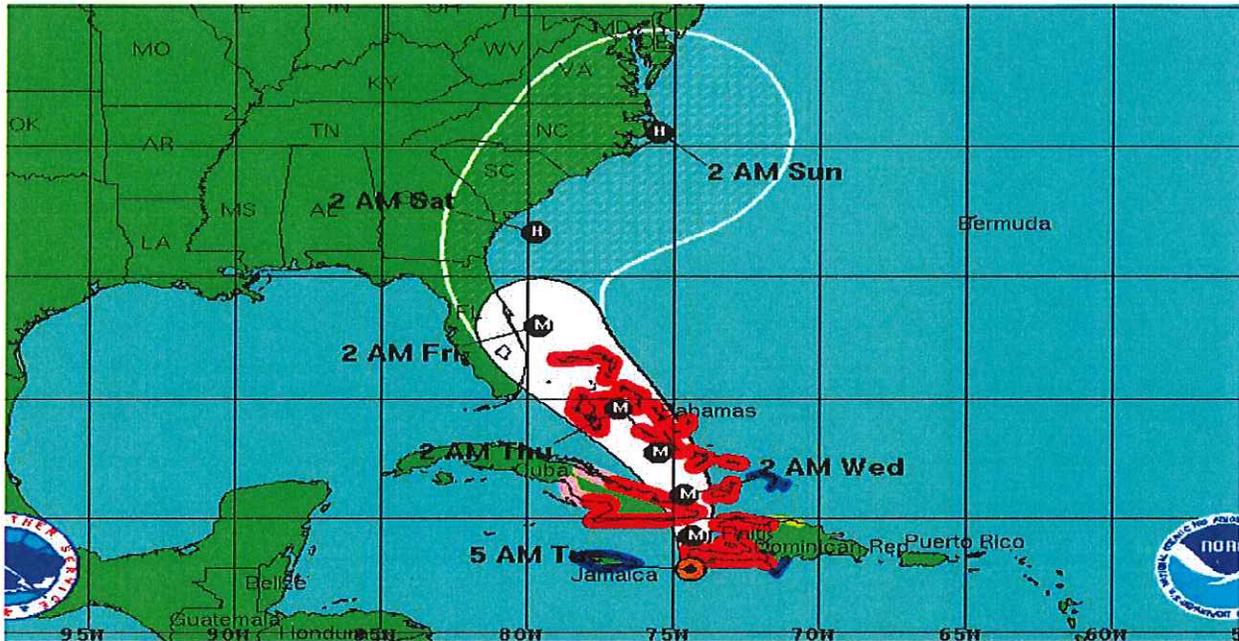




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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN (MSIB 44-16) HURRICANE MATTHEW



Hurricane Matthew has formed and is currently nearing the Southwest Peninsula of Haiti. Hurricane Matthew is currently a category 4 storm with maximum sustained winds of 145 mph with higher gusts. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 40 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 185 miles from the center of the storm. Tropical storm or hurricane conditions could affect portions of Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina later this week or this weekend. The current projected track shows the potential for the storm to track near Charleston and outlying areas as early as Saturday morning. Mariners are urged to prepare and plan transits accordingly to avoid unnecessary disruption, taking into account drawbridges within the Charleston area will not open upon sustained winds of 25 MPH or greater.

For more information regarding this tropical/subtropical system, log onto The National Hurricane Centers website at: www.nhc.noaa.gov.

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