has been issued for the coasts of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, including Long Island.

Additional Information

RAINFALL: Fay is expected to produce 3 to 5 inches of rain along and near the track of Fay across the mid-Atlantic states into southeast New York and southern New England. These rains may result in flash flooding where the heaviest amounts occur.

WIND: Tropical storm conditions are expected to first reach the coast within the warning area on Friday and spread northward through the warning area Friday night.

National Hurricane Center (NHC) Forecast

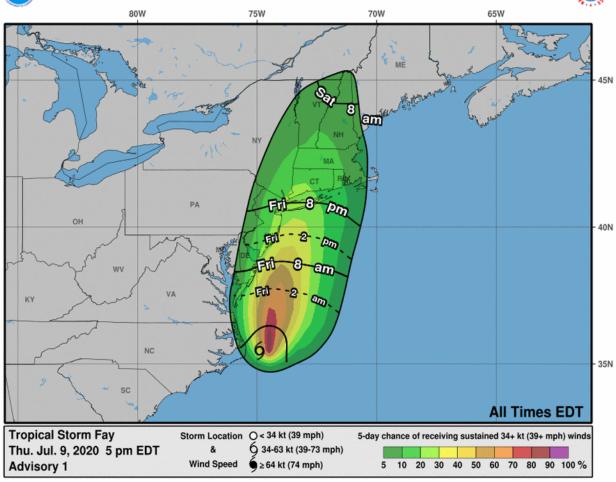


Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical Storm-Force Winds



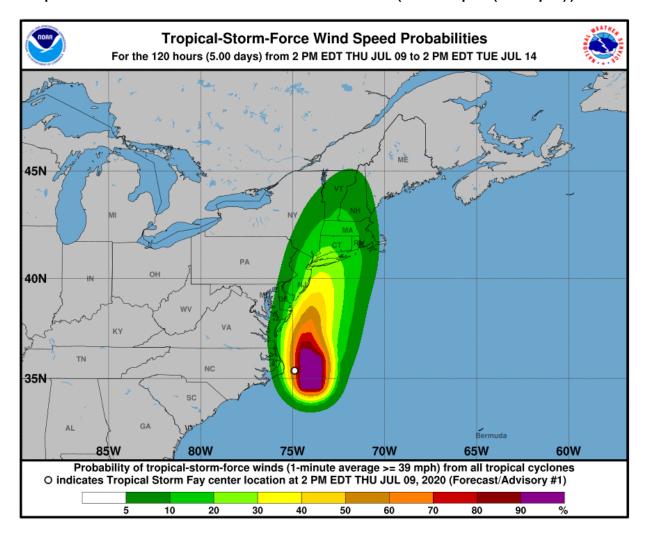
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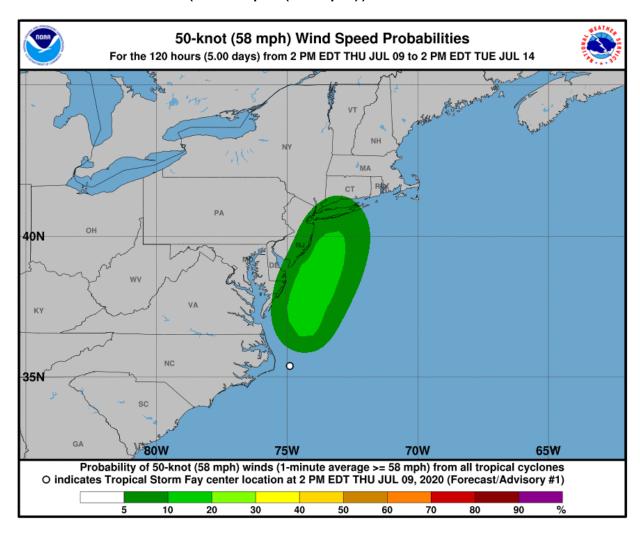


National Hurricane Center: Wind Speed Probabilities

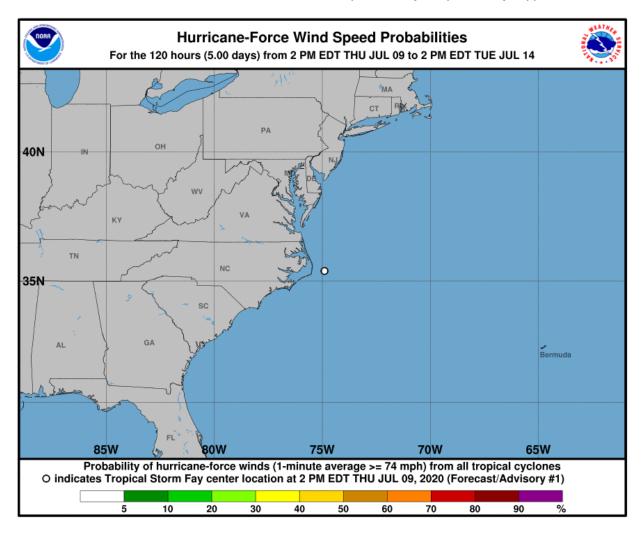
Tropical Storm-Force Wind Probabilities (≥40 mph (65 kph))



