



# Winter Storm Briefing #5

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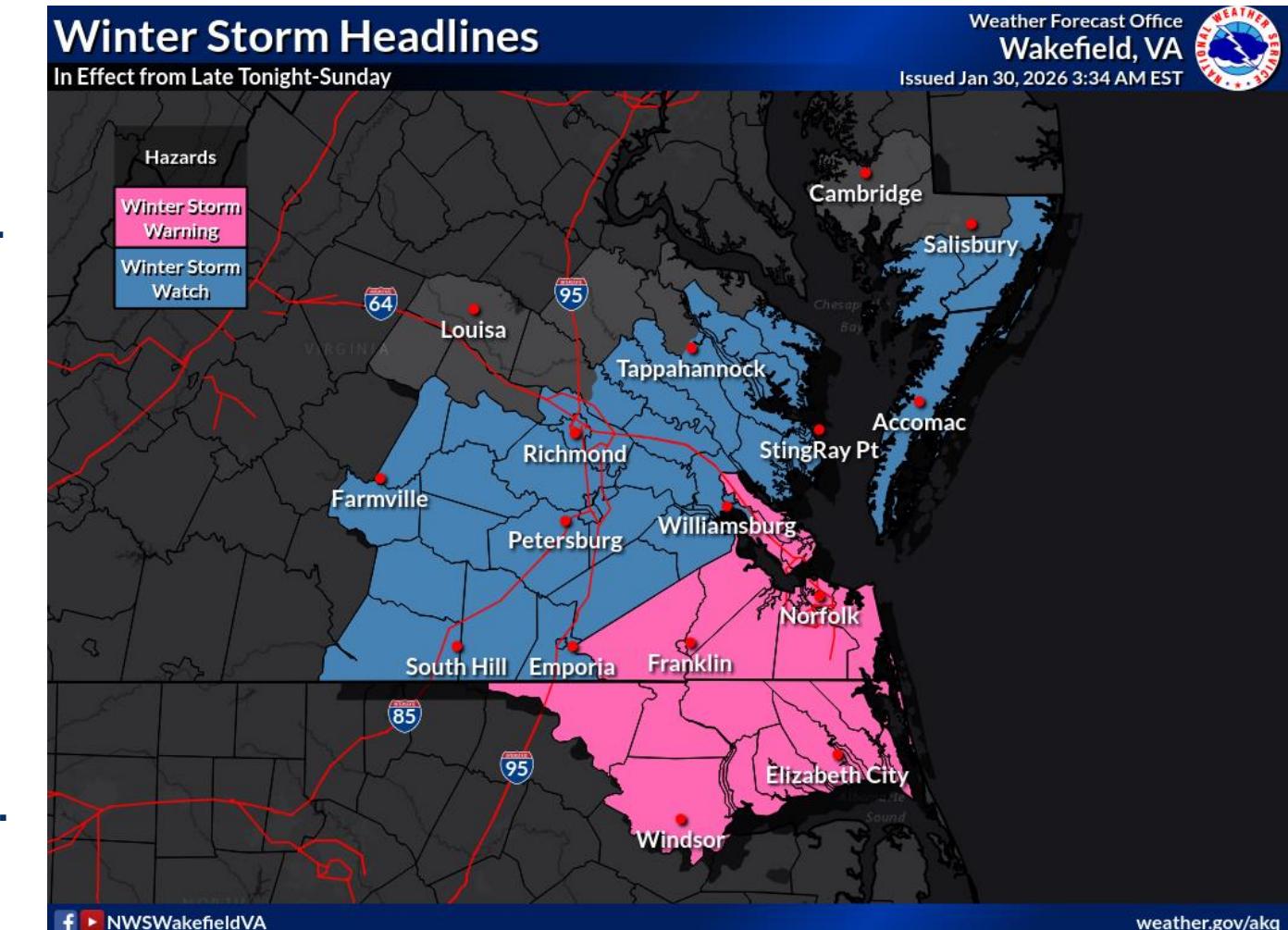
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- Covering the period from Friday, January 30th to Thursday, February 5th.
- **Next Scheduled Full Email Briefing: Today, January 30, 2026 by 3:30 PM.**
- **Next Live Online Briefing Today, January 30, 2026 at 11 AM**  
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- **This briefing is updated daily at 9 AM and 3:30 PM**  
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## What Has Changed?

- Winter Storm Watches have been upgraded to **Winter Storm Warnings** for SE VA and NE NC, including Hampton Roads.
- A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect tonight-Saturday for the entire area
- **Coastal Flood Watches** have been issued for portions of SE VA and NE NC.
- Marine: Storm Watches have been upgraded to **Storm Warnings** for the coastal waters S of Cape Charles, with **Heavy Freezing Spray Watches** for the bay, Lower James, and coastal waters N of Parramore Island.



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# Highlights

- A winter storm arrives this weekend, starting late tonight and peaking Saturday evening through Sunday morning. 6-12" of snow is expected in SE VA and NE NC, with a sharp cutoff in snow totals to the northwest. Totals could go from 1" to 6"+ in less than 50 miles. **Winter Storm Warnings** have been issued for SE VA/NE NC where confidence in heavy snow is highest, and **watches remain in effect farther NW (including the Richmond Metro)** where uncertainty is higher and/or totals have trended down.
- Strong winds are likely with this storm, especially along the coast where **winds may be damaging. Blizzard conditions are possible** with the greatest chance along the coast.
- Very cold wind chills are expected beginning tonight and continuing into Sunday with the coldest wind chills Saturday night into early Sunday where wind chills below 0F are possible area-wide. **Cold Weather Advisories** are in effect from tonight into early Saturday night with **Extreme Cold Watches** in effect from Saturday night into Sunday morning.
- Tidal flooding is likely Saturday night into Sunday. **Moderate to locally major tidal flooding is possible**, especially in the lower Chesapeake Bay. Beach and dune erosion are likely on Sunday. Due to very cold temperatures, any tidal flooding could freeze to road surfaces. **Coastal Flood Watches** are in effect for Norfolk/Chesapeake, VA Beach, Northampton County VA and Eastern Currituck County.
- **Marine Weather - Storm Warnings** have been issued for the **coastal waters S of Cape Charles** from Sat night-Sun, and Storm Watches remain in effect for the bay, Lower James, and northern coastal waters. Small Craft Advisories are in effect today. **Heavy Freezing Spray Watches** have been issued for the bay, Lower James, and northern coastal waters from Sat night-Sun AM.





# Winter Storm Timeline

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Snow showers begin later this afternoon across the Piedmont. Could see light accumulations.

Low pressure is expected to strengthen, leading to heavy snowfall and blizzard conditions near the coast as winds gust to 40-50+ mph. Wind chills will be below zero for most locations.

Blizzard conditions remain possible along the coast early Sunday morning. Snow ends west to east by midday/early afternoon. Gusty winds persist everywhere.



Today



Saturday



Very  
Cold

Saturday Night



Coastal  
Flooding



WINDY  
Sunday



WINDY

Sunday  
Night



Snow overspreads the area as low pressure develops. Snow will become heavier later near the coast. Winds increase in the afternoon.

Coastal flooding will begin in the evening. Moderate to locally major tidal flooding is possible, especially along the southern Chesapeake Bay. Peaks Sunday morning/midday.



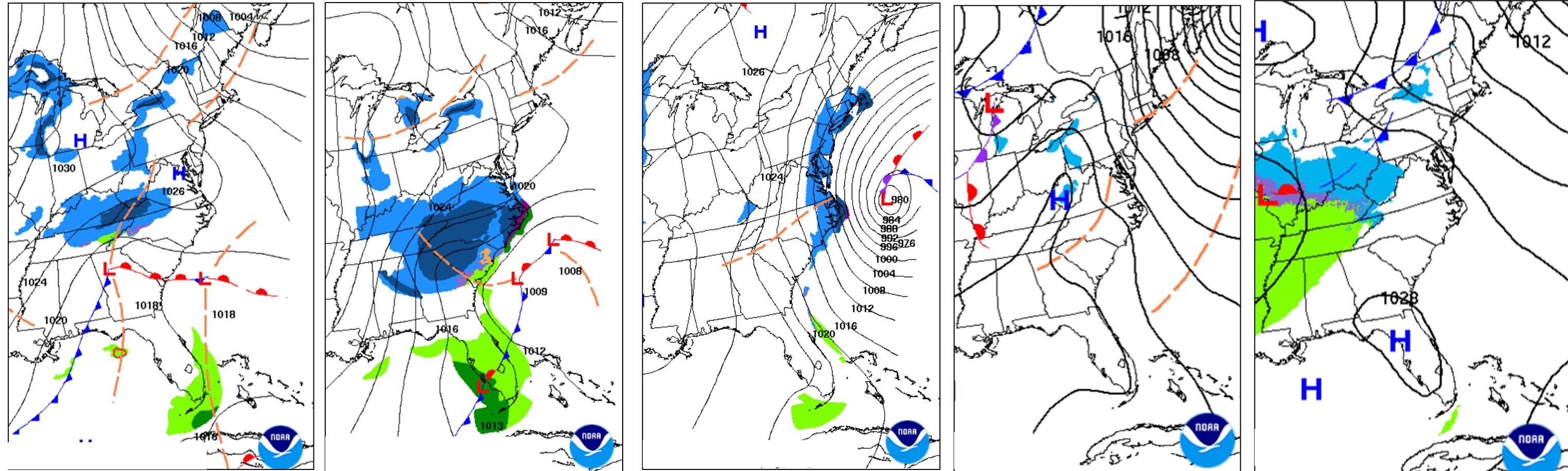
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# Weather Pattern / Outlook

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## Today

Increasing clouds and very cold with a chance for light snow in the afternoon across south-central VA.

## Saturday

Developing low pressure brings the threat for snow and increasing winds. Blizzard conditions are possible near the coast Sat evening/night.

## Sunday

Intense low pressure offshore brings the potential for additional winter weather and very strong winds along the coast.

## Monday

Still cold, but dry with diminishing winds.

## Tuesday

Cool and dry.

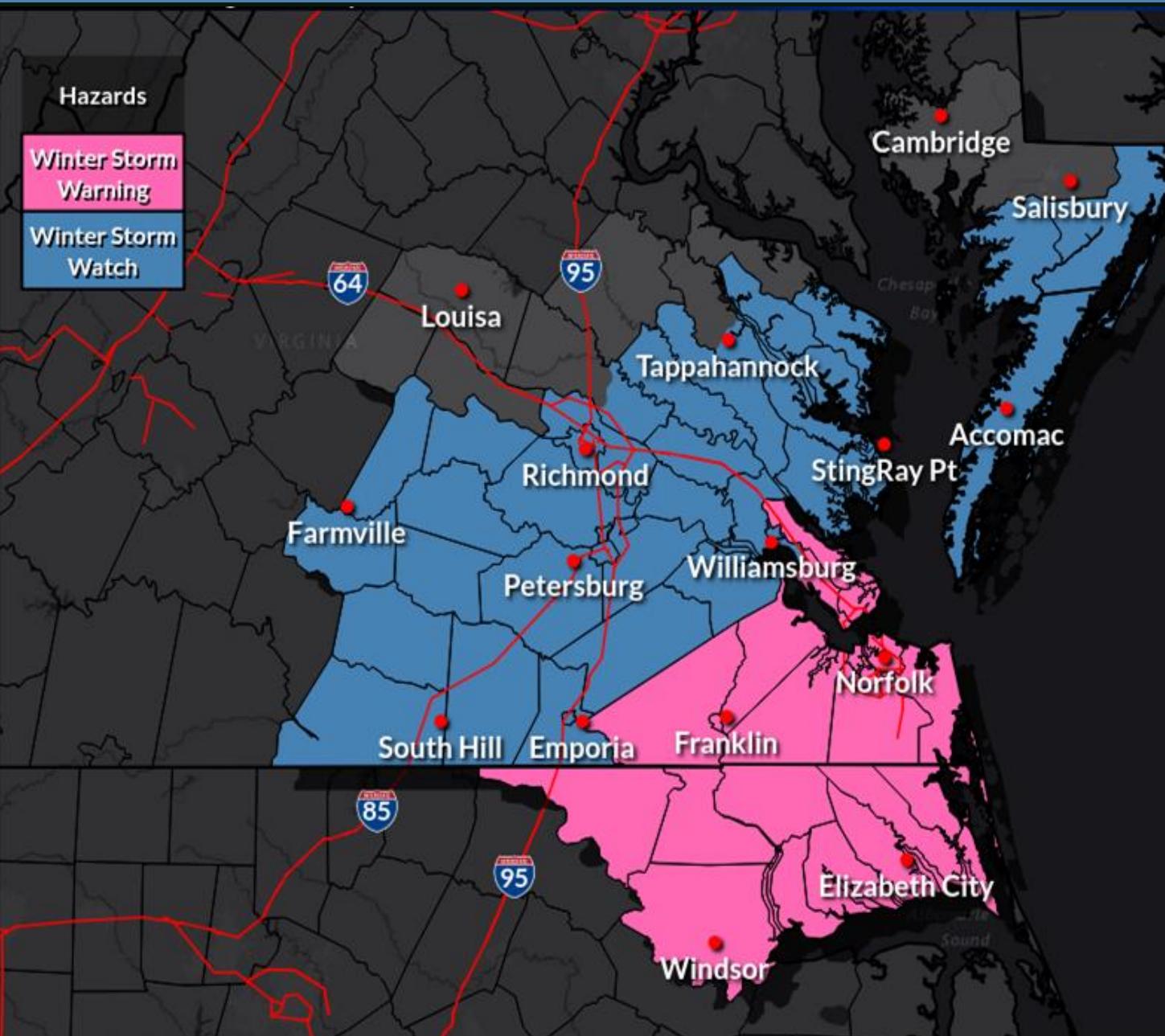
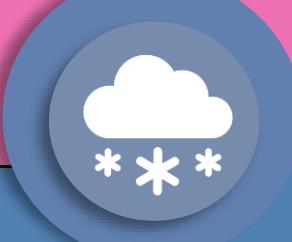


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# Winter Storm Headlines



**When:** Late Tonight into Sunday. Peak Impacts will occur late Saturday-Sunday AM.



**Where:** Warnings for SE VA/NE NC where confidence in heavy snow is highest, with watches where totals have trended down and/or uncertainty remains.



## Impacts:

- Significant snowfall, especially across the south/southeast.
- Blizzard conditions and damaging winds are possible, especially along the coast. Strong winds may lead to blowing and drifting snow across the area.



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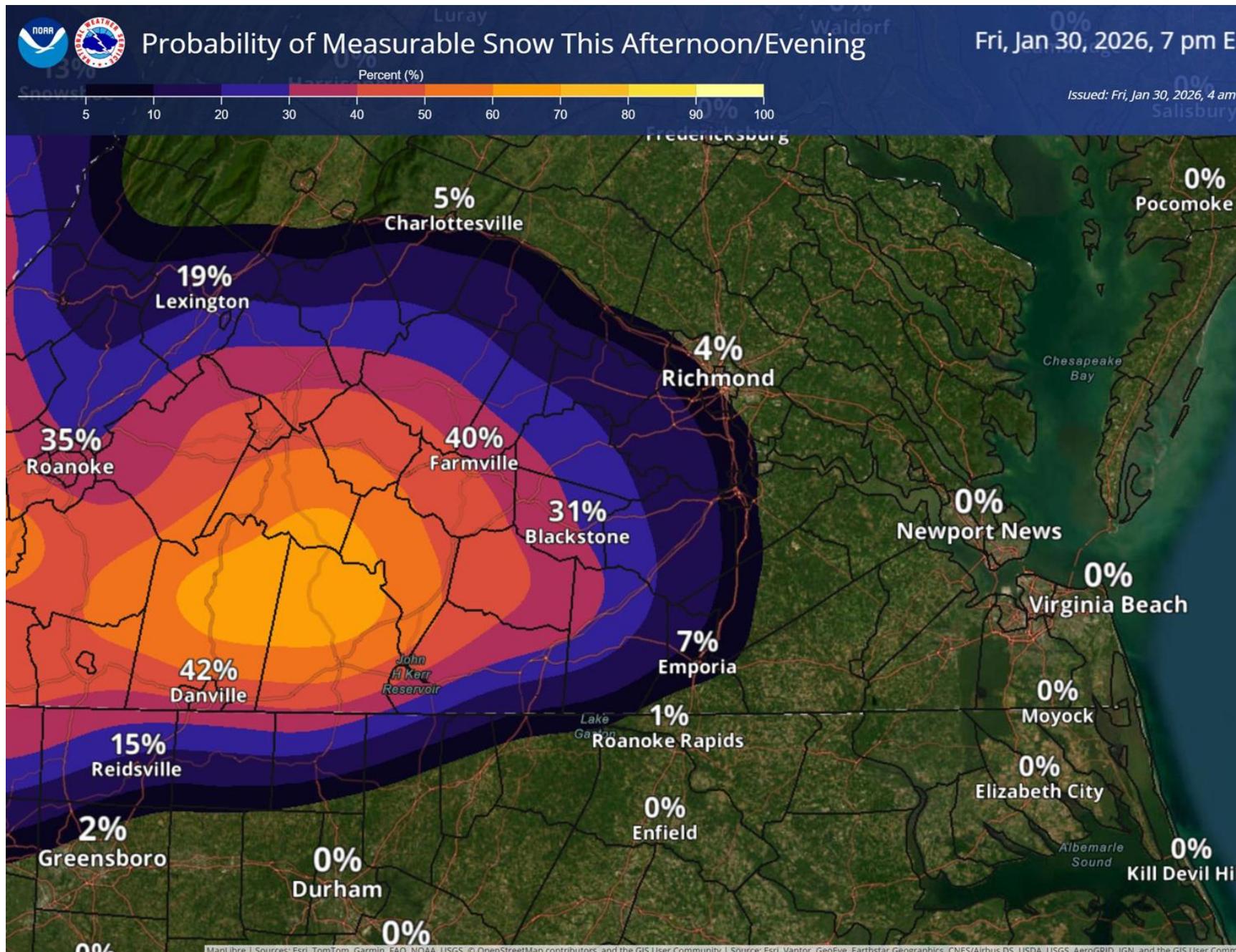
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# Light Snow This Afternoon?



