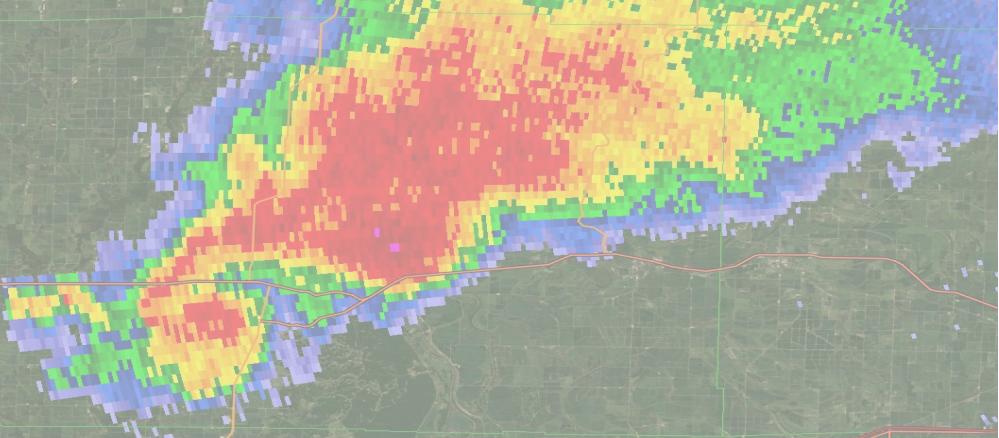




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Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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For Southern New England

Decision Support Briefing:

Key Messages

- High Impact Winter storm Sunday-Monday.
 - Difficult travel, especially late Sunday through early Monday (early Mon commute).

INFO

New Information/Updates

- Snow totals decreased slightly in northern areas. Amounts expected in the higher end of the 12-18" range.
- Biggest area of uncertainty remains totals along the south coast where mixed precip may bring down snow totals.
- Next Briefing: Sunday morning 1/25.

Current Headlines



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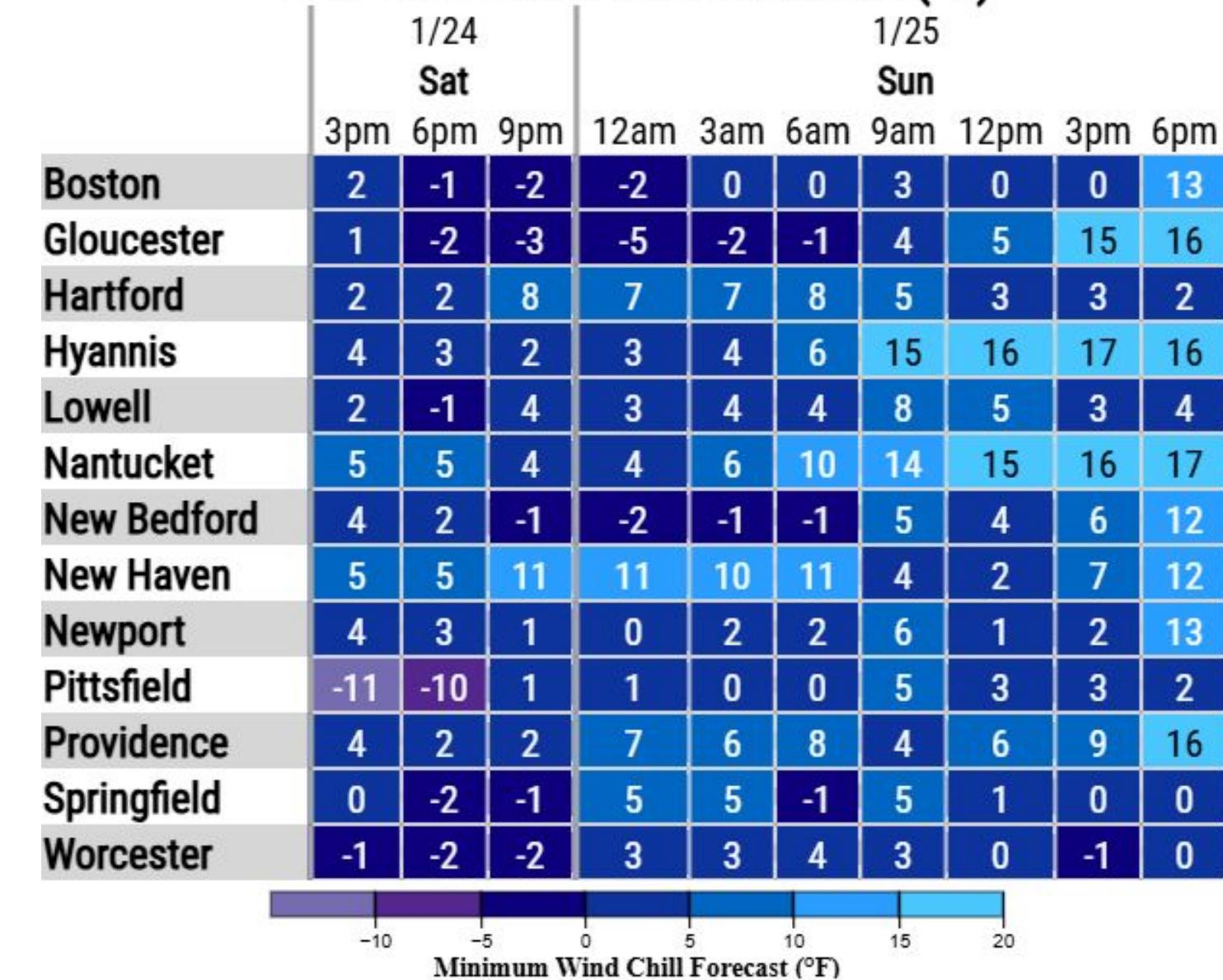


Forecast Minimum Wind Chills

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- Combination of well below normal temperatures and gusty winds will bring bitter, cold wind chills through the weekend.

