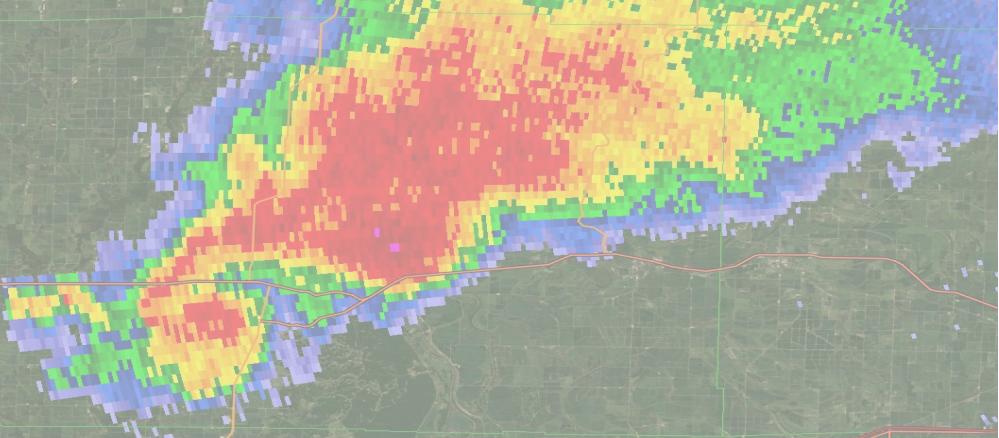




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Emergency Management Briefing
Cold & Winter Storm Jan 30-Feb 2
Friday 1/30/2026





Incoming Cold and Late Weekend Storm

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For Southern New England

Key Messages:

- Hazardous wind chills expected through Saturday.
- Strong coastal storm expected to track offshore of New England Sunday into Monday.
 - Potential for accumulating snow and strong winds, especially for Cape Cod and the Islands.
 - Minor/moderate coastal flooding and significant erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast.
 - Potential for storm force winds and dangerous seas on the coastal waters.

INFO

New Information/Updates

- Slightly warmer wind chill temperatures tonight into Saturday morning.
- Slight downward adjustments to snow accumulations Sunday and Sunday night.



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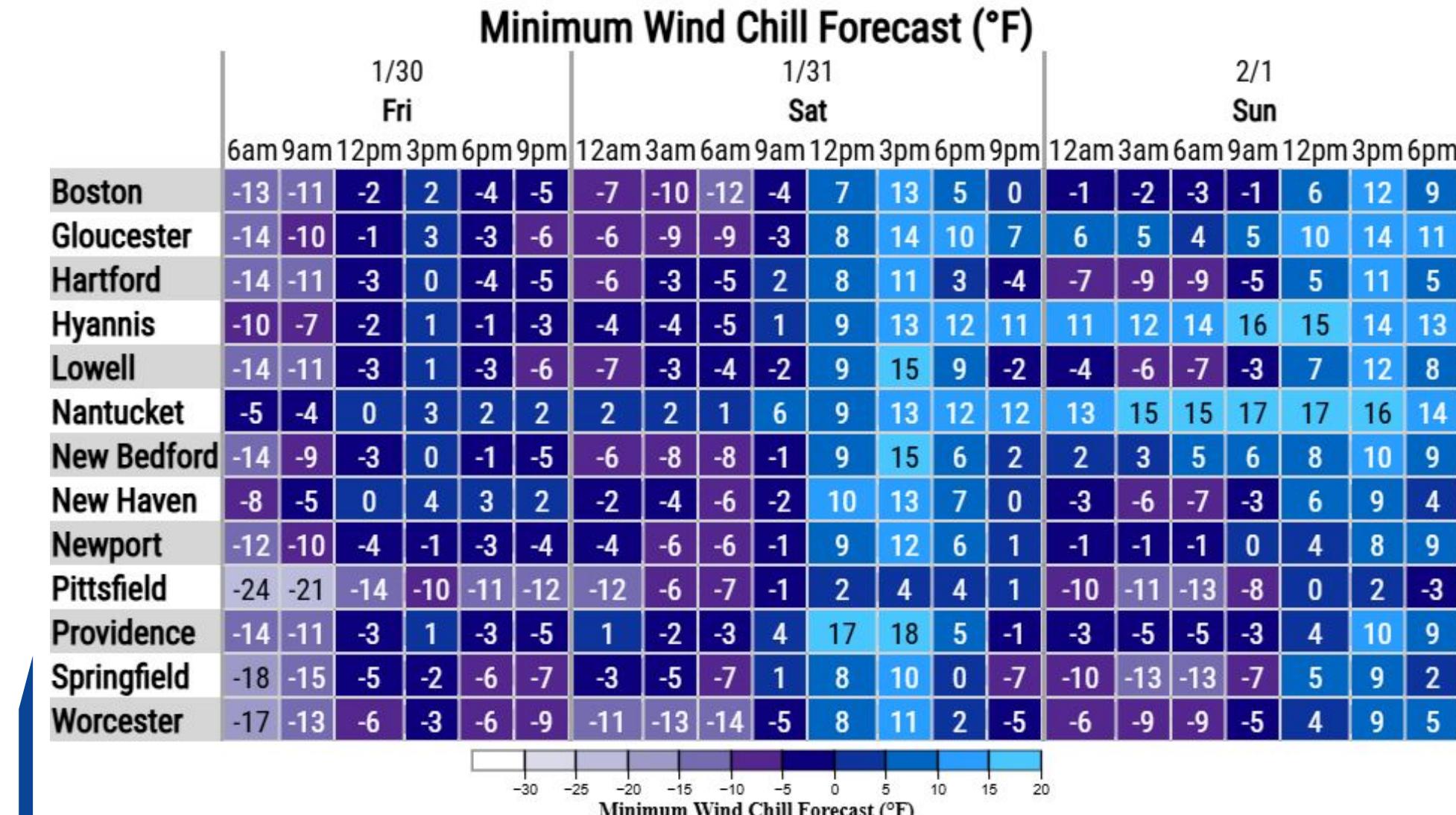


Hazardous Wind Chills Through Early Saturday

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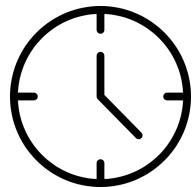
- Arctic air will remain across Southern New England through Saturday.
- Lowest wind chills are expected this morning, between 15 and 25 below zero.
- Lowest wind chills between 5 and 15 below zero are expected tonight into Saturday morning, influenced by lighter wind speeds.