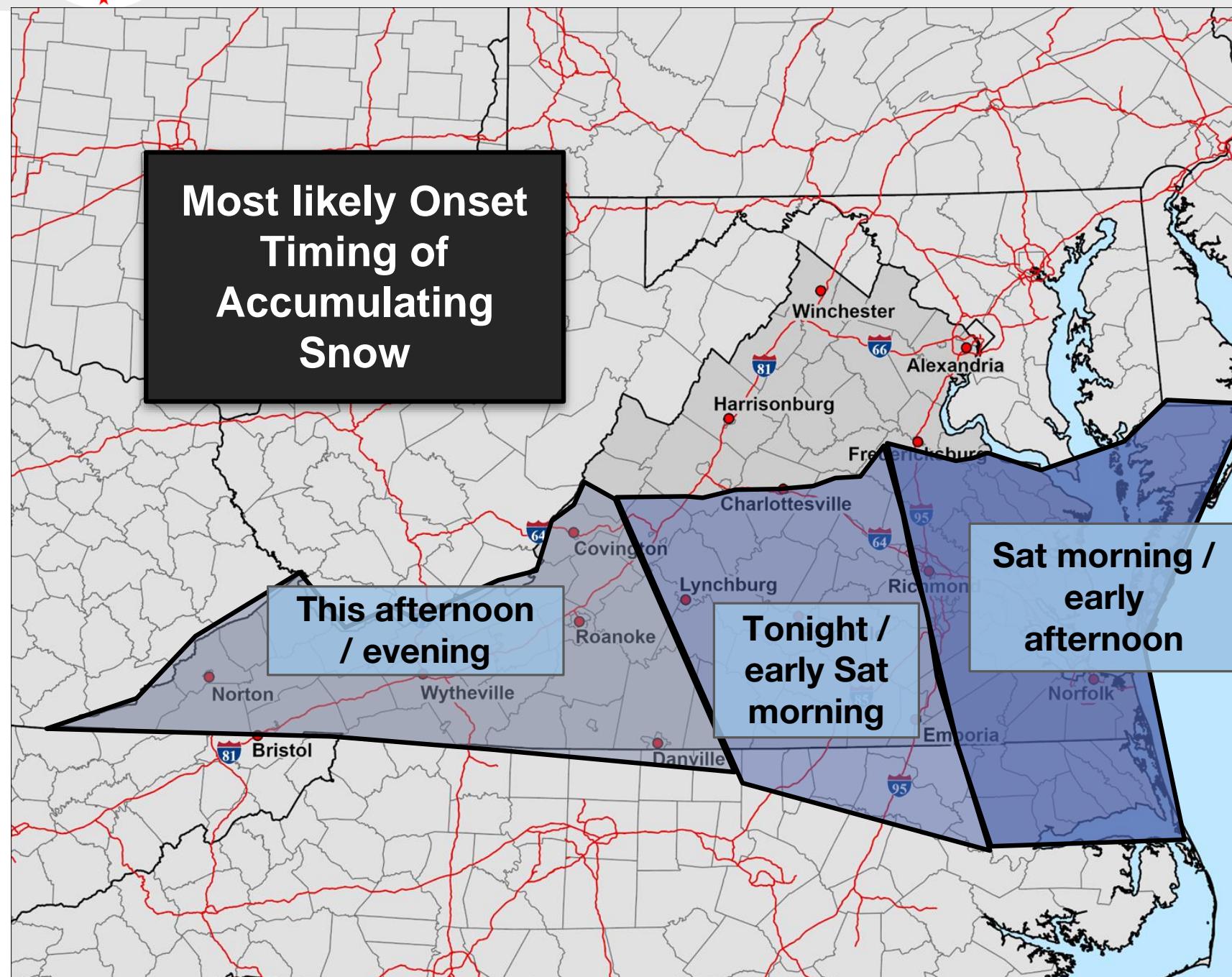
- Light snow is possible south of I-64 this afternoon, though **chances have trended down** slightly since yesterday
- There is a 10-40% probability of a very light accumulation. In addition, it will be very dry and fluffy snow.





# Expected Onset Time of Accumulating Snow

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## MOST LIKELY ONSET TIMING

**Sat afternoon / evening**

- **West** This afternoon / evening
- **Central** Tonight / Sat morning
- **East** Sat morning / afternoon

## CONFIDENCE

- **Moderate confidence in the exact timing of the onset of snow. Snow will start out light and increase through the event before ending Sunday.**



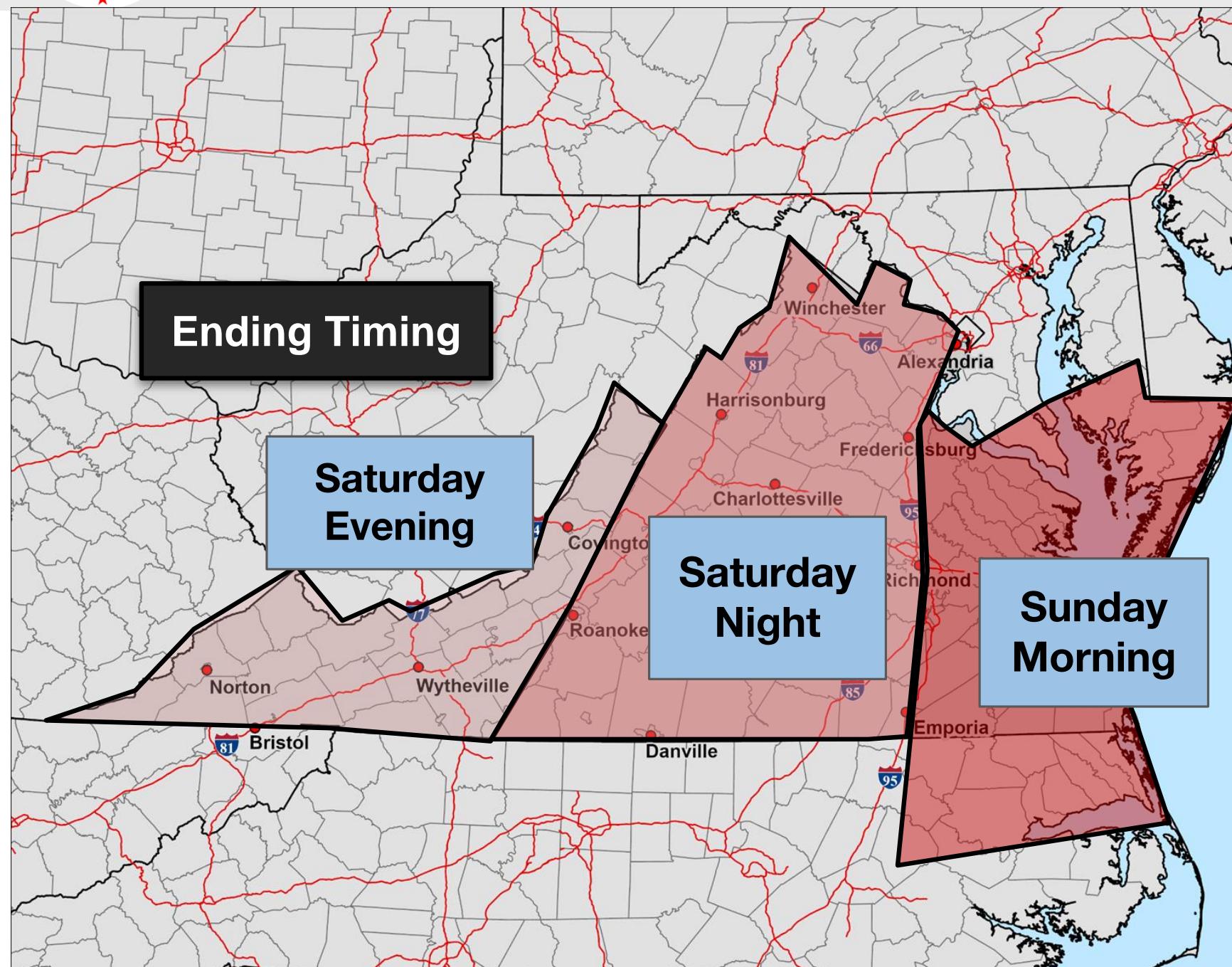
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# Expected Ending Time of Snow

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## MOST LIKELY END TIMING

**Late Sun Night / Mon Morning**

- West
- Central
- East

Saturday Evening

Saturday Night

Sunday Morning

## CONFIDENCE

- Moderate confidence in the timing of the ending of the storm.
- Exact timing forecasts will change. Ending could be sooner or later.



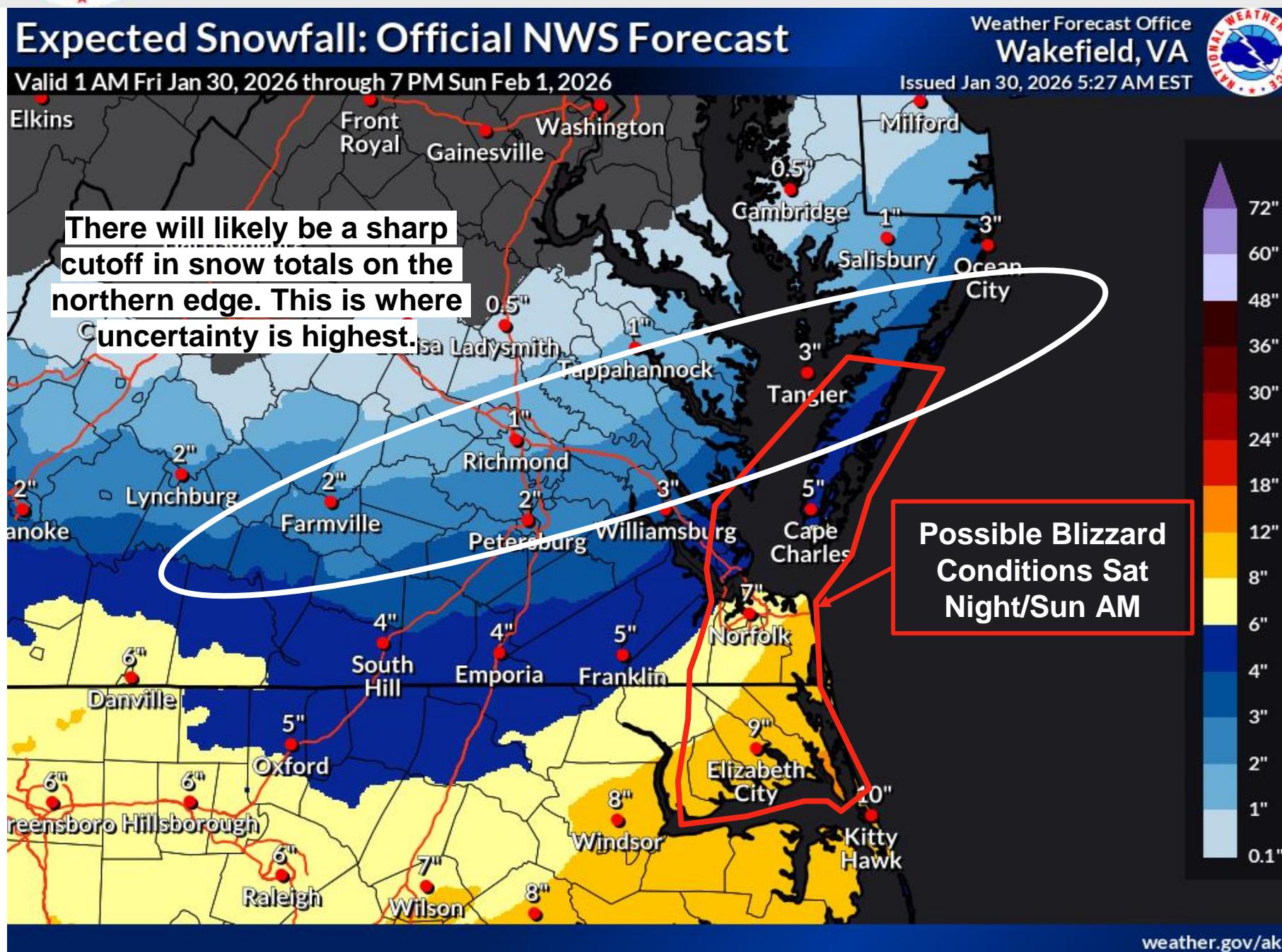
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# Expected Snowfall Forecast

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- Highest totals are expected in the south and southeast with a sharp decrease in snow totals on the northern edge.
- Areas close to the coast may see **blizzard conditions** Saturday Night into Sunday with near zero visibility and wind gusts of 50+ mph.



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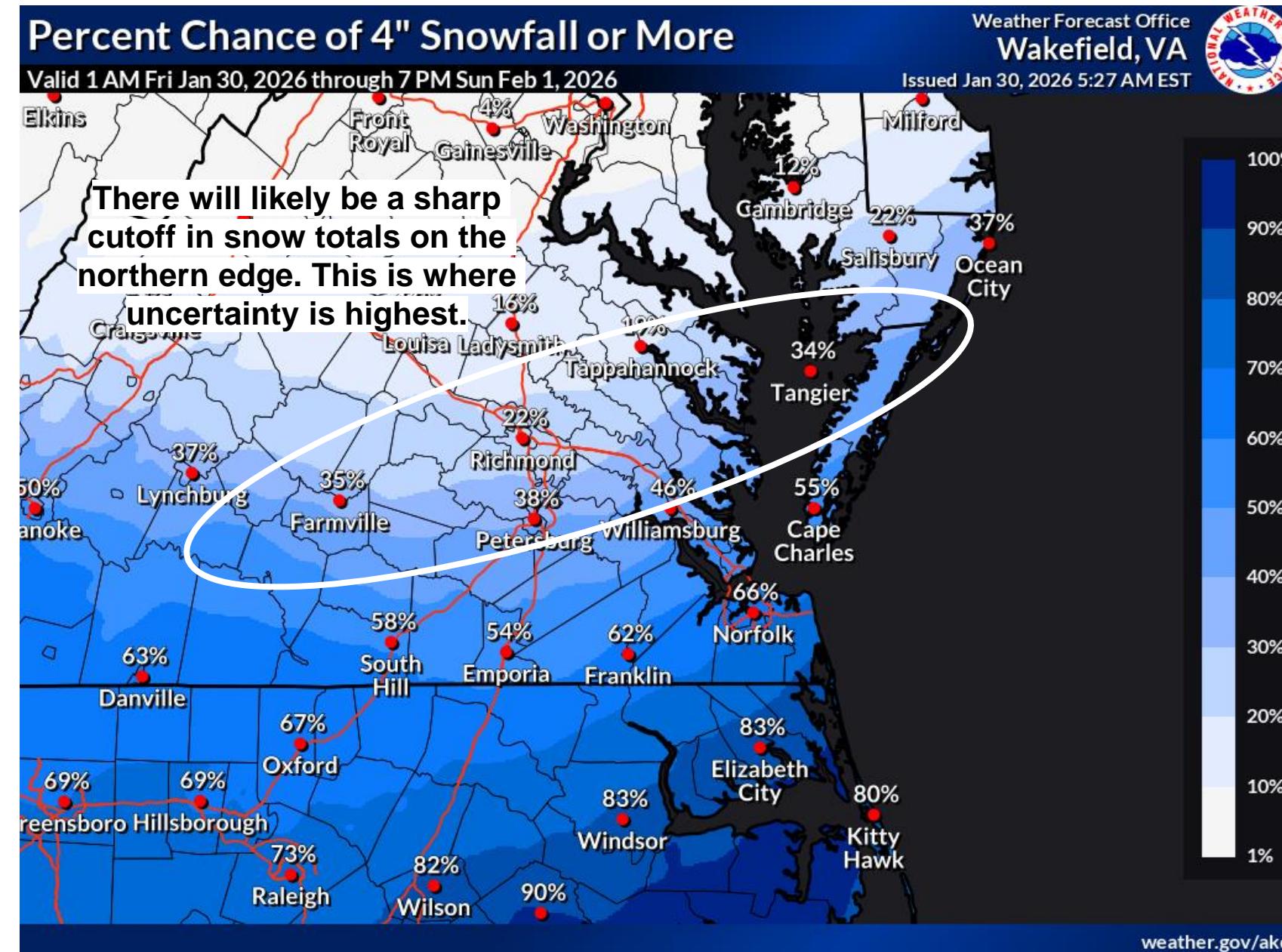
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# Probability of at least 4" of Snow

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Through 7 am Sunday Morning



The entire area is at risk for at least 4" of snow, but the highest probabilities are across far southern VA, SE VA/NE NC. Amounts will be determined by the highly uncertain storm track. Even a 50 mile change in storm track will make the difference in storm totals. Totals could go from 1" to 6" in 50 miles.

There is a high probability (60-90%) of at least 4" of snow across southern VA, SE VA and NE NC, with a low-medium probability (25-45%) along the US 360 corridor including the Richmond Metro and parts of the Lower MD Eastern Shore.