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)



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Most Likely Snowfall & Confidence

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Timing Confidence

LOW **MEDIUM** **HIGH**

- Snow arrives Sun 9 AM - 3 PM.
- Timing of heaviest snow: 3 PM - 1 AM
- Light to moderate snow lingers through much Mon, especially central and eastern MA

Snow Amounts Confidence

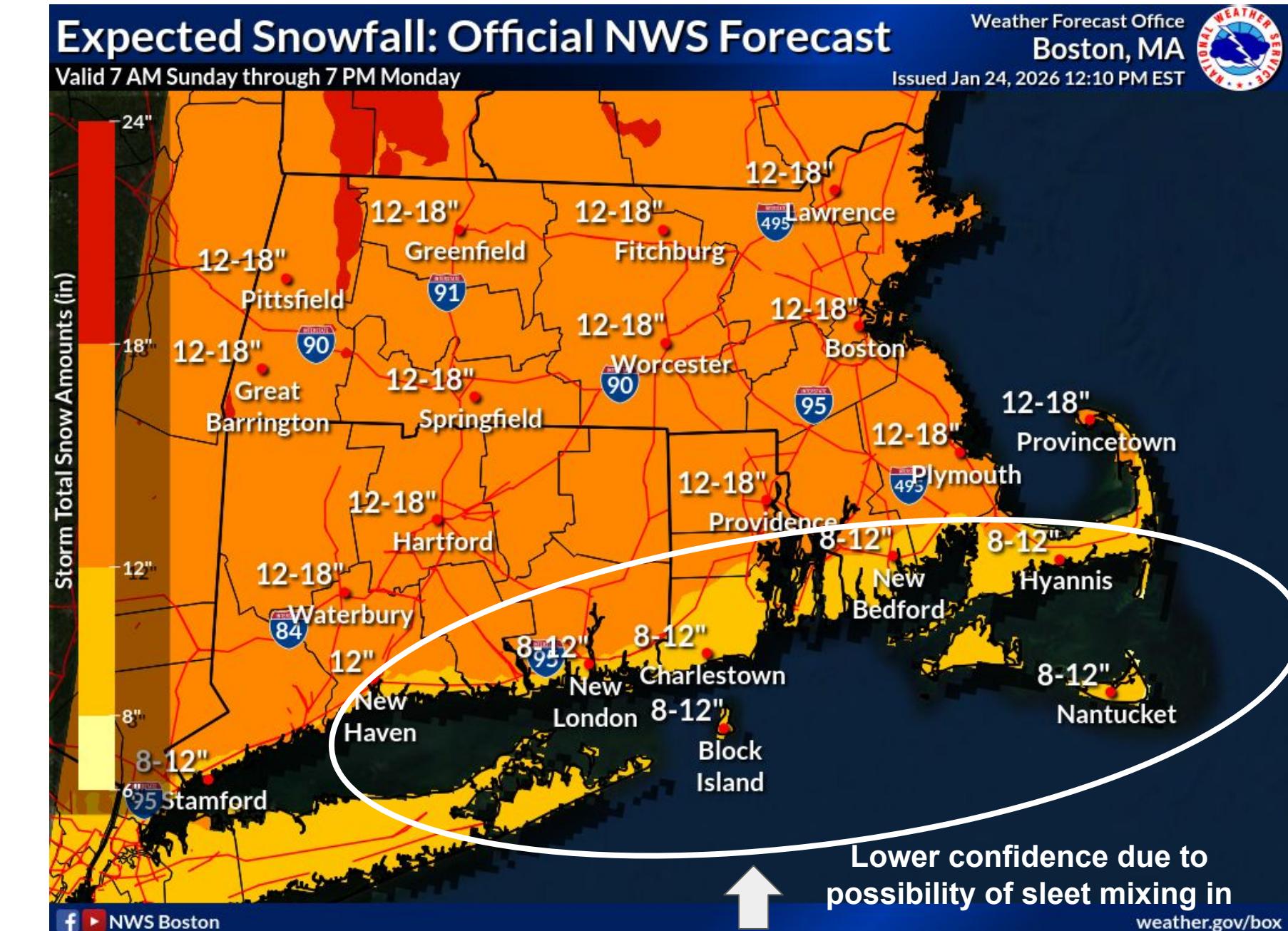
LOW MEDIUM HIGH

- High confidence (80-100%) for a foot or more snow, especially north of CT/RI border.
- Lower confidence in amounts for RI and SE MA, including and Cape and Islands due to potential for snow mixing with or changing to sleet.

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

Travel will be difficult, especially late Sun and Su evening when snowfall accumulation rates will be highest. Travel impacts continue through Mon.