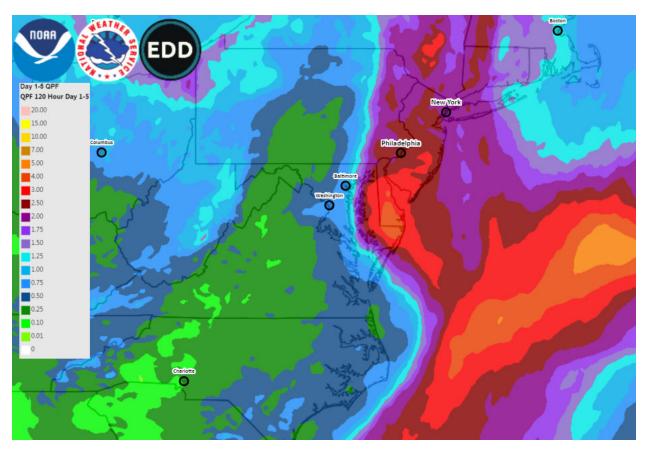
Wind Probabilities (≥60 mph (95 kph))



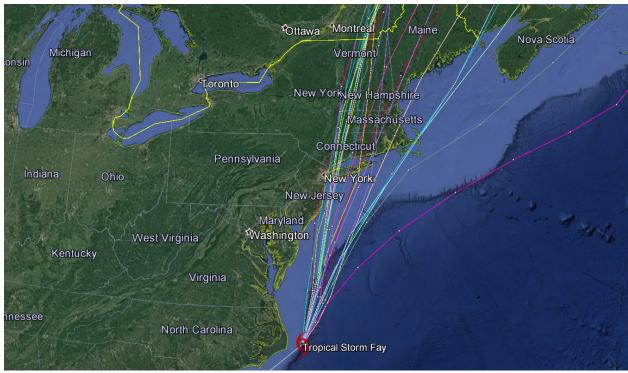
Hurricane-Force Wind Probabilities (≥75 mph (120 kph))



Weather Prediction Center: Rainfall Potential



Current 'Spaghetti' Model Output Data



Source: NHC

Additional Information and Update Schedule

Wind intensity forecasts and forecast track information can be found via the National Hurricane Center at $\underline{www.nhc.noaa.gov}$

NEXT CAT ALERT: Friday morning after 10:00 AM Central Time (15:00 UTC).

*Tropical Cyclone Intensity Classifications for Global Basins

WIND SPEED			BASINS AND MONITORING BUREAU						
KTS ¹	MPH ¹	KPH ¹	NE Pacific, Atlantic	NW Pacific	NW Pacific	SW Pacific	Australi a	SW Indian	North Indian
			National Hurricane Center (NHC)	Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC)	Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)	Fiji Meteorologica I Service (FMS)	Bureau Of Meteorology (BOM)	Meteo-France (MF)	India Meteorologica I Department (IMD)
30	35	55	Tropical Depressio n	Tropical Depressio n	Tropical Depression	Tropical Depression	Tropical Low	Tropical Depressio n	Deep Depression
35	40	65	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	Cat. 1 Tropical Cyclone	Cat. 1 Tropical Cyclone	Moderate Tropical Storm	Cyclonic Storm
40	45	75							
45	50	85							
50	60	95			Severe Tropical Storm	Cat. 2 Tropical Cyclone	Cat. 2 Tropical Cyclone	Severe Tropical Storm	Severe Cyclonic Storm
55	65	100							
60	70	110							
65	75	120	Cat. 1 Hurricane	Typhoon	Typhoon	Cat. 3 Severe Tropical Cyclone	Cat. 3 Severe Tropical Cyclone	Tropical Cyclone	Very Severe Cyclonic Storm
70	80	130							
75	85	140							
80	90	150							
85	100	160	Cat. 2 Hurricane						
90	105	170				Cat. 4 Severe Tropical Cyclone	Cat. 4 Severe Tropical Cyclone	Intense Tropical Cyclone	
95	110	175							
100	115	185	Cat. 3 Major Hurricane						
105	120	195							
110	125	205				Cat. 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone	Cat. 5 Severe Tropical Cyclone		
115	130	210							
120	140	220	Cat. 4 Major Hurricane					Very Intense Tropical Cyclone	Super Cyclonic Storm
125	145	230							
130	150	240		Super Typhoon					
135	155	250							
140	160	260	Cat. 5 Major Hurricane						
>140	>160	>260							

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