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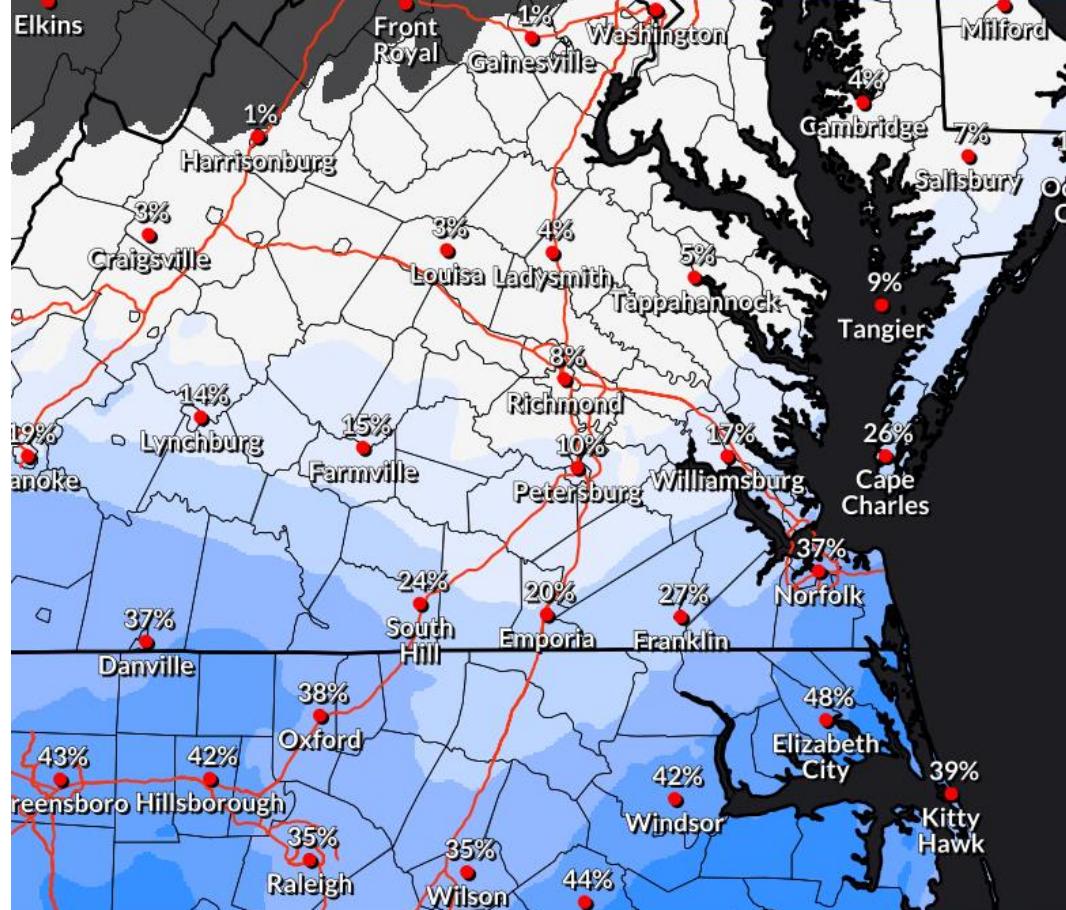
# Probability of at least 8" and 12" of Snow

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## Percent Chance of 8" Snowfall or More

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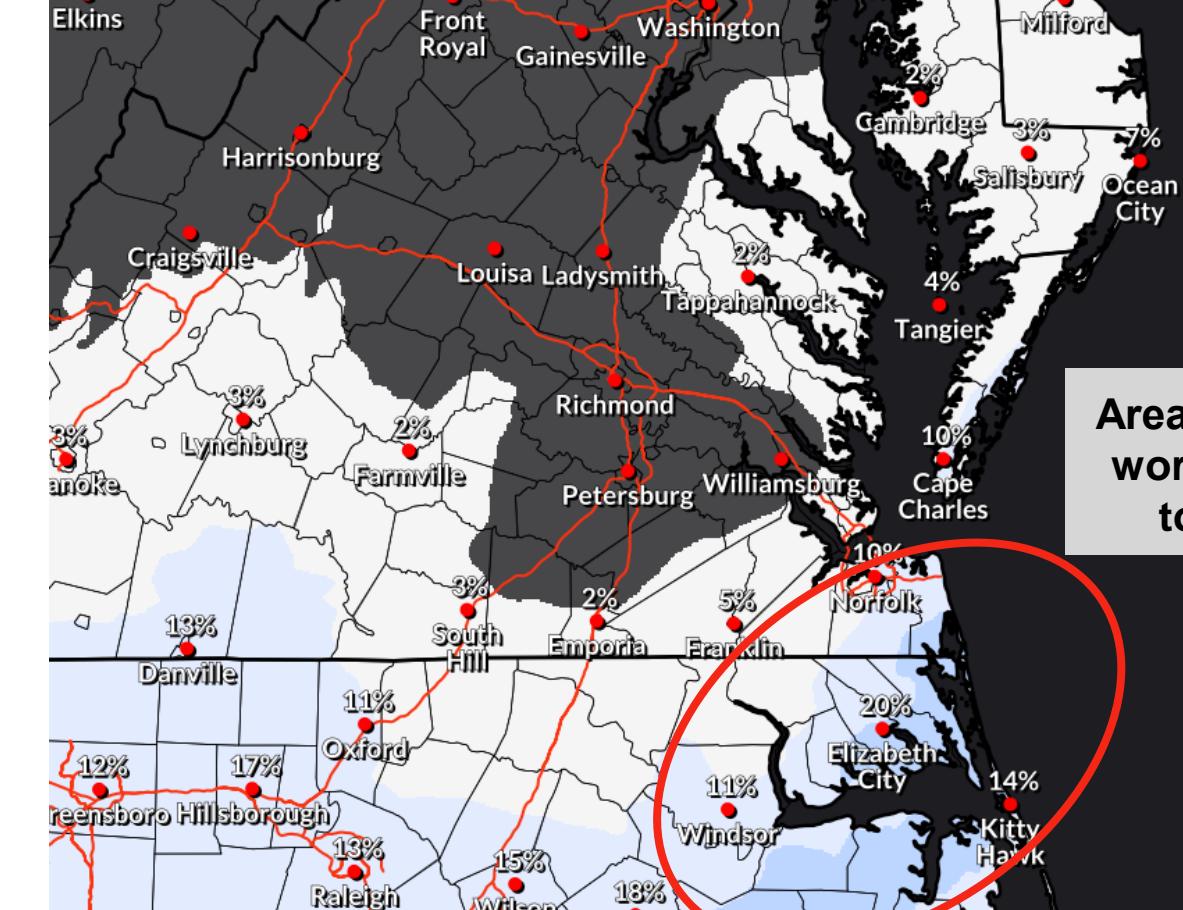
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## Percent Chance of 12" Snowfall or More

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Areas of 12"  
worst case  
totals.

There is a medium probability (30-50%) of at least 8" across southern and SE VA and NE NC. Probabilities of 8" of snow continue to decrease across parts of central VA and the Maryland Eastern Shore. There are low (10-20%) probabilities of 12" of snow across southern/SE VA and NE NC. Elsewhere, a foot of snow is unlikely (< 10%).



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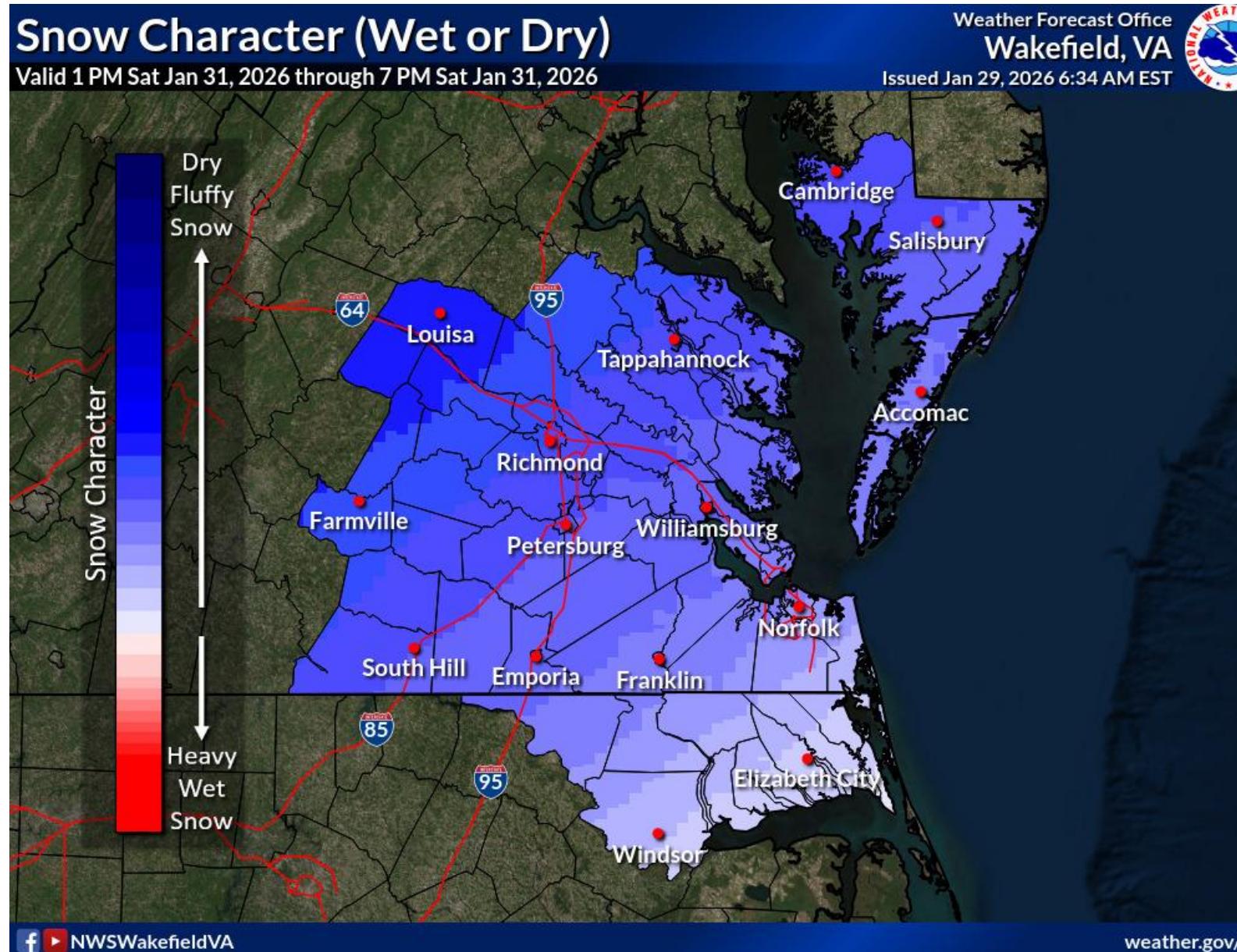


# Snow Character / Snow Type

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**Saturday Evening Into Early Sunday**



**Drier snow will mean a high snow ratio and faster accumulation rates. Snow character may become slightly wetter across eastern VA/NE NC early Sunday morning, but remain dry inland.**



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# High Wind Potential

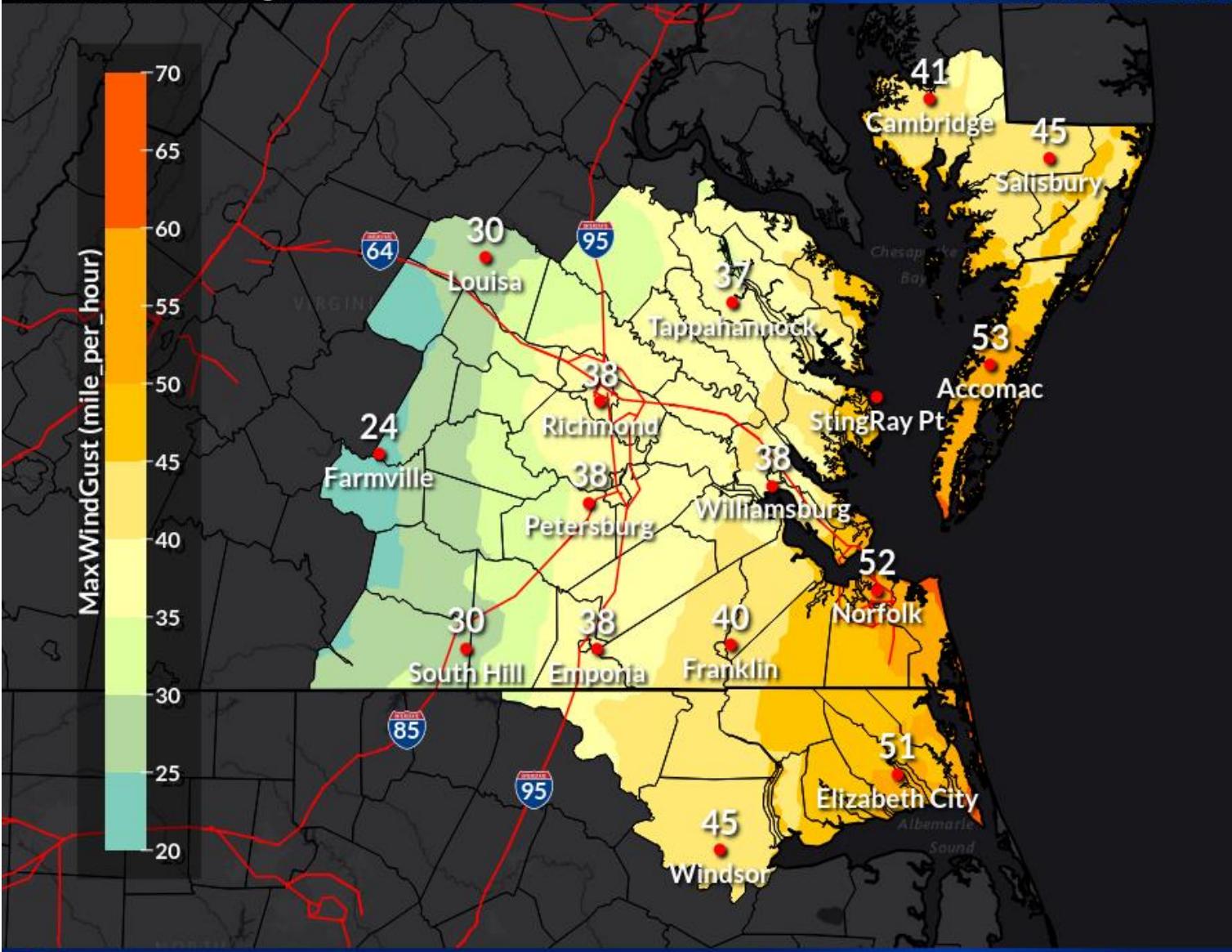
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## Max Wind Gust Through 72 Hrs

Valid Fri 7:00AM through Mon 7:00PM EST

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Damaging wind gusts and blizzard conditions are possible closer to the coast late Saturday night into Sunday morning.

### Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

	1/31	Sat	2/1	Sun	2/2	Mon					
	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am
Accomac	14	16	17	22	23	24	29	33	38	43	45
Ahoskie	15	16	21	25	28	28	30	33	37	39	39
Bowling Green	7	9	12	15	16	16	21	23	28	29	29
Cambridge	9	10	14	17	18	20	23	26	31	37	38
Cape Charles	22	23	26	29	31	36	40	48	52	56	56
Chesapeake	16	18	22	28	30	31	35	39	43	46	46
Corolla	26	29	32	36	39	44	48	53	55	60	58
Edenton	18	20	23	24	25	28	32	38	41	44	41
Elizabeth City	16	18	22	25	28	30	35	39	41	45	45
Emporia	12	13	16	22	24	24	26	31	33	36	36
Farmville	9	12	13	16	18	18	21	22	22	23	22
Gloucester	12	13	15	22	23	24	28	33	37	39	40
Goochland	9	12	15	18	18	18	22	25	28	29	28
Hampton/NNews	17	20	23	26	29	30	35	38	41	44	45
Louisa	9	12	13	16	18	18	21	23	25	28	25
Norfolk / Portsmouth	18	21	24	29	31	33	38	43	46	48	49
Ocean City	14	15	17	21	23	25	30	36	39	44	43
Petersburg	12	13	16	22	22	24	26	29	33	36	36
Richmond	12	13	15	18	21	22	23	28	31	33	33
Salisbury	9	12	15	18	21	21	24	28	33	39	41
South Hill	13	15	16	18	21	21	22	25	28	28	25
Suffolk	15	16	21	24	25	26	29	33	37	43	41
Tappahannock	10	13	14	16	17	20	22	23	28	32	32
Virginia Beach	23	25	28	32	35	38	44	48	53	56	58
Wakefield	12	13	15	21	22	26	29	33	39	37	37
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Windsor	13	15	18	24	25	30	36	37	39	41	39