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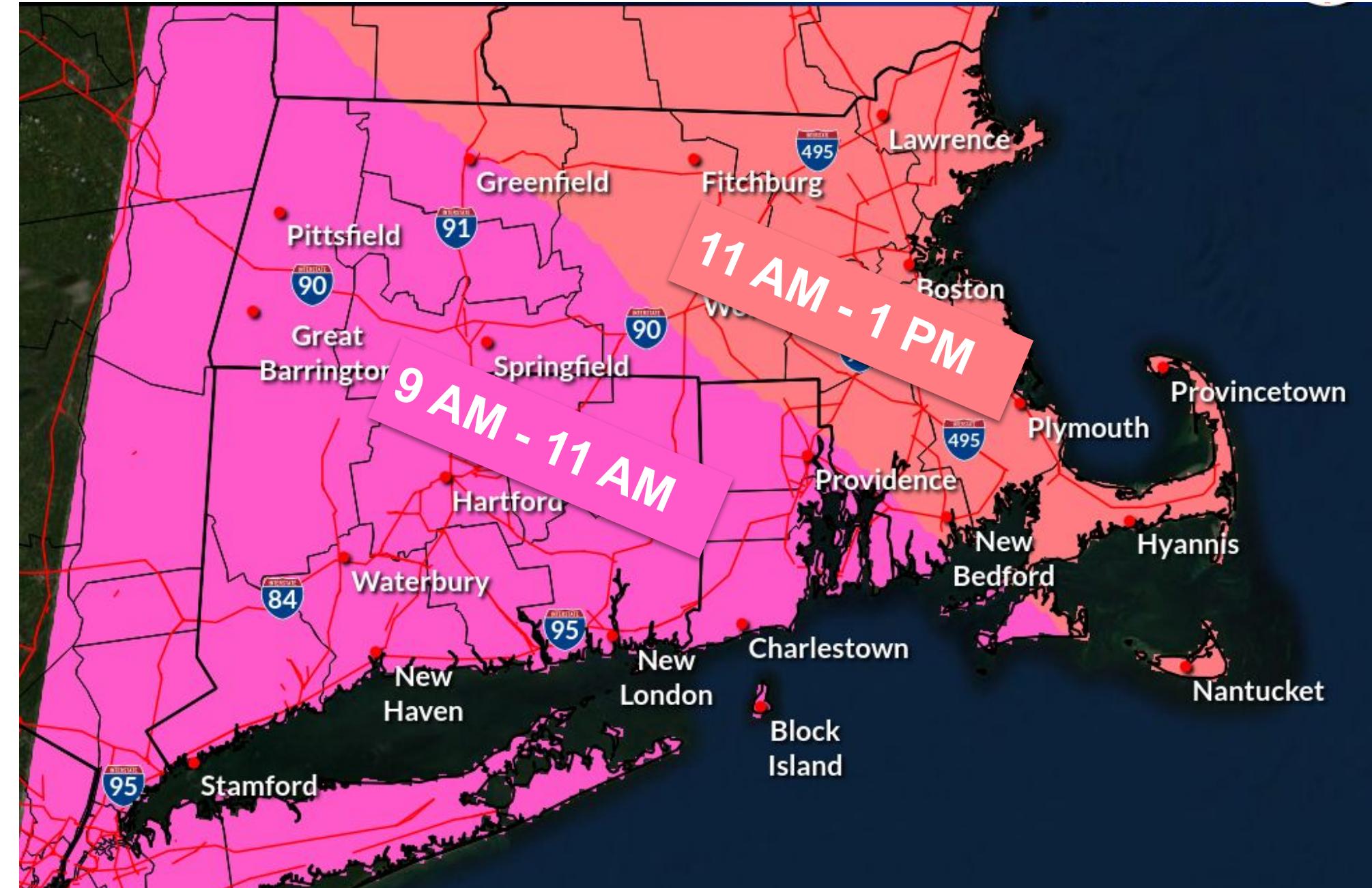
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Snow Onset Time

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Will be refined as we get closer to the storm



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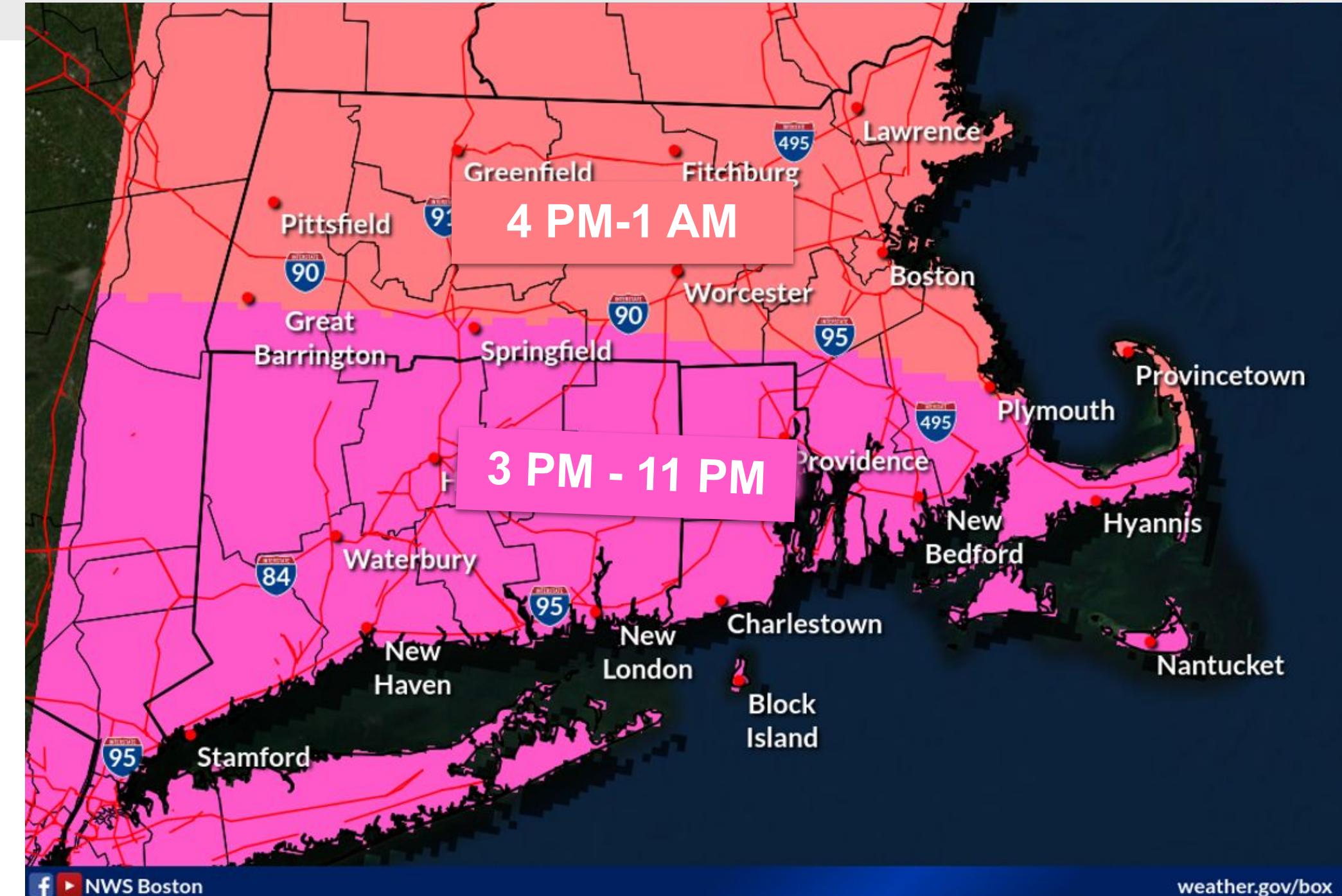
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Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (1-2"/hr, possibly 3"/hr)

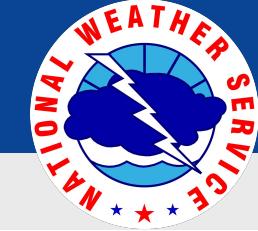
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Snowfall rates up to 2"/hr (and possibly 3"/hr) will likely occur in a 3 hour window within this time period



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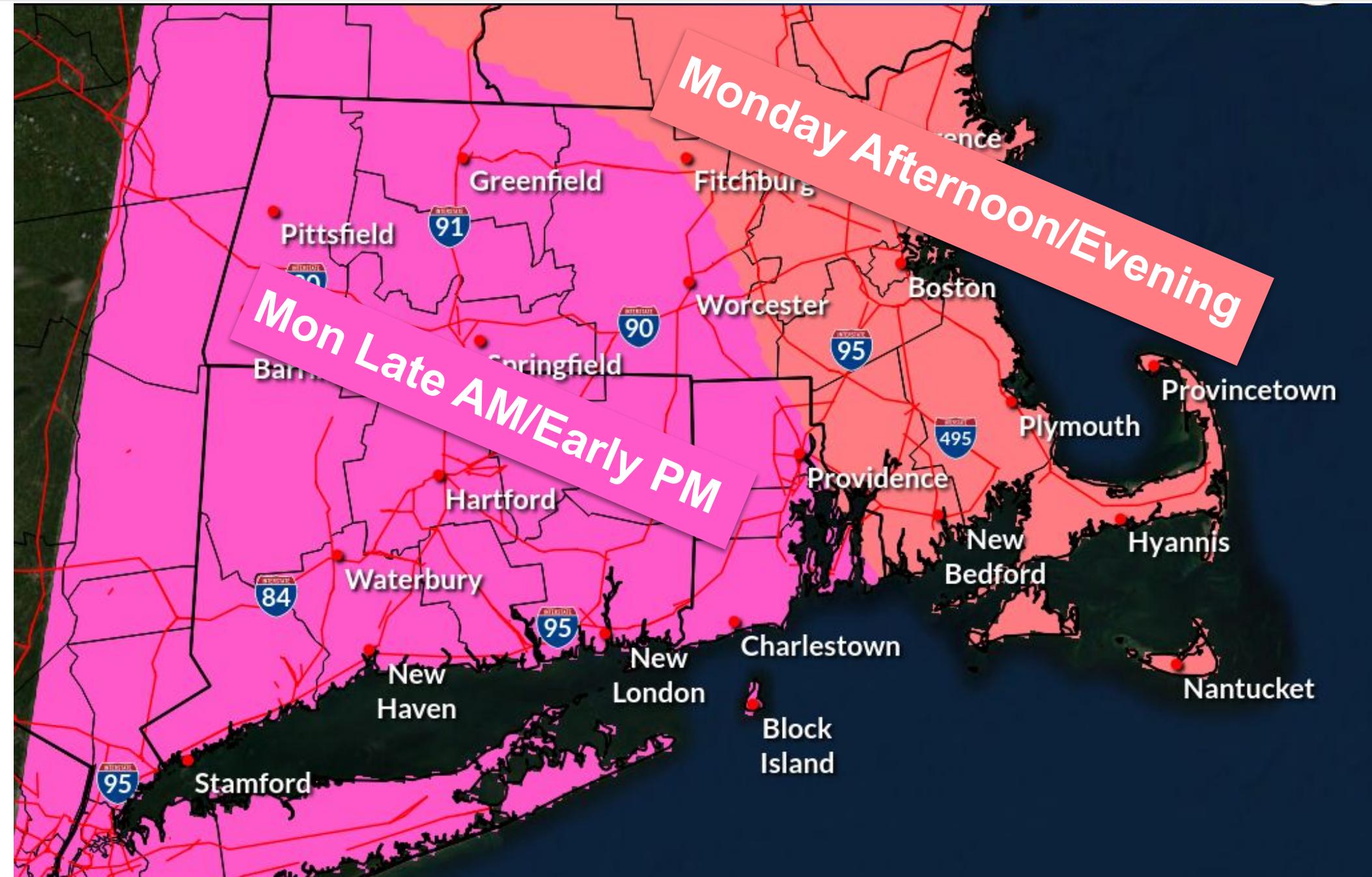
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Snow Ending Time

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Snow becomes much lighter as it tapers off through the day on Monday