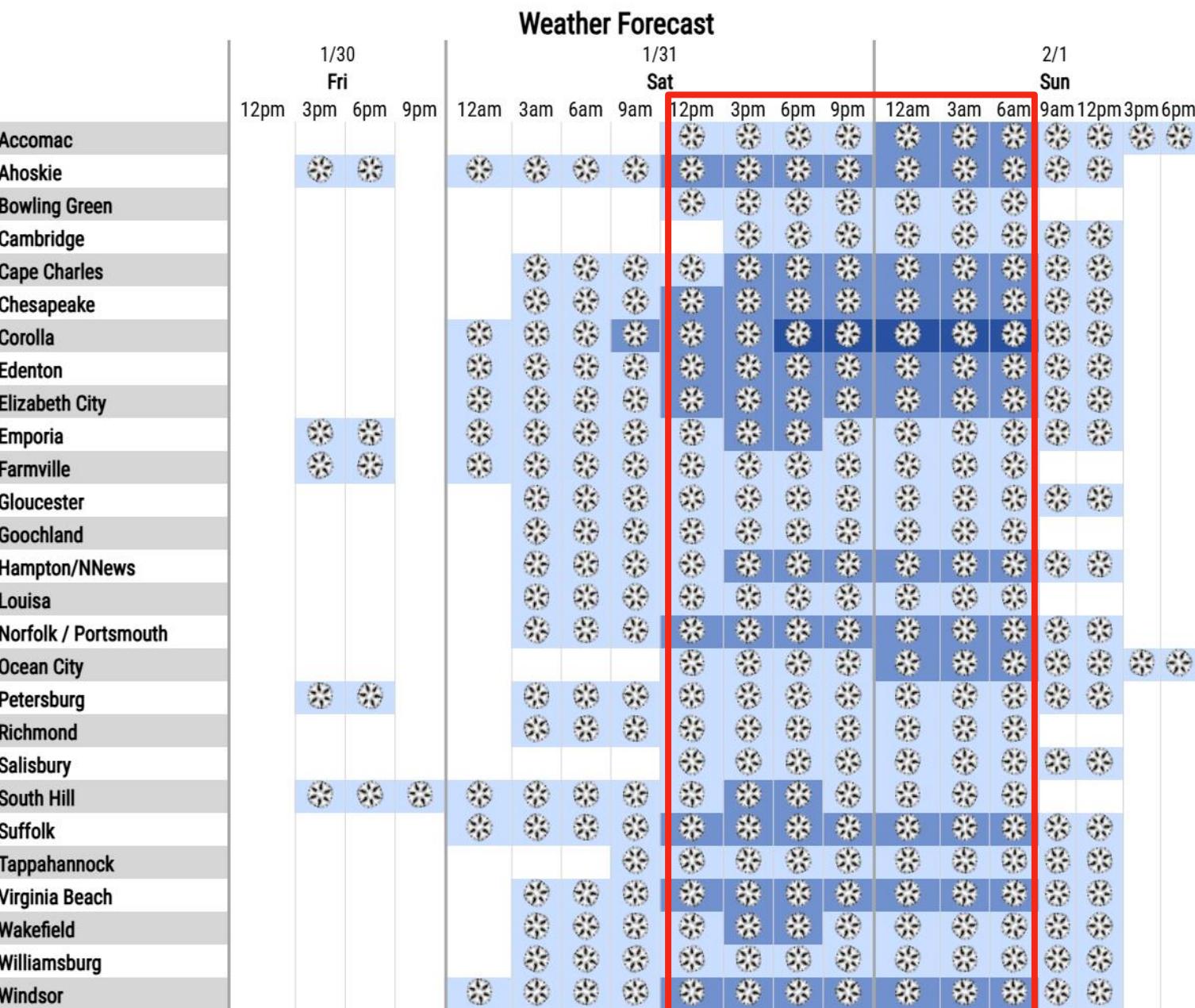
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# Timing the Weather and Temperatures

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**Temperature Forecast (°F)**

	1/30 Fri				1/31 Sat				2/1 Sun			
	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm
Accomac	23	24	21	20	18	17	16	18	23	23	20	20
Ahoskie	29	31	26	23	22	20	19	20	22	23	20	19
Bowling Green	22	23	19	17	16	14	13	15	18	19	18	18
Cambridge	18	20	17	15	13	12	10	13	18	19	17	17
Cape Charles	22	23	24	23	23	22	20	21	23	24	23	23
Chesapeake	29	29	27	23	22	22	22	23	25	25	24	24
Corolla	31	30	28	28	28	28	28	29	30	30	29	29
Edenton	33	36	30	26	25	24	23	24	26	26	24	22
Elizabeth City	31	33	28	24	23	24	23	24	26	26	24	23
Emporia	27	29	24	21	20	19	17	18	20	21	18	18
Farmville	21	25	23	21	19	17	14	17	19	20	19	18
Gloucester	23	25	23	21	20	19	18	20	22	22	21	20
Goochland	20	23	22	19	18	15	13	15	18	20	19	18
Hampton/NNews	26	27	26	23	22	21	21	22	24	25	23	23
Louisa	20	23	20	18	16	14	12	14	18	19	18	17
Norfolk / Portsmouth	28	28	27	24	23	23	22	23	24	25	24	24
Ocean City	21	23	19	17	16	15	14	18	22	23	22	22
Petersburg	23	26	24	21	20	18	16	17	20	21	19	18
Richmond	22	25	22	20	18	16	15	16	19	20	19	18
Salisbury	21	22	17	16	14	13	12	16	20	21	19	19
South Hill	25	27	23	21	20	19	17	17	19	20	19	18
Suffolk	28	29	27	23	22	22	21	22	24	24	22	22
Tappahannock	22	24	20	19	18	16	14	16	19	20	19	18
Virginia Beach	28	27	26	25	24	24	23	24	26	26	25	25
Wakefield	25	27	24	22	20	19	18	19	21	22	20	19
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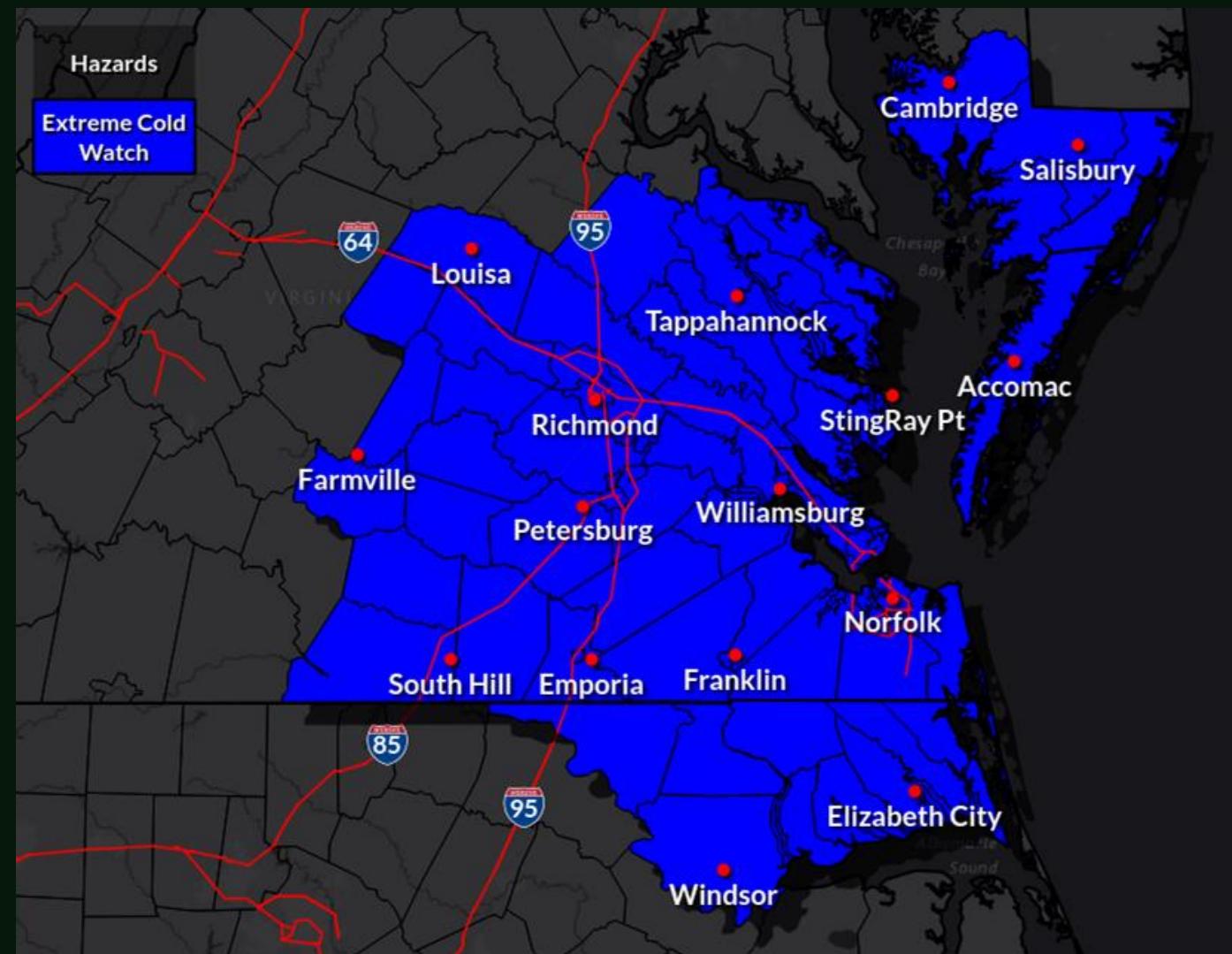




# Extreme Cold Watches



Saturday night into Sunday AM



**When:** Saturday night into Sunday AM



**Where:** Area in blue



**Details:**

→ Wind chills could reach as low as -5 to -10°



**Impacts:**

→ The very cold wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Make sure outdoor animals have a warm, dry shelter, food, and unfrozen water.



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# Saturday Night Wind Chills

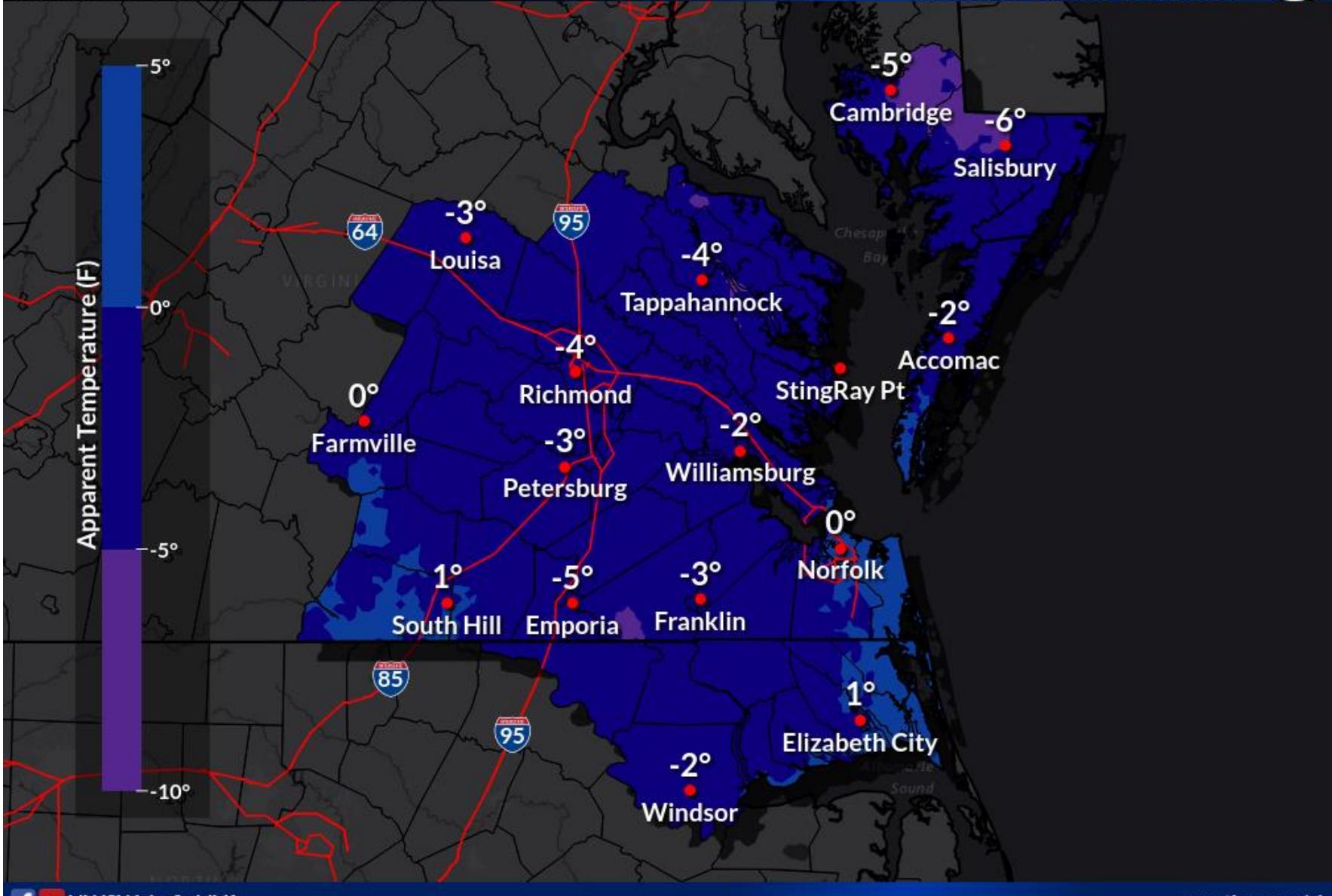
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## Saturday Night's Minimum Wind Chills

Valid 7:00 PM Sat through 10:00 AM Sun

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- Wind chills remain very cold on Saturday, potentially staying in the single digits inland and teens across SE VA/NE NC Saturday afternoon.
- An Extreme Cold Watch has been issued for the entire area Saturday night into Sunday morning



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# Wind Gusts and Wind Chills

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**Dangerous wind chills Saturday night / early Sunday.**

## Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)

	1/30 Fri	1/31 Sat	2/1 Sun	2/2 Mon	2/3 Tue
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Elizabeth City	9↓ 13↓	18↓ 25↓ 30↓ 39↓	45↓ 45↓ 39↓ 25↓	16↓ 13↓ 13↓ 6↓	6↑ 8↑ 8↑ 5↑
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Cape Charles	11	11	7	5	3
Chesapeake	23	14	10	9	11
Corolla	21	16	15	14	11
Edenton	28	15	11	10	11
Elizabeth City	24	15	12	10	11
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Petersburg	18	13	7	4	6
Richmond	16	11	4	3	6
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Suffolk	23	14	10	9	6
Tappahannock	16	11	4	3	7
Virginia Beach	19	12	9	9	11
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# Daily Regional Forecast

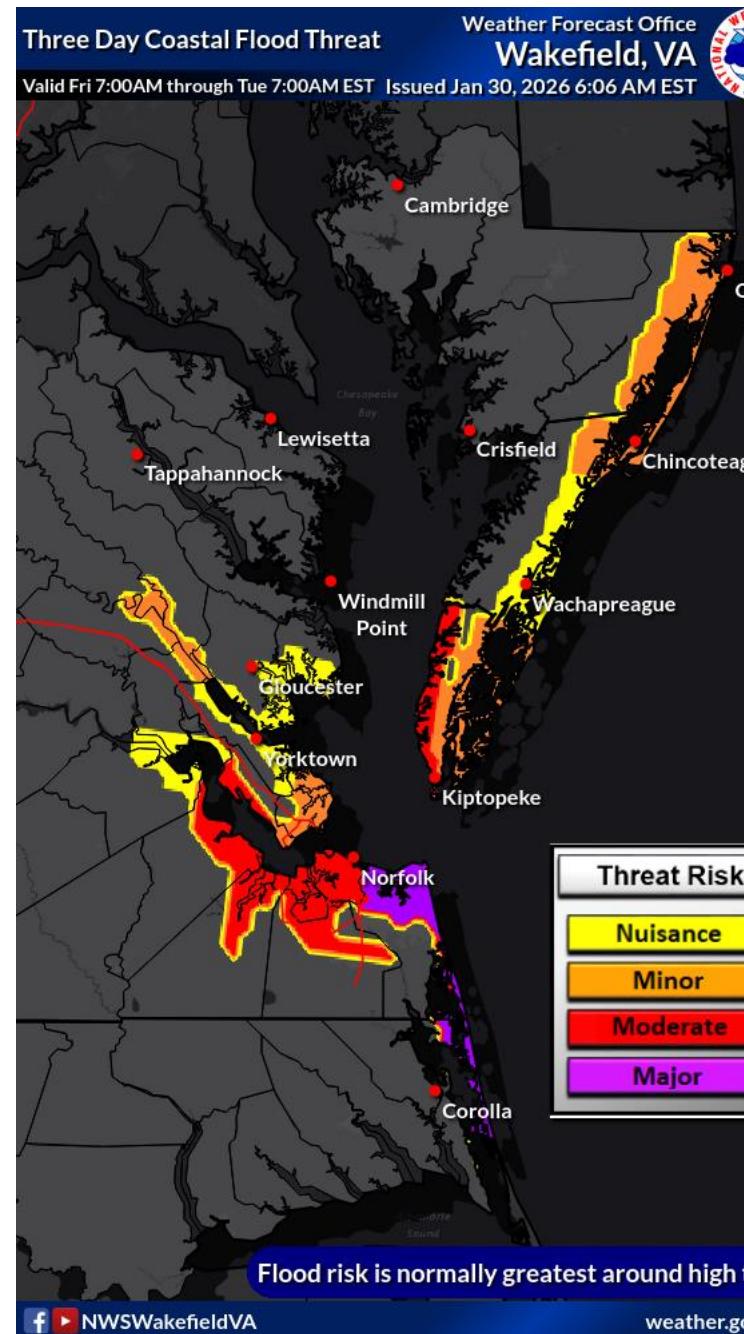
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# Tidal Flooding Overview

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<b>Nuisance</b>	Shallow flooding only in the most vulnerable locations. Expect around a half foot of inundation.
<b>Minor</b>	Up to 1 foot of inundation possible in vulnerable locations.
<b>Moderate</b>	1 to 2 feet of inundation expected. Water will extend inland from the waterfront.
<b>Major</b>	2 to 3 feet or more of inundation expected. Flooding will extend well inland.

- What/When:** Tidal anomalies are expected to rise substantially late Saturday into Sunday with **Moderate to locally MAJOR** coastal flooding expected during Sunday's high tide cycles.
- Where:** Lower Chesapeake Bay and the VA Beach and Currituck Outer Banks coastline.
- A Coastal Flood Watch** is in effect for Norfolk/Chesapeake, VA Beach, Northampton County VA and Eastern Currituck County.
- Note:** Tidal flooding could freeze to road surfaces.

For details visit the [Coastal Flood Webpage](#) and [Forecast Tide Tables](#)

**Note:** Flood risk / impacts will typically be greatest around each high tide for a given day. Images represent the peak flood category / impact expected.