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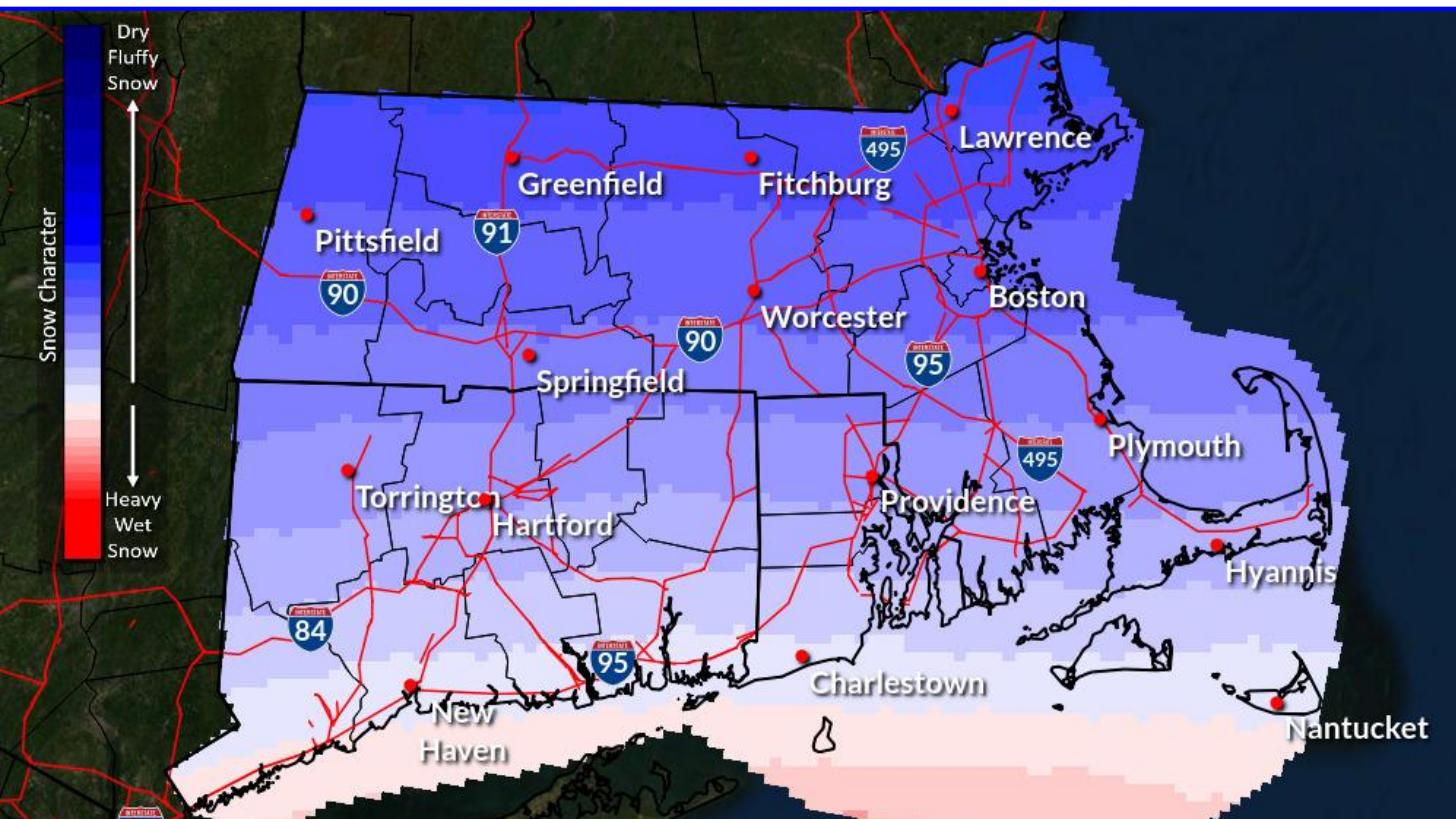
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Snow Character (Wet or Dry)

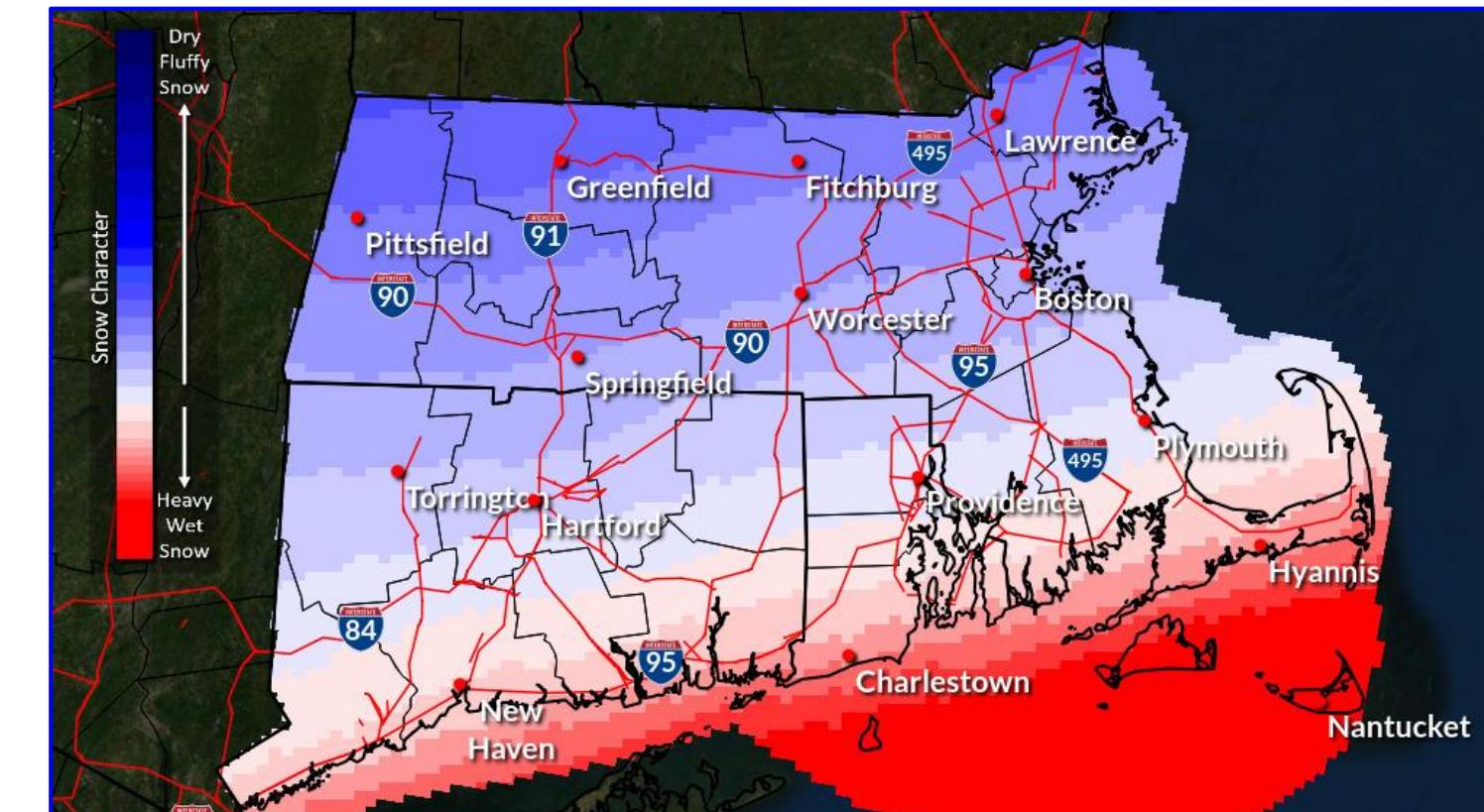
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7 PM Sun through 1 AM Monday



Leaning drier and fluffier for most - arrival of snow and for main portion of the storm.

1 AM Mon through 7 AM Monday



Becoming more “wet” toward end of the storm, especially south.



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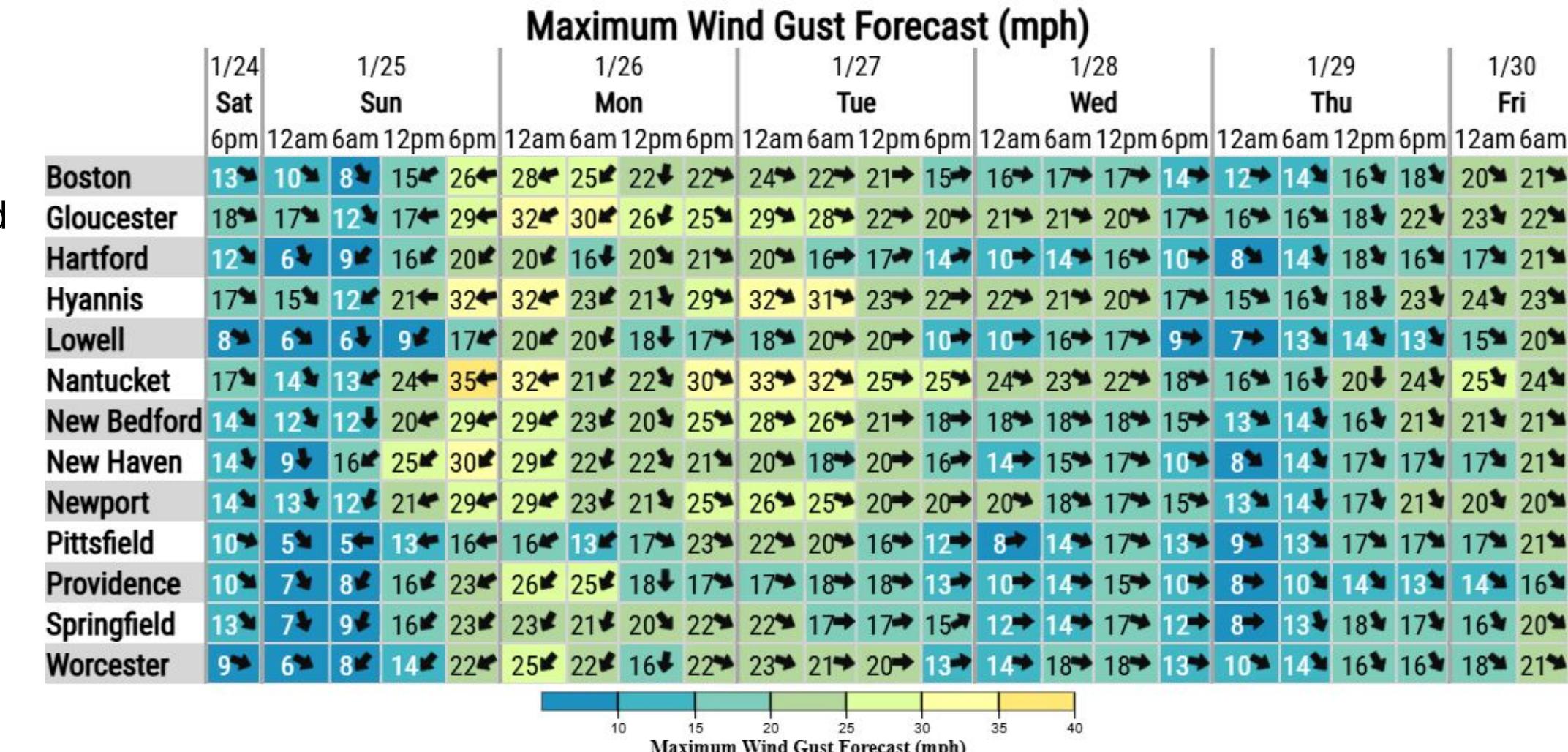


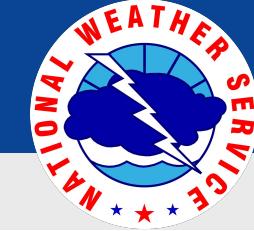
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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast

Key Messages:

- Period of gusty winds Sunday night-early Monday AM.
 - Brief period of near-blizzard conditions possible near coast.