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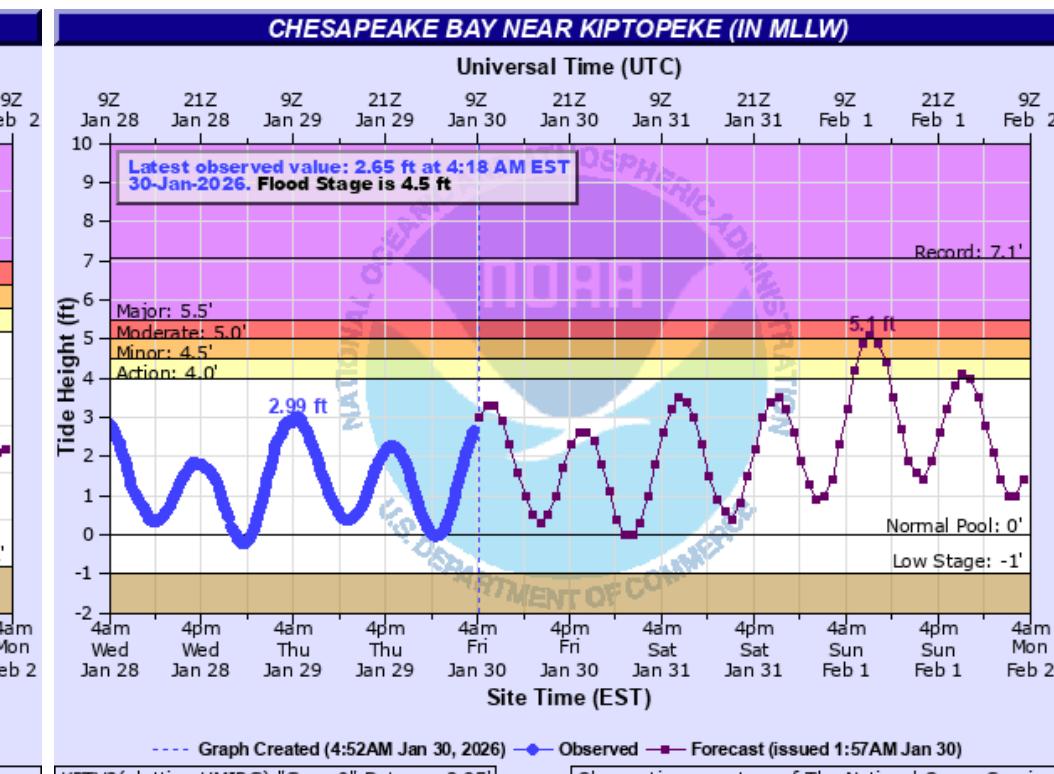
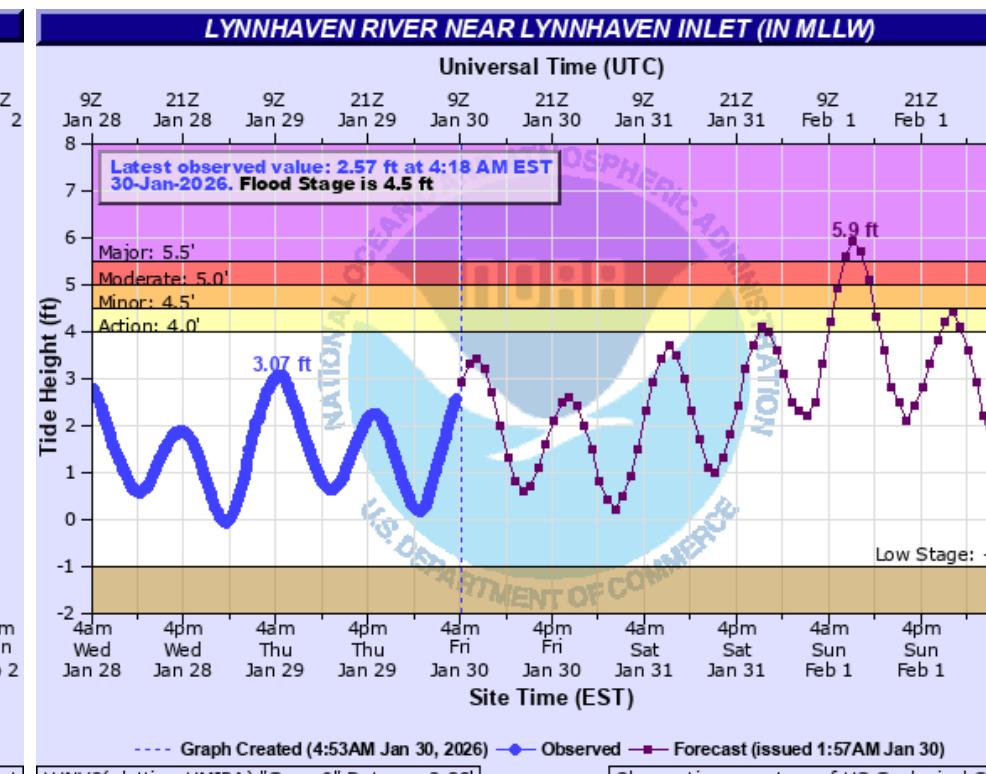
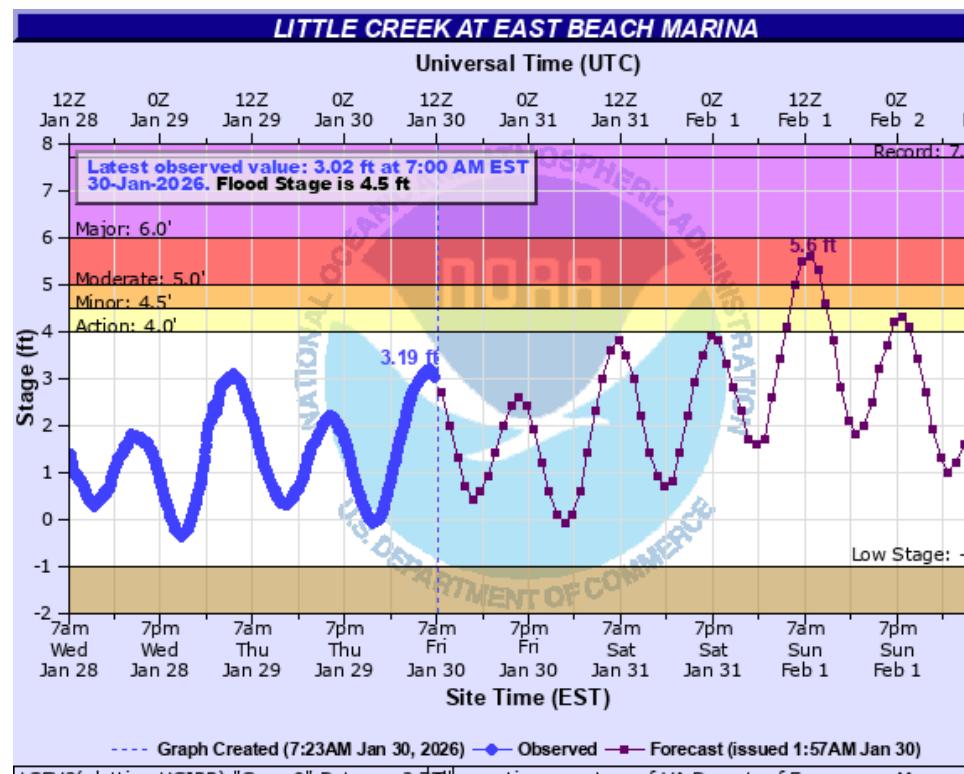
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# Tidal Overview - Lower Ches Bay

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## Summary of Tidal Trends

- Moderate to locally major tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning.
- Inundation of 2-3 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.

For more site-specific details, visit the [Coastal Flood Webpage](#) and [Forecast Tide Tables](#)



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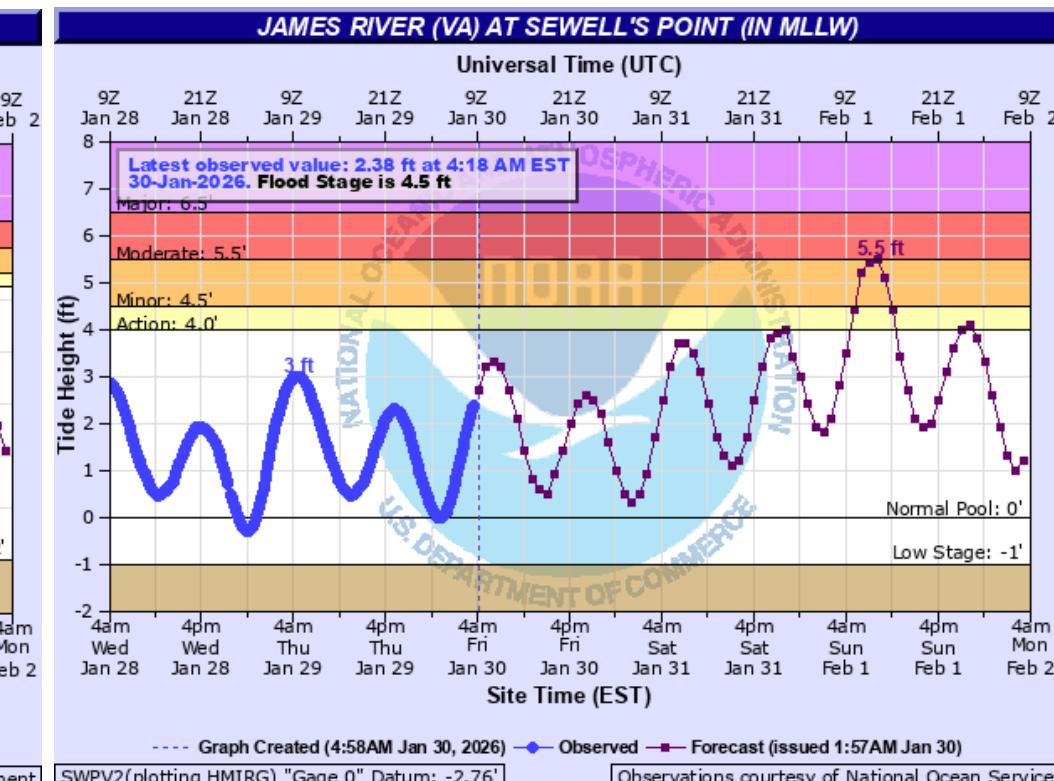
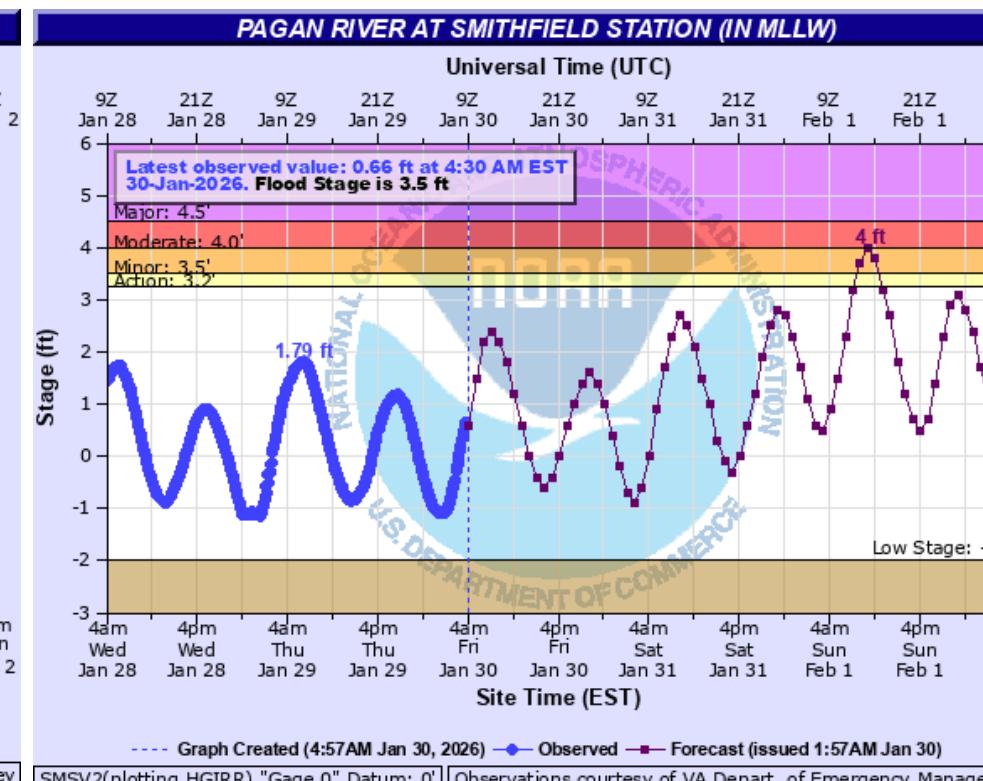
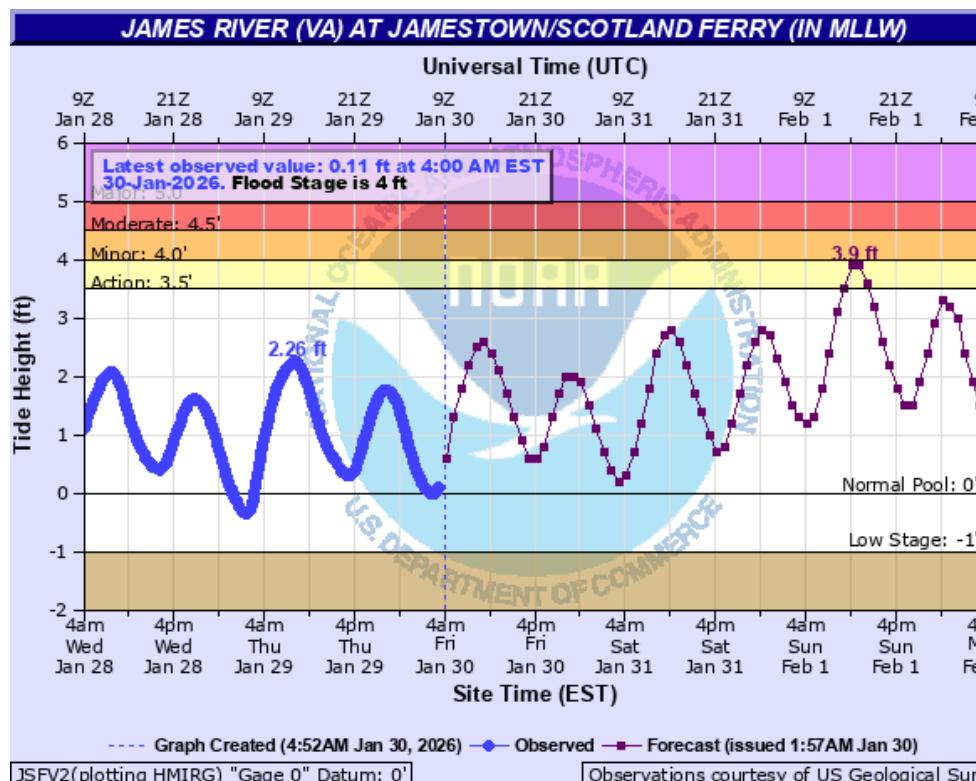
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# Tidal Overview - Lower James River

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## Summary of Tidal Trends

- Minor to locally moderate tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning.
- Inundation of 1-2 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.