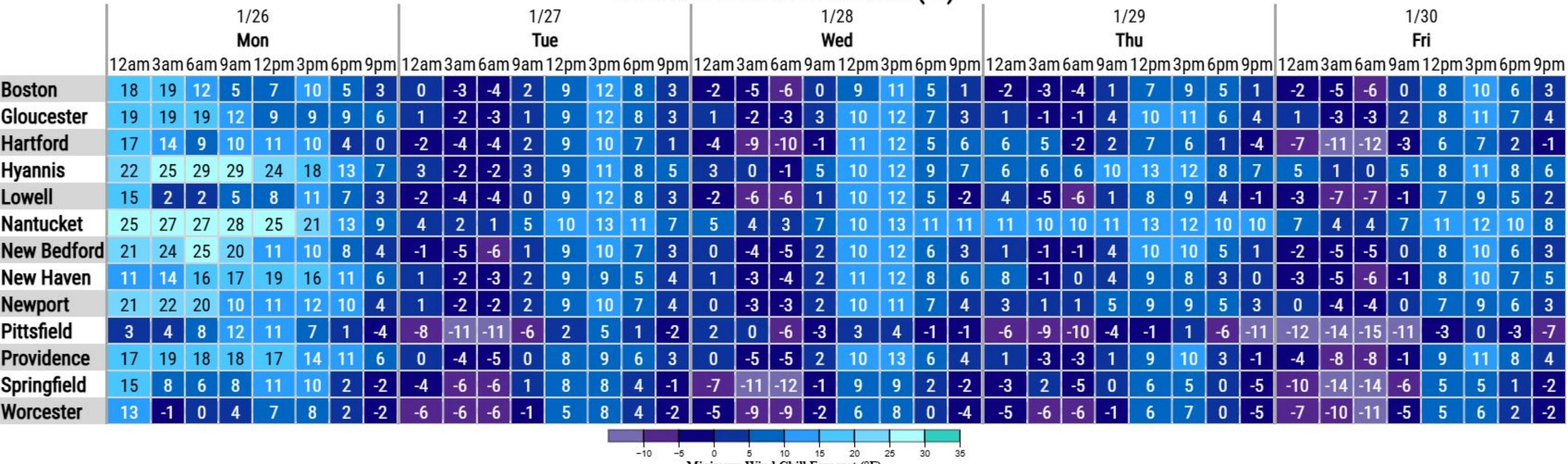




Wind Chill Forecast after the Storm

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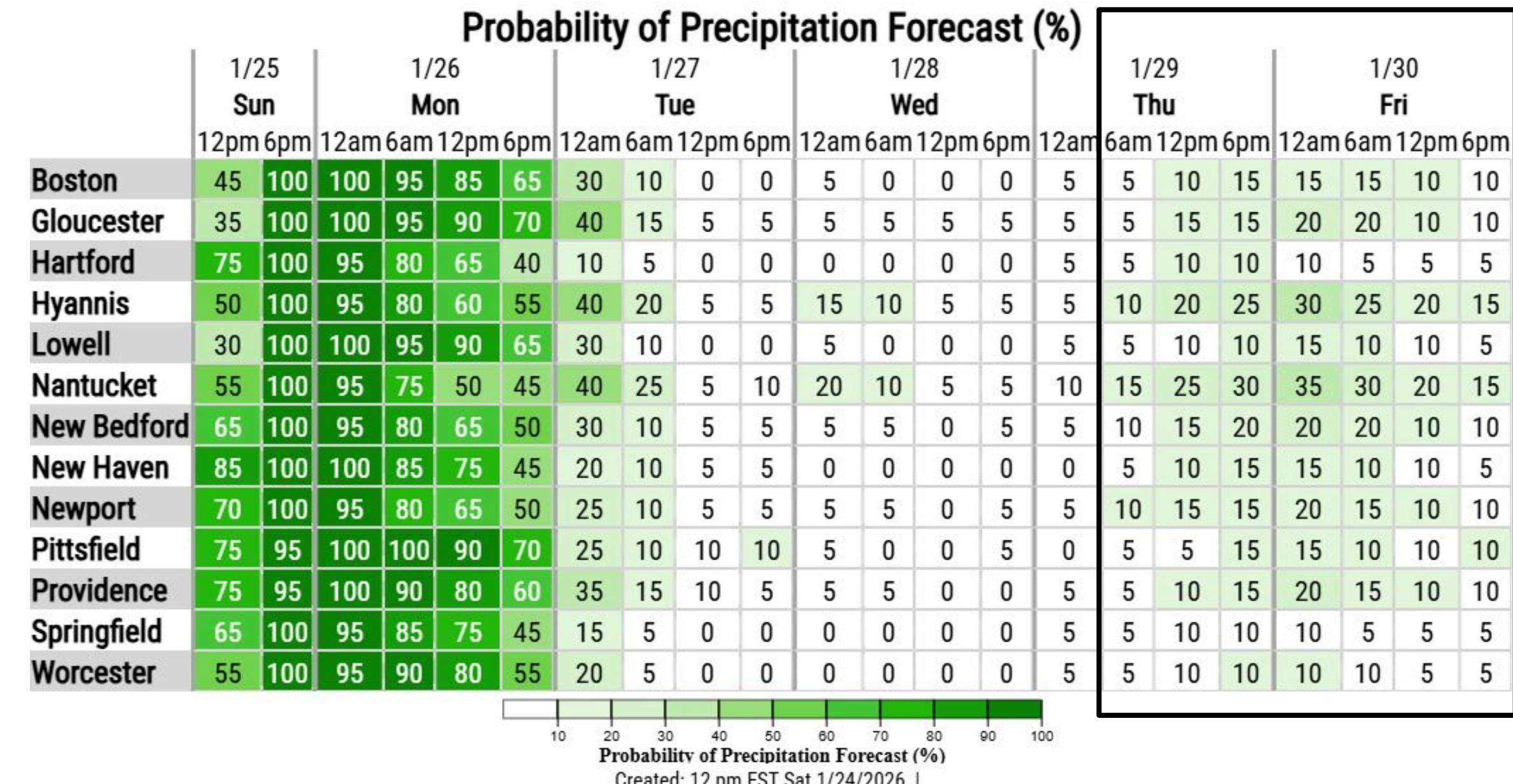
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Precipitation Chances

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Low chances for precipitation late-week, otherwise mainly dry this week after the storm.



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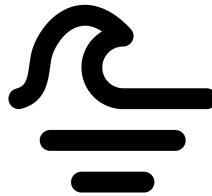
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Freezing Spray Advisory

Through Saturday Evening



- Eastern Massachusetts Coastal Waters



- Moderate freezing spray expected
- Diminishes through the evening

SEAS

- Rough seas

WIND

- Up to 25 KT



- Rapid ice accretion on decks and superstructures may result in a catastrophic loss of stability.



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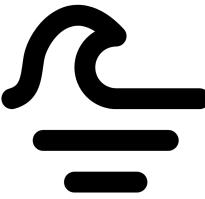
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Gale Warning

Sunday Evening through Monday Morning



- Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



SEAS

- Potential for up **WIND** to 15 FT for east • Up to 40 kts outer waters

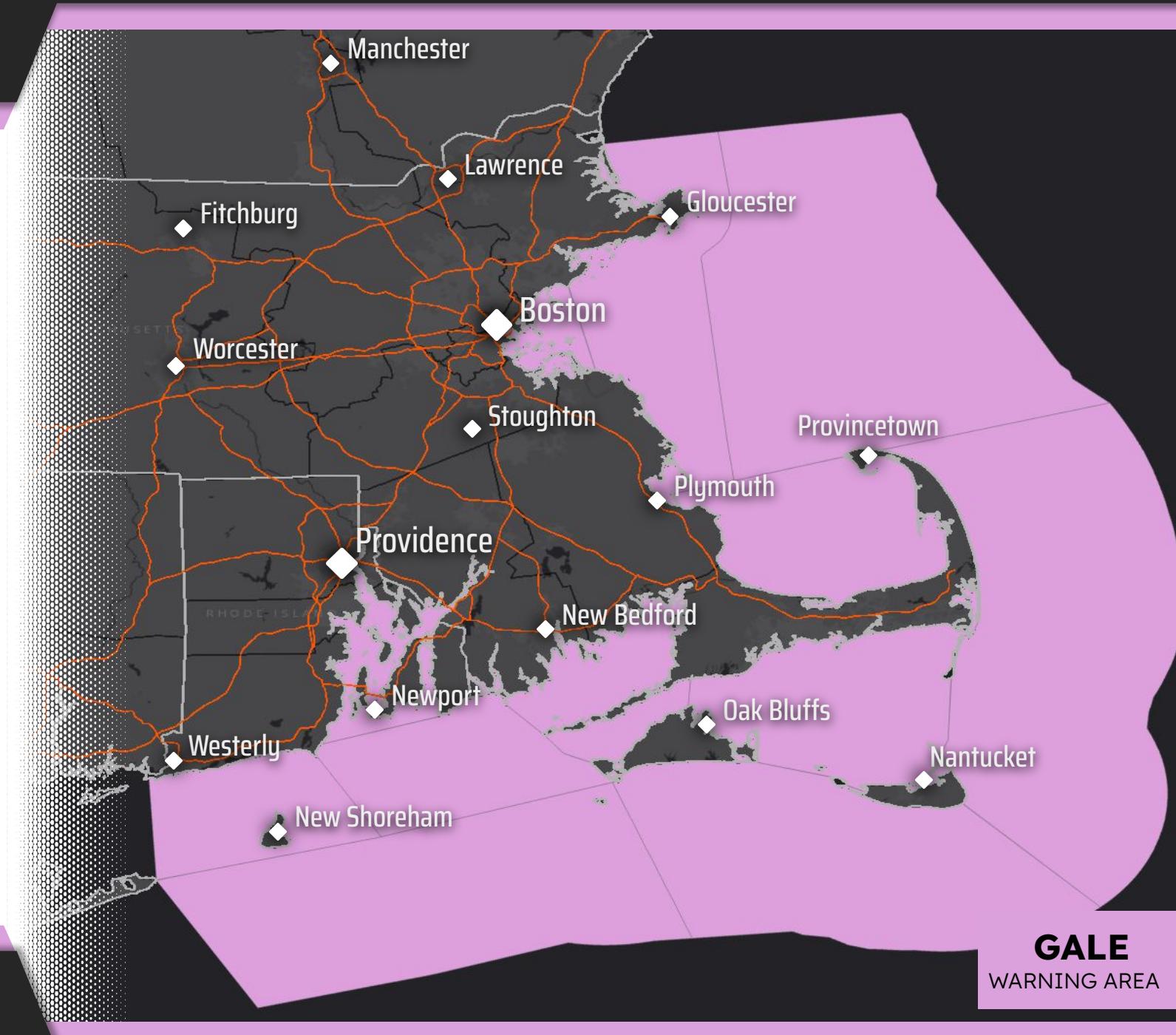


- Wind and wave conditions will be hazardous for small craft.
- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in these conditions.



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