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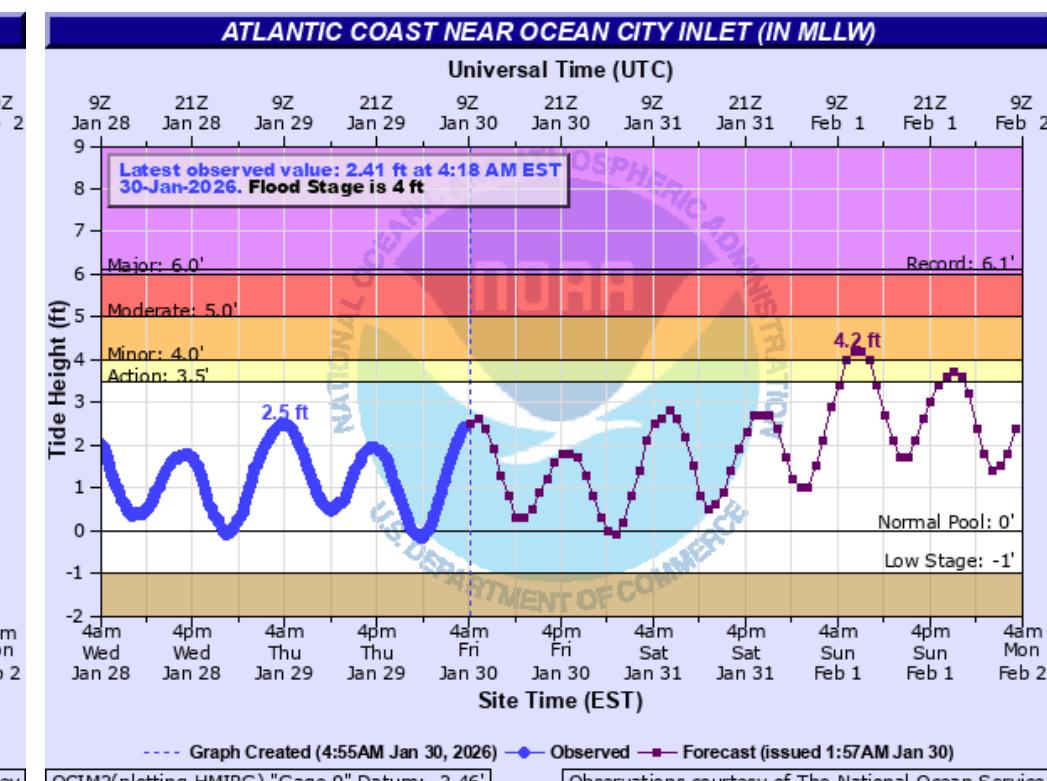
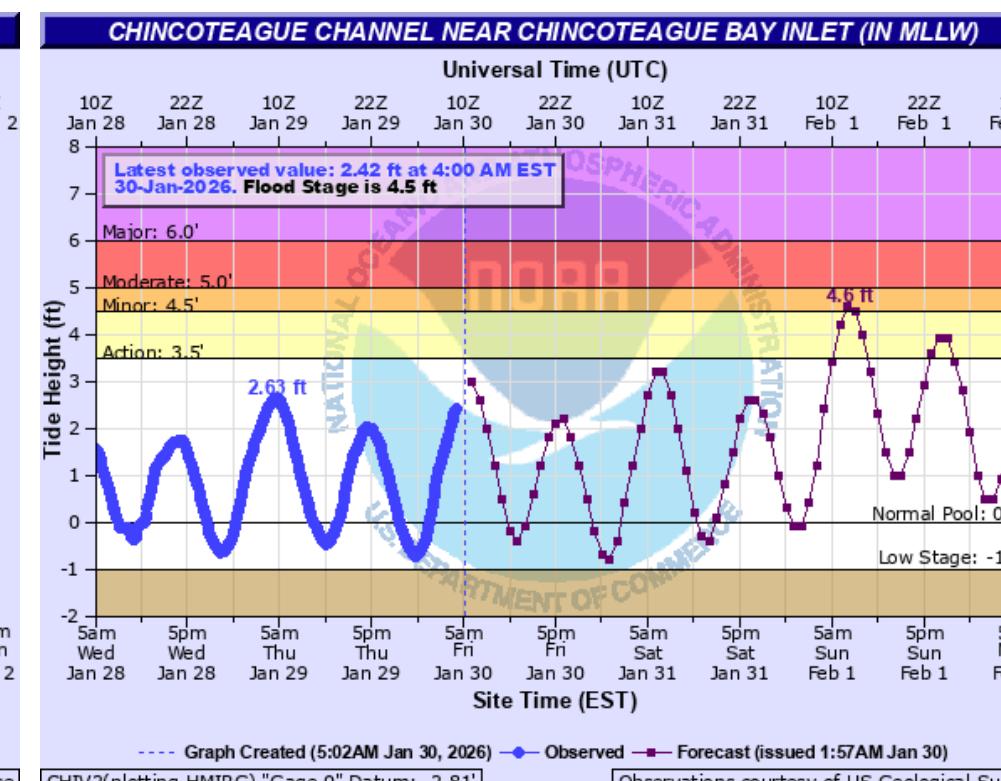
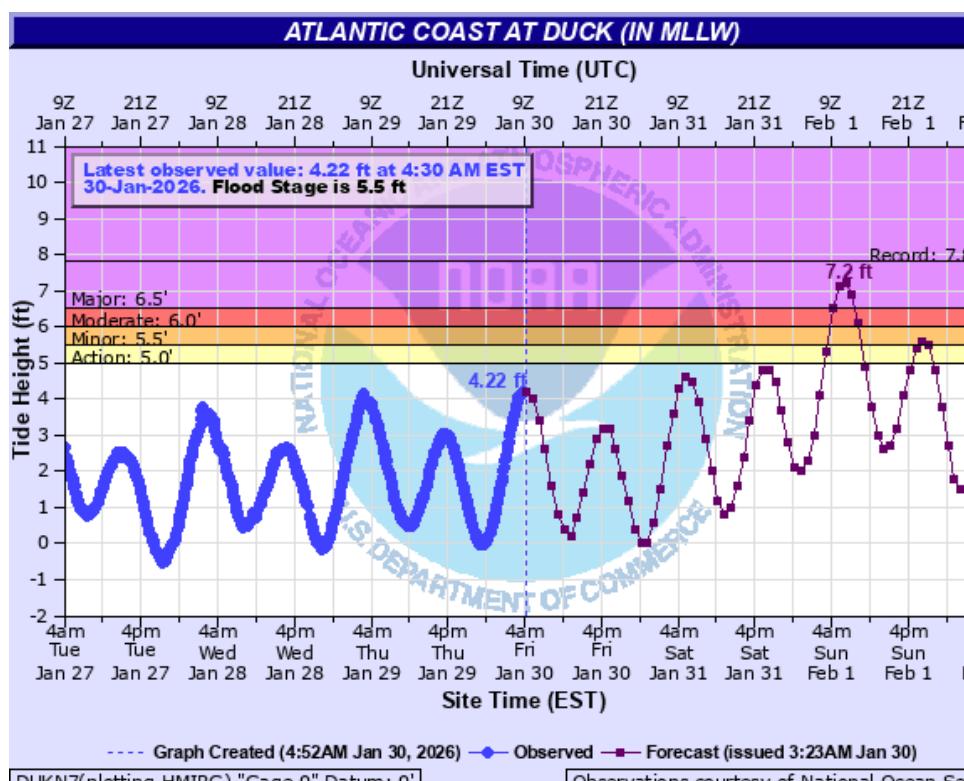
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# Tidal Overview - Ocean

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## Summary of Tidal Trends

- Major tidal flooding will occur along the coastline from VA Beach to Outer Banks Currituck during the high tide cycle Sunday morning. Inundation of 2-3 ft AGL in vulnerable areas is expected, along with extensive beach and dune erosion.
- Minor tidal flooding will occur during the high tide cycle Sunday morning along the Atlantic side of the Eastern Shore. Up to 1 foot of inundation AGL in vulnerable areas is expected.

For more site-specific details, visit the [Coastal Flood Webpage](#) and [Forecast Tide Tables](#)



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# Tidal Flooding Overview

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	Minor	Moderate	Major
Picture			
Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shallow flooding in the most vulnerable locations near the waterfront and shoreline resulting in a low threat of property damage.</li><li>Up to 1 foot of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Widespread flooding of vulnerable areas will result in an elevated threat of property damage.</li><li>1 to 2 feet of inundation primarily in shoreline and vulnerable areas.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Severe flooding will cause extensive inundation and flooding of numerous roads and buildings resulting in a significant threat to property and life.</li><li>2 to 3 feet or more of inundation.</li></ul>
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A few shoreline and vulnerable roadways and adjacent properties will experience shallow flooding.</li><li>Minor beach erosion with possible erosion to the front of vulnerable dune structures.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Inundation of roads and low lying property near the waterfront.</li><li>Flooding will extend along tidal rivers and creeks resulting in some road closures, flooding of vehicles, and some property.</li><li>Severe beach erosion and considerable erosion of dunes, especially during long duration events.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Numerous roads will be impassable, with many unprotected cars submerged.</li><li>Evacuations will be necessary for the most vulnerable areas.</li><li>Flood waters may extend well inland.</li><li>Substantial coastal damage and severe erosion of dunes.</li></ul>



# Storm/Gale Headlines



A **Storm Warning** has been issued for the coastal waters S of Cape Charles & Currituck Sound

A **Storm Watch** remains in effect for the Chesapeake Bay, coastal waters N of Cape Charles & Lower James

A **Gale Watch** remains in effect for the upper rivers



**Winds:** Storm Watches/Warnings: N/NNW winds 35 to 45 kt with gusts to 55 kt

Gale Watch: 30 to 35 kt with gusts 40 to 45 kt



**Seas:** 10-15 ft, occasionally to 20 ft

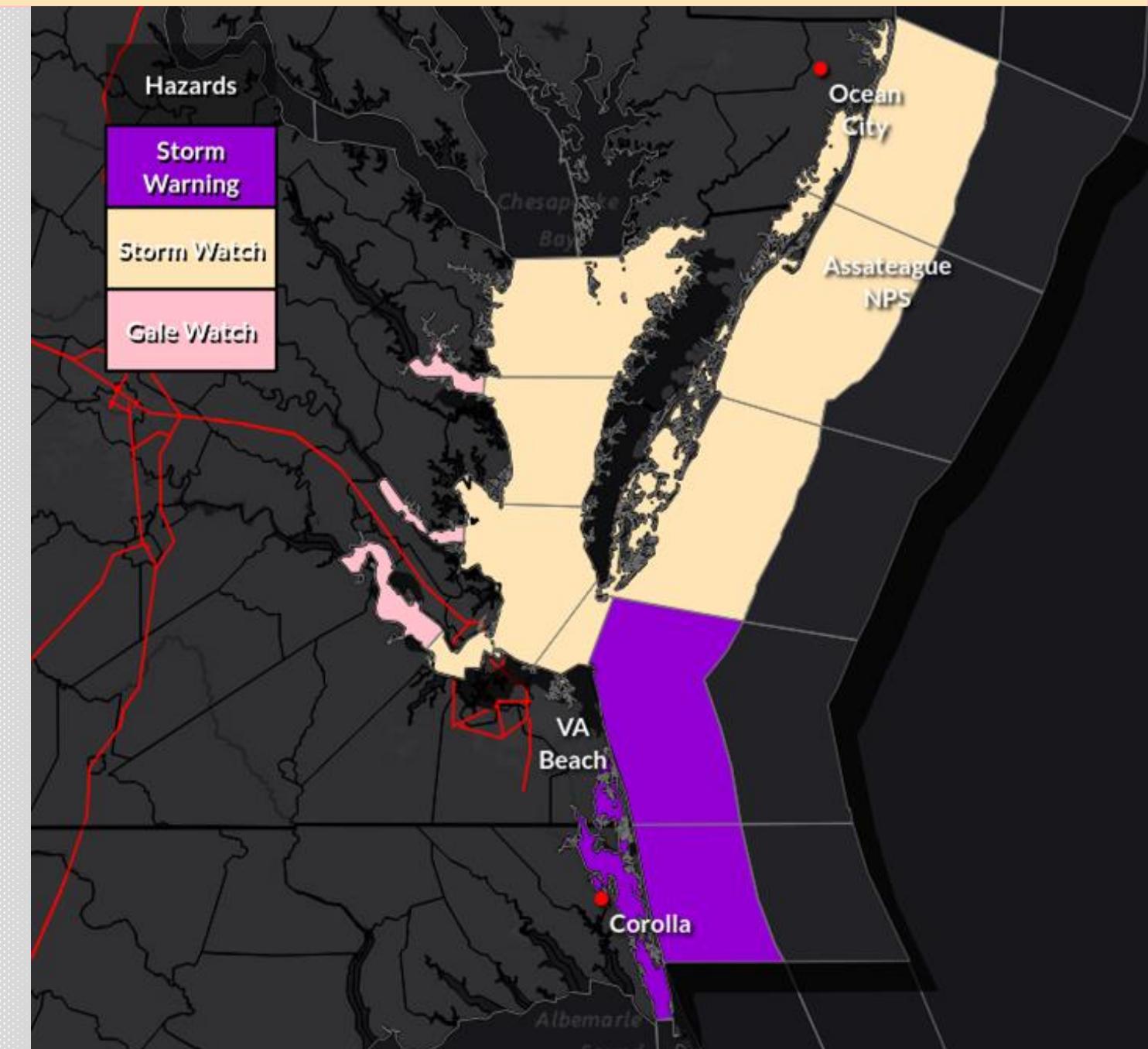


**Timing:** Late Saturday into Sunday night



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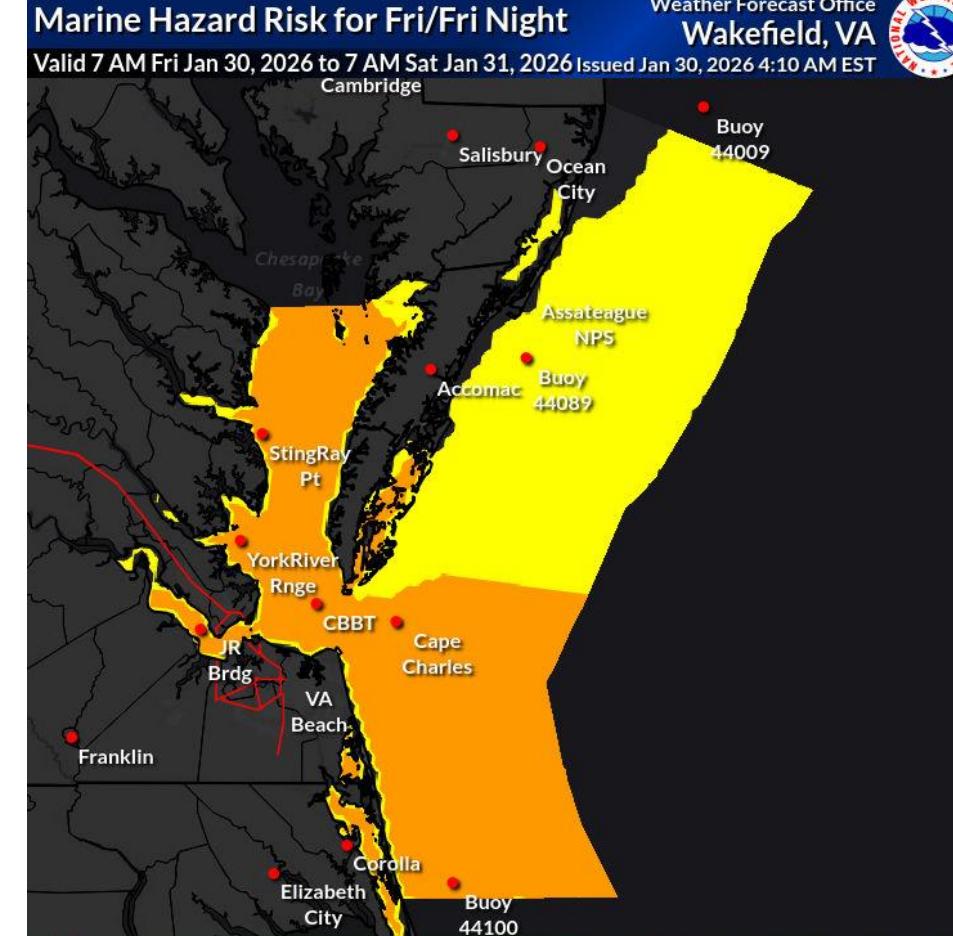


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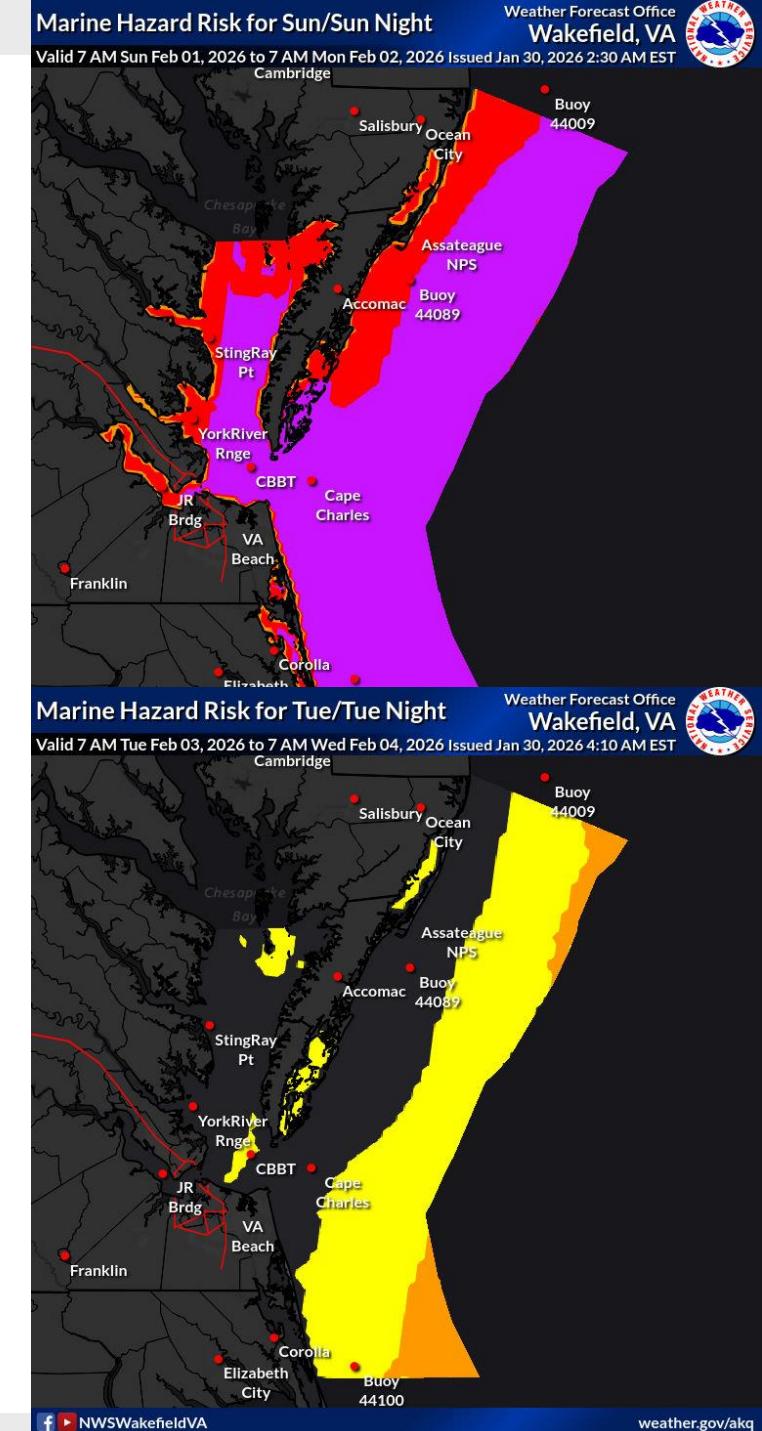
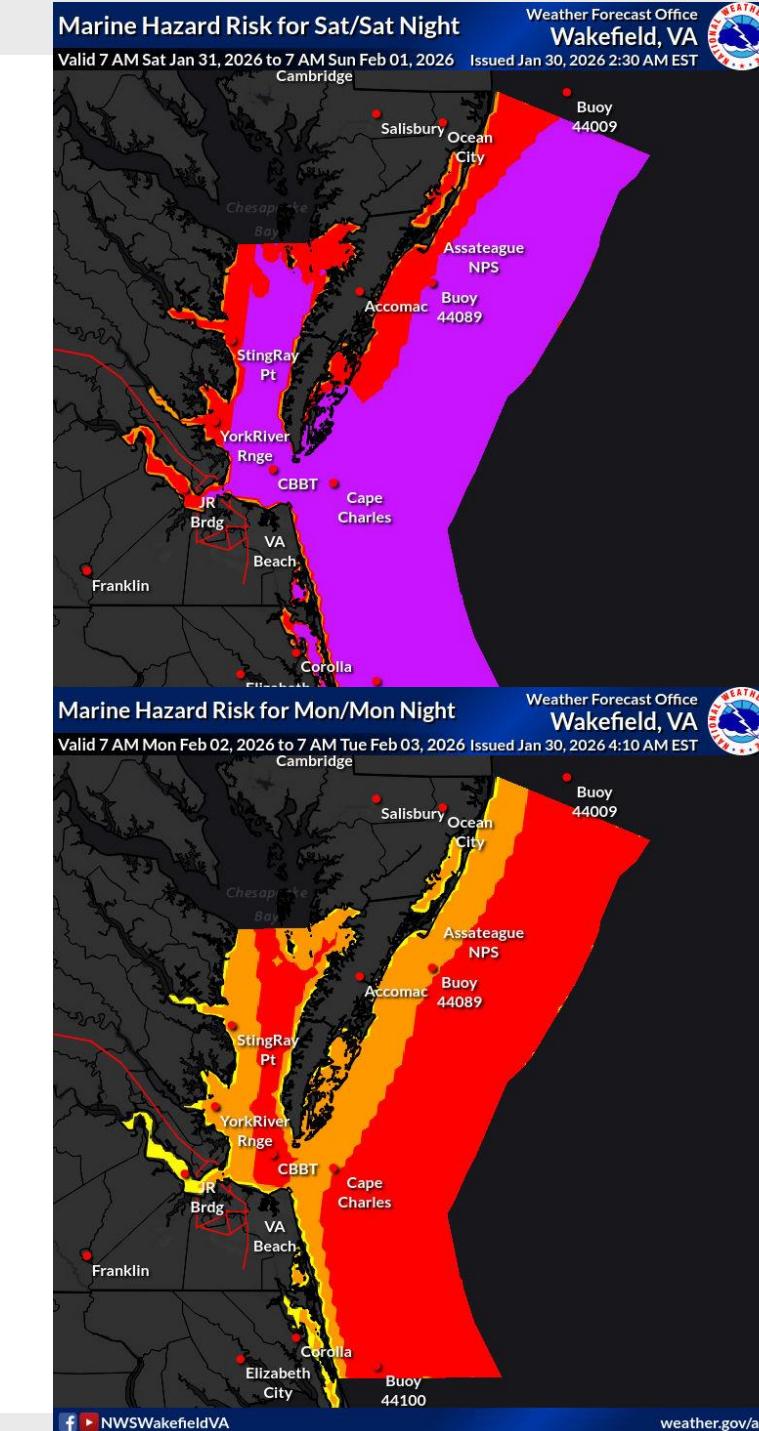


# Marine Threat Potential - Next 5 Days

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<b>Limited</b>	Wind Gusts $\geq$ 20 knots (15 kt Bay & rivers) and/or Waves $\geq$ 4 feet (2 ft Bay & rivers).
<b>Elevated</b>	Wind Gusts $\geq$ 25 knots (20 kt Bay & rivers) and/or Waves $\geq$ 5 feet ( $\geq$ 4 ft Bay & rivers).
<b>Significant</b>	Wind Gusts $\geq$ 34 knots and/or Waves $\geq$ 8 feet ( $\geq$ 5 ft Bay & rivers).
<b>Extreme</b>	Wind Gusts $\geq$ 48 knots and/or Waves $\geq$ 12 feet ( $\geq$ 8 ft Bay & rivers).



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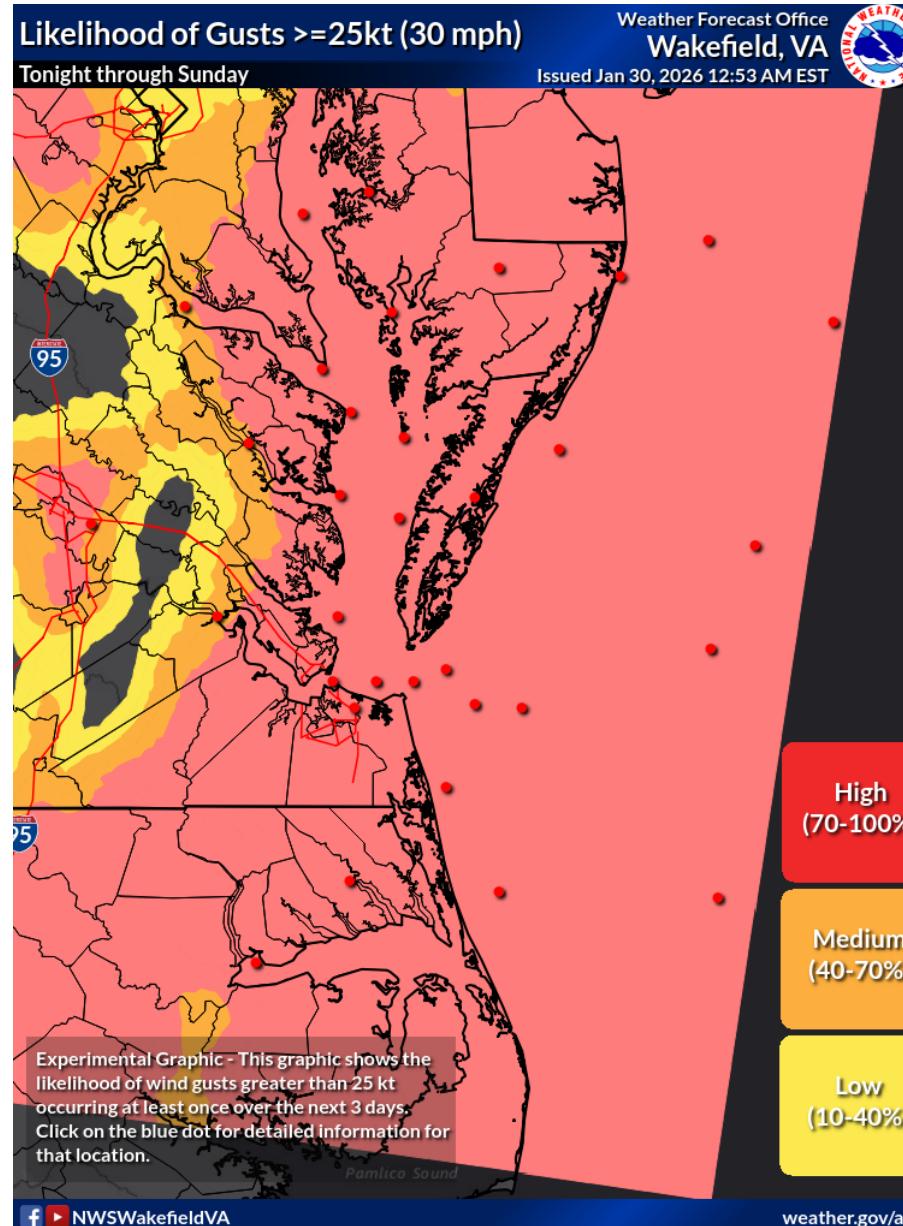


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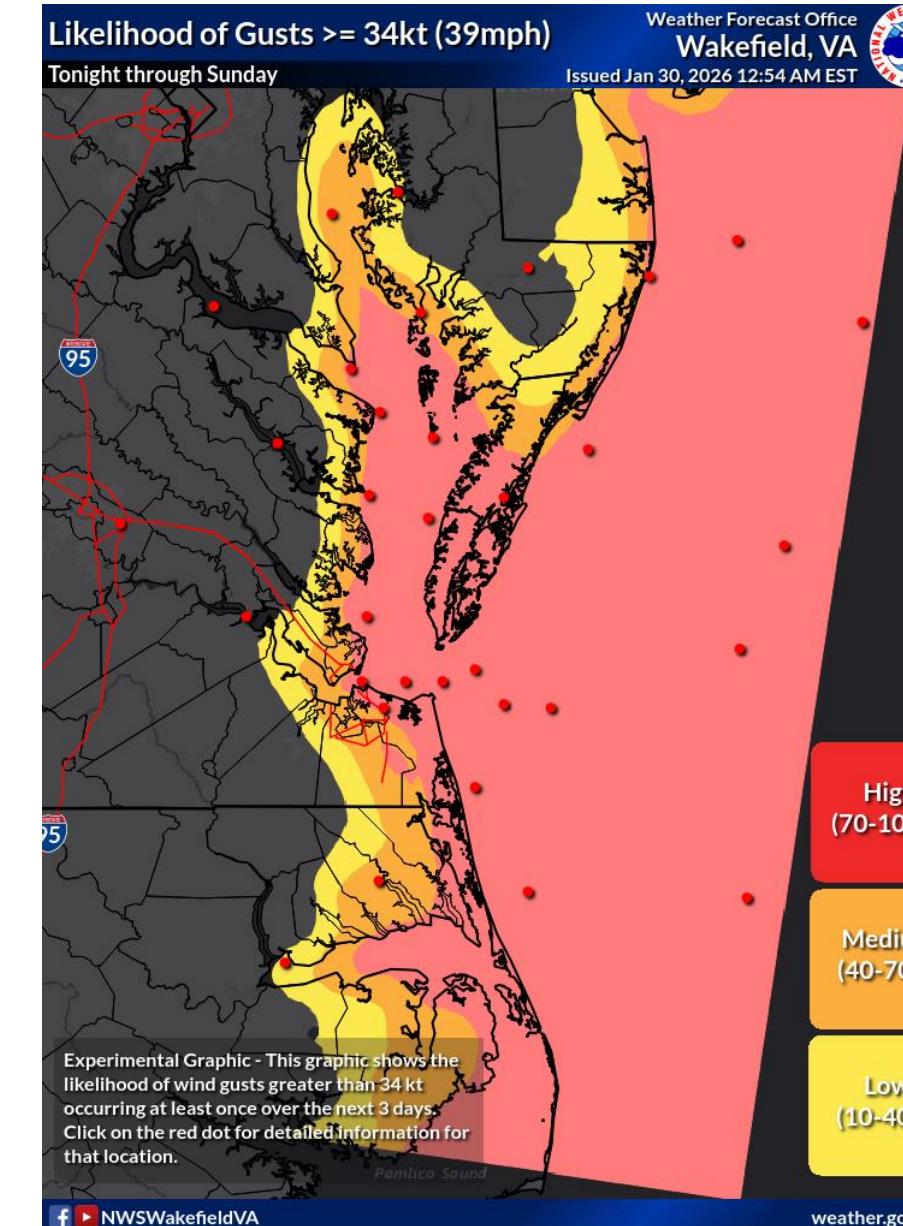
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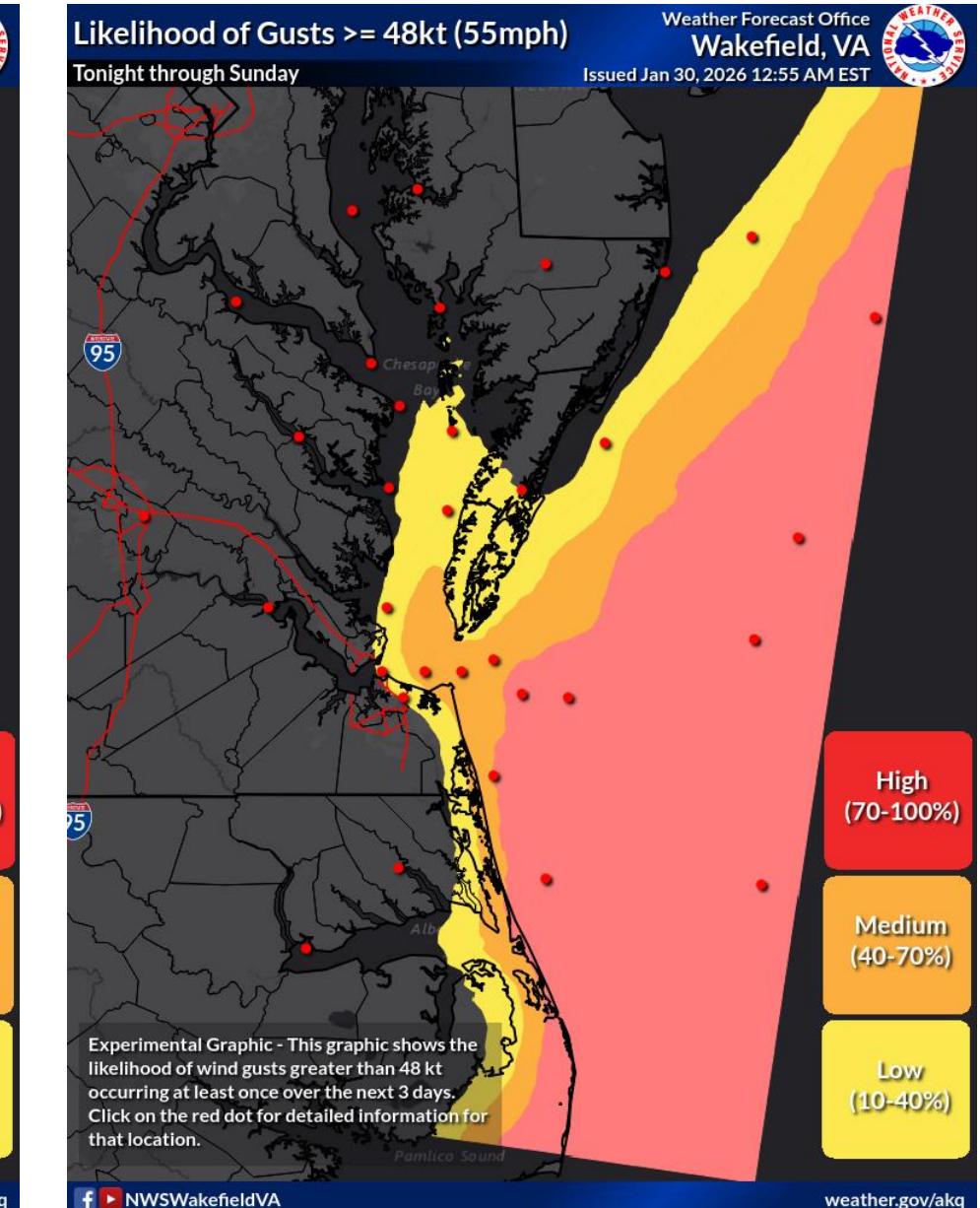
## Wind Gusts $\geq 25$ kt



## Gale Conditions



## Storm Conditions



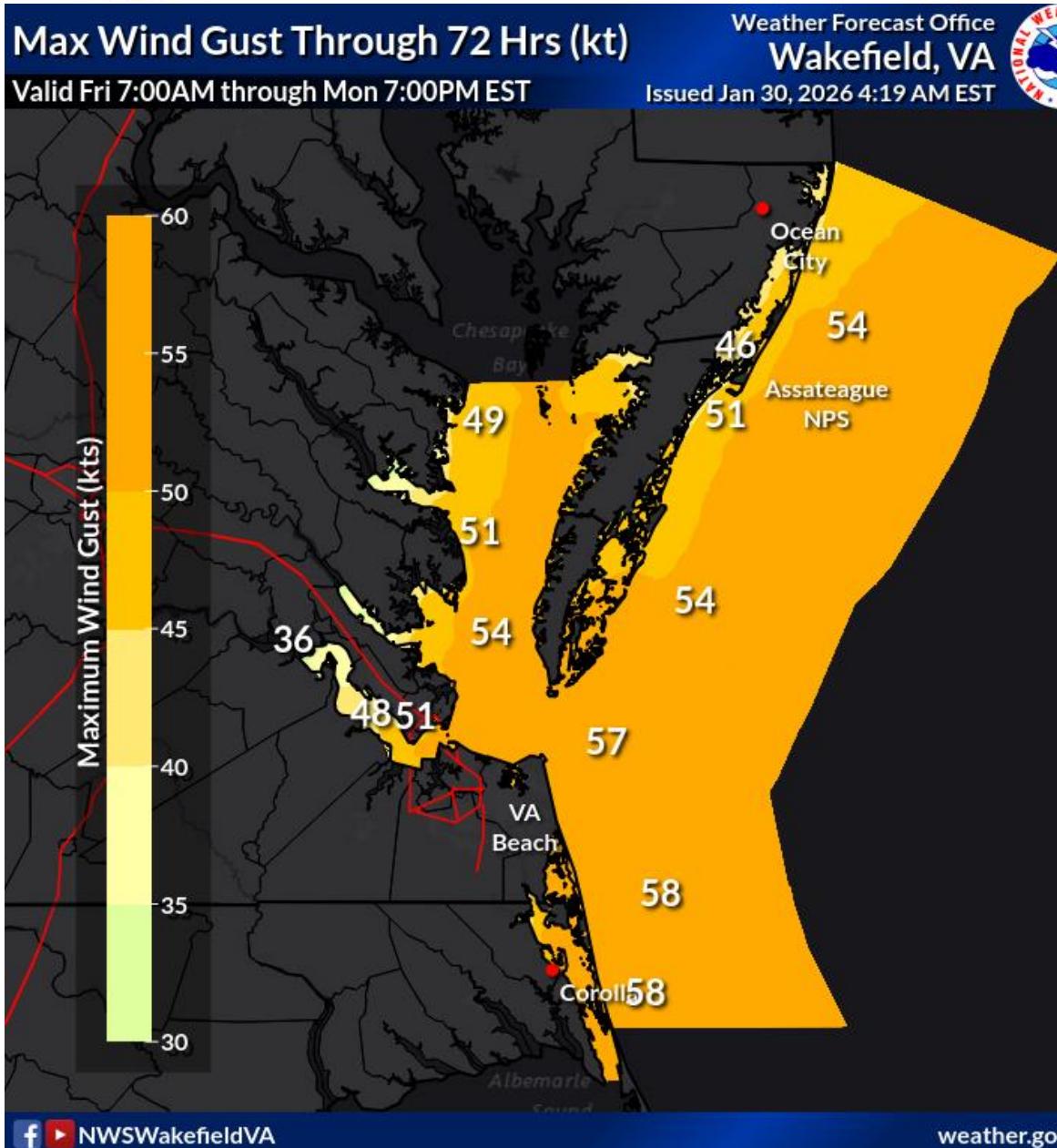
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# Marine Wind Overview

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## Key Points:

- Storm Watches/Warnings are in effect Saturday evening-Sunday. N to NE winds rapidly increase to 35 to 45 knots with gusts of 55 knots expected.
- Rounds of freezing spray are expected through the weekend as periods of elevated winds develop. Moderate to occasionally heavy freezing spray is possible Saturday night-Sunday AM.

	Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (kt)											
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Cape Henry	12	12	16	19	23	25	28	29	31	35	41	45
Chesapeake Light	13	13	18	20	23	25	28	30	33	38	43	46
Chincoteague Shoal	13	11	15	18	19	20	20	22	23	25	29	35
Duck, NC	12	11	17	20	24	28	30	32	36	40	45	48
Fenwick Shoal	18	17	19	19	18	17	18	19	21	26	33	39
HRBT	11	11	15	19	23	25	27	29	31	34	40	44
JRB	10	10	14	16	20	23	24	26	27	31	36	41
New Point Comfort	12	12	14	18	21	24	26	27	29	33	39	46
Parramore Banks	11	10	14	17	20	21	22	23	26	30	35	40
Rappahannock Light	13	10	15	18	20	21	23	24	26	30	36	41
Tangier	13	11	15	16	19	21	21	21	24	29	35	39
Thimble Shoal	12	12	15	19	21	25	26	28	30	34	39	45

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# Marine Forecast Wind Summary

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## Sustained Wind (kt)

	Maximum Wind Speed Forecast (kt)																							
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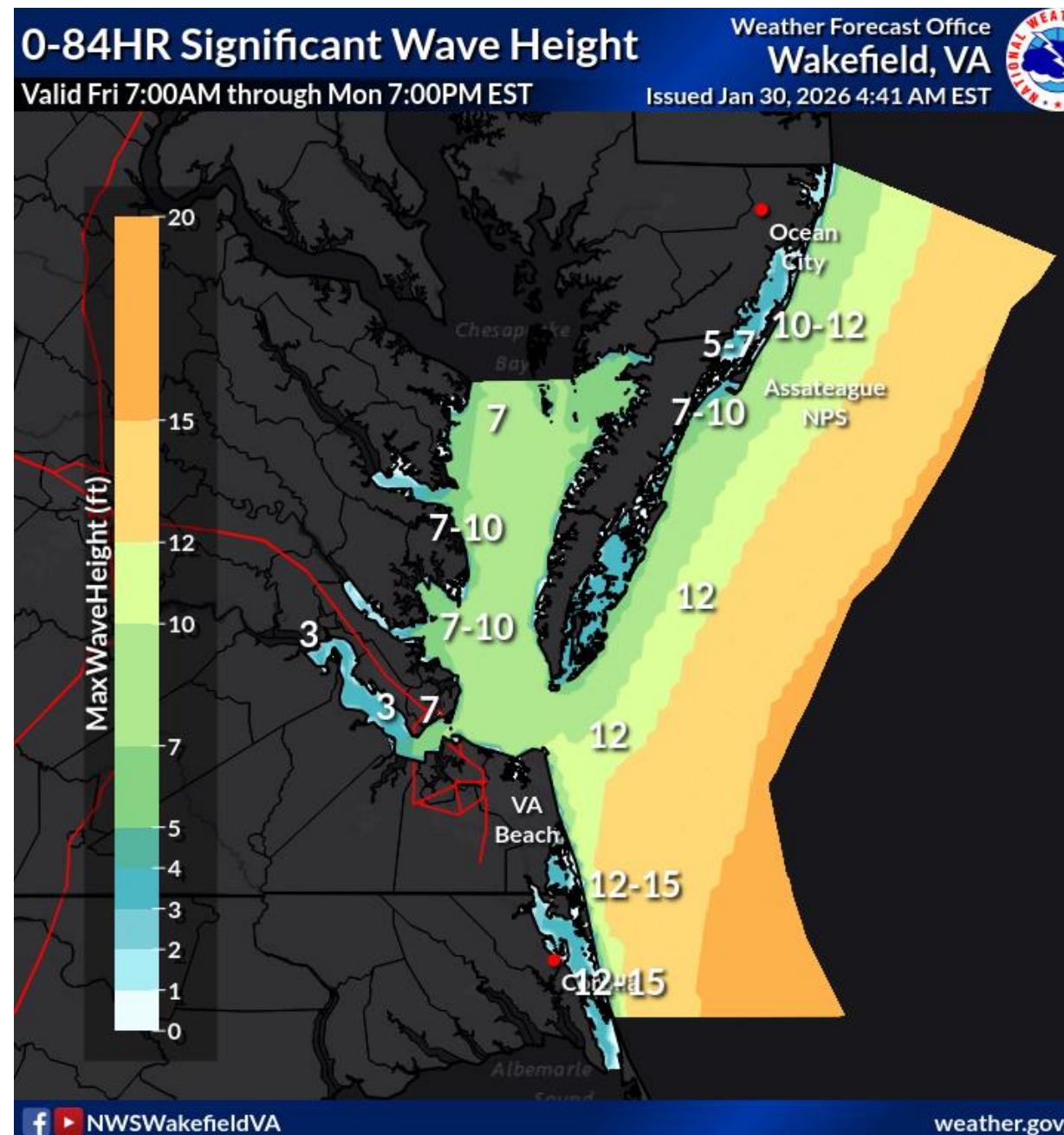
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Cape Henry	12↓	19↓	25↓	29↓	35↓	45↓	51↓	53↓	46↓	39↓	34↓	31↓	25↓	16↓	13→	12→	11↓	7↓	8↓	10↓	10↓	12↓		
Chesapeake Light	13↓	20↓	25↓	30↓	38↓	46↓	53↓	53↓	48↓	41↓	35↓	33↓	28↓	21↓	16↓	14↓	13↓	8↓	10↓	10↓	11↓	13↓		
Chincoteague Shoal	13↓	18↓	20↓	23↓	29↓	40↓	48↓	47↓	42↓	37↓	34↓	32↓	25↓	20↓	13↓	12↓	12↓	10↓	6↓	8↓	8↓	10↓		
Duck, NC	12↓	20↓	28↓	32↓	40↓	48↓	54↓	52↓	45↓	37↓	30↓	26↓	22↓	14↓	13→	13↓	11↓	6↓	7↓	10↓	11↓	11↓		
Fenwick Shoal	18↓	19↓	18↓	19↓	26↓	39↓	46↓	46↓	43↓	35↓	30↓	28↓	25↓	20↓	16↓	16↓	14↓	13↓	9↓	8↓	9↓	10↓		
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JRB	10↓	16↓	23↓	26↓	31↓	41↓	45↓	45↓	35↓	28↓	24↓	19↓	14↓	8↓	7→	6↓	5↓	5↓	5↓	7↓	9↓	10↓		
New Point Comfort	12↓	18↓	24↓	27↓	33↓	43↓	49↓	47↓	41↓	34↓	31↓	29↓	21↓	12↓	10↓	10↓	8↓	6↓	7↓	8↓	10↓	10↓		
Parramore Banks	11↓	17↓	21↓	23↓	30↓	40↓	47↓	46↓	42↓	37↓	33↓	29↓	25↓	17↓	11↓	11↓	12↓	7↓	7↓	8↓	8↓	10↓		
Rappahannock Light	13↓	18↓	21↓	24↓	30↓	41↓	48↓	48↓	43↓	36↓	34↓	31↓	24↓	15↓	11↓	11↓	10↓	6↓	7↓	8↓	8↓	10↓		
Tangier	13↓	16↓	21↓	21↓	29↓	39↓	48↓	47↓	43↓	38↓	35↓	33↓	27↓	16↓	11↓	11↓	11↓	7↓	7↓	8↓	8↓	10↓		
Thimble Shoal	12↓	19↓	25↓	28↓	34↓	45↓	50↓	50↓	43↓	35↓	31↓	30↓	21↓	14↓	11↓	10↓	8↓	7↓	8↓	9↓	11↓	12↓		





# Marine Waves / Seas Forecast

January 30, 2026  
9:00 AM



## SIGNIFICANT Wave Height (one wave every 5 minutes or less)

### Wave Height Forecast (feet)

	1/30	1/31	2/1				2/2				2/3				2/4			
	Fri	Sat	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm		
CBBT	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	
Cape Henry	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Chesapeake Light	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	8.0	10.0	12.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0
Chincoteague Shoal	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Duck, NC	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
Fenwick Shoal	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	7.0	10.0	11.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0
HRBT	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
JRB	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
New Point Comfort	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Parramore Banks	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	5.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Rappahannock Light	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Tangier	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Thimble Shoal	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	9.0	9.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0

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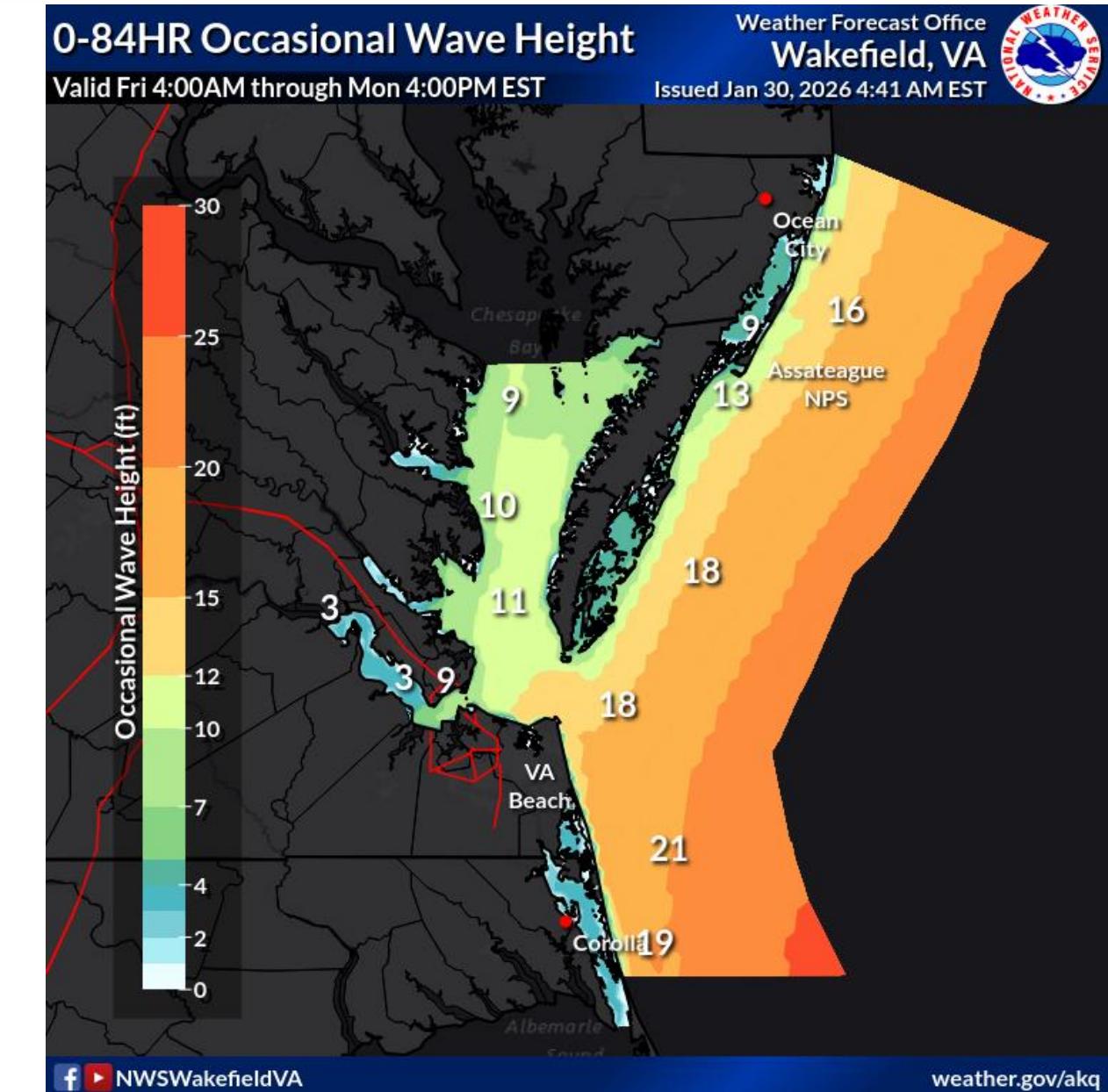
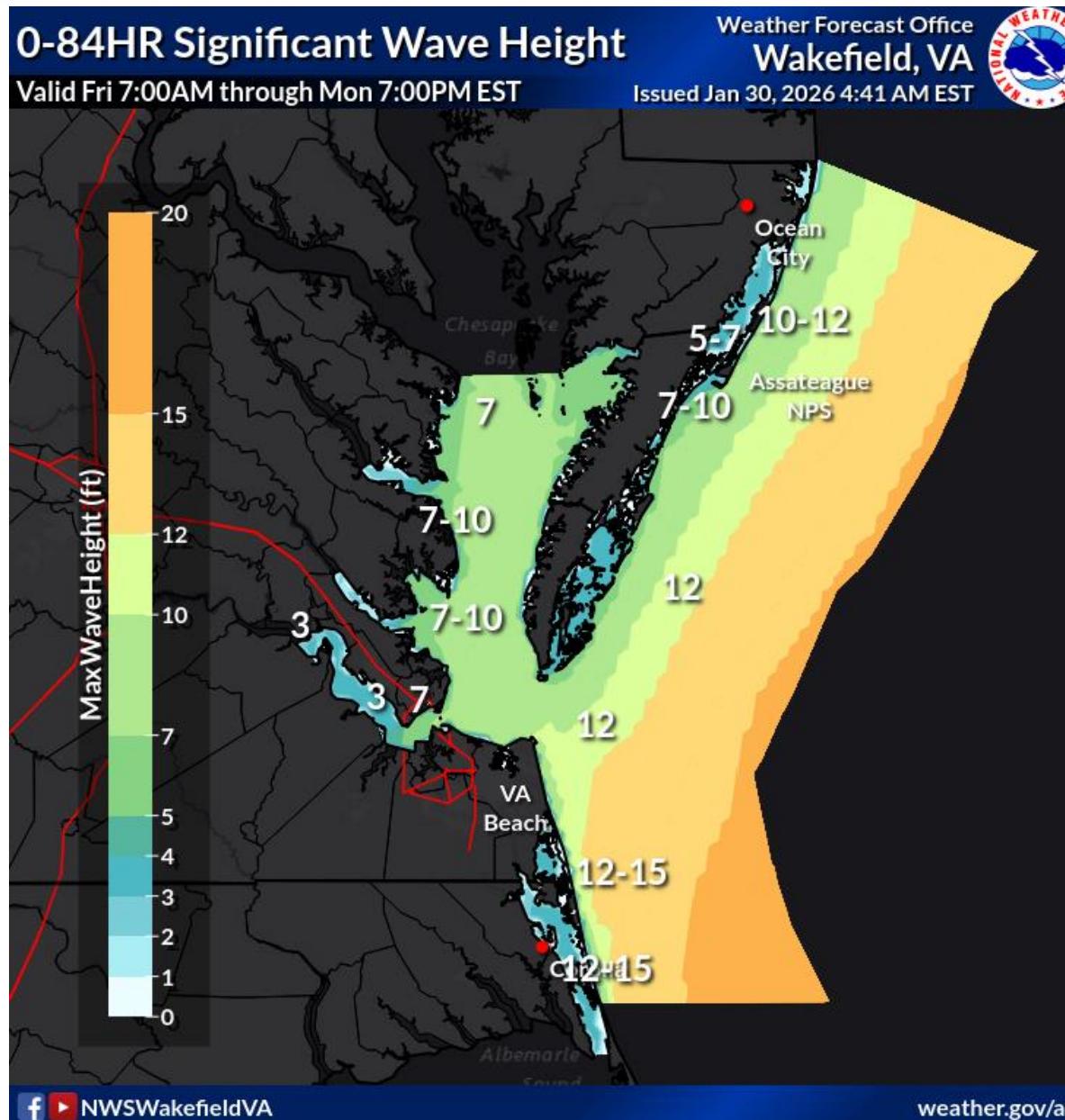


# Marine Waves / Seas Forecast

# January 30, 2026

## 9:00 AM

## 3 Day Highest Significant and Occasional Wave Height Forecast



## **SIGNIFICANT Wave Height - one every 5 minutes or less**

## Occasional Wave Height (one every 15 to 20 minutes)



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# National Weather Service Wakefield, VA



# Heavy Freezing Spray Watch

January 30, 2026  
9:00 AM EST

In effect Saturday Night Through Sunday Morning

## Heavy Freezing Spray Watch



**WHAT:** Moderate to Heavy ice accretion (around 2 cm per hour) on vessels from freezing spray



**Winds:** N 30-45 kt, Gusts to 50-55 Kt over the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Waters



**WHERE:** Chesapeake Bay from Smith Point to the Mouth of Chesapeake Bay, Atlantic Coastal Waters north of Parramore Island



**WHEN:** Saturday night through Sunday morning



**IMPACTS:** Freezing spray may damage electronic equipment and can reduce vessel stability



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# Contact and Next Briefing Information

For NWS Wakefield, Virginia

January 30, 2026  
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## Briefing Webpage

- [NWS Wakefield Briefing Webpage](#)
- This briefing is updated daily at 9 AM and 3:30 PM at <https://www.weather.gov/media/akq/briefings/LatestBriefing.pdf>
- Next Scheduled Email Briefing: Today, January 30th, 2026 by 3:30 PM.
- Next Live Online Briefing: Today, January 30th, 2026 at 11:00 AM (Video briefing will be posted on Youtube).



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