Cold Weather Advisory

Latest info at weather.gov/boston

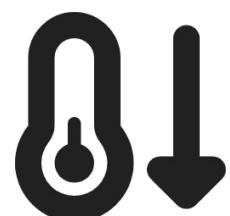
This morning



**Tonight-Friday Morning.
[May be needed again Sat. AM]**



**Most of Southern New England
excluding Nantucket, Martha's
Vineyard and coastal Connecticut**



- Lows: 5°F to -5°F
- Wind Chills: -15°F to -25°F

Protect:

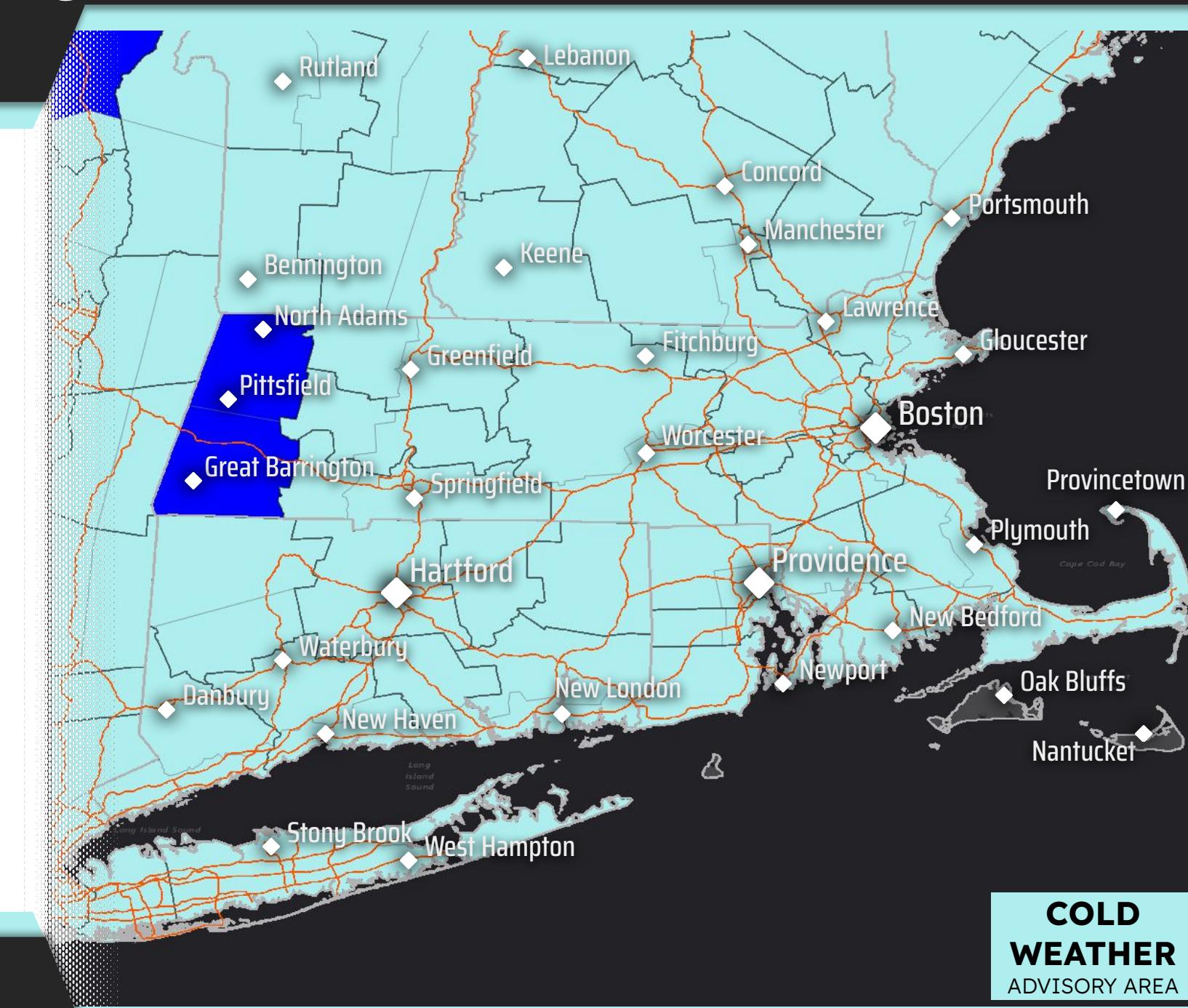


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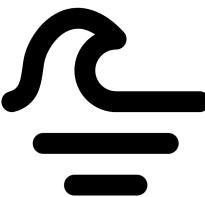
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Heavy Freezing Spray Warning | Advisory

Through 1 AM Saturday.



- **Heavy Freezing Spray Warning:**
- **Freezing Spray Advisory:** Massachusetts and Rhode Island Coastal Waters



SEAS

- 2-6 FT

WIND

- Up to 30 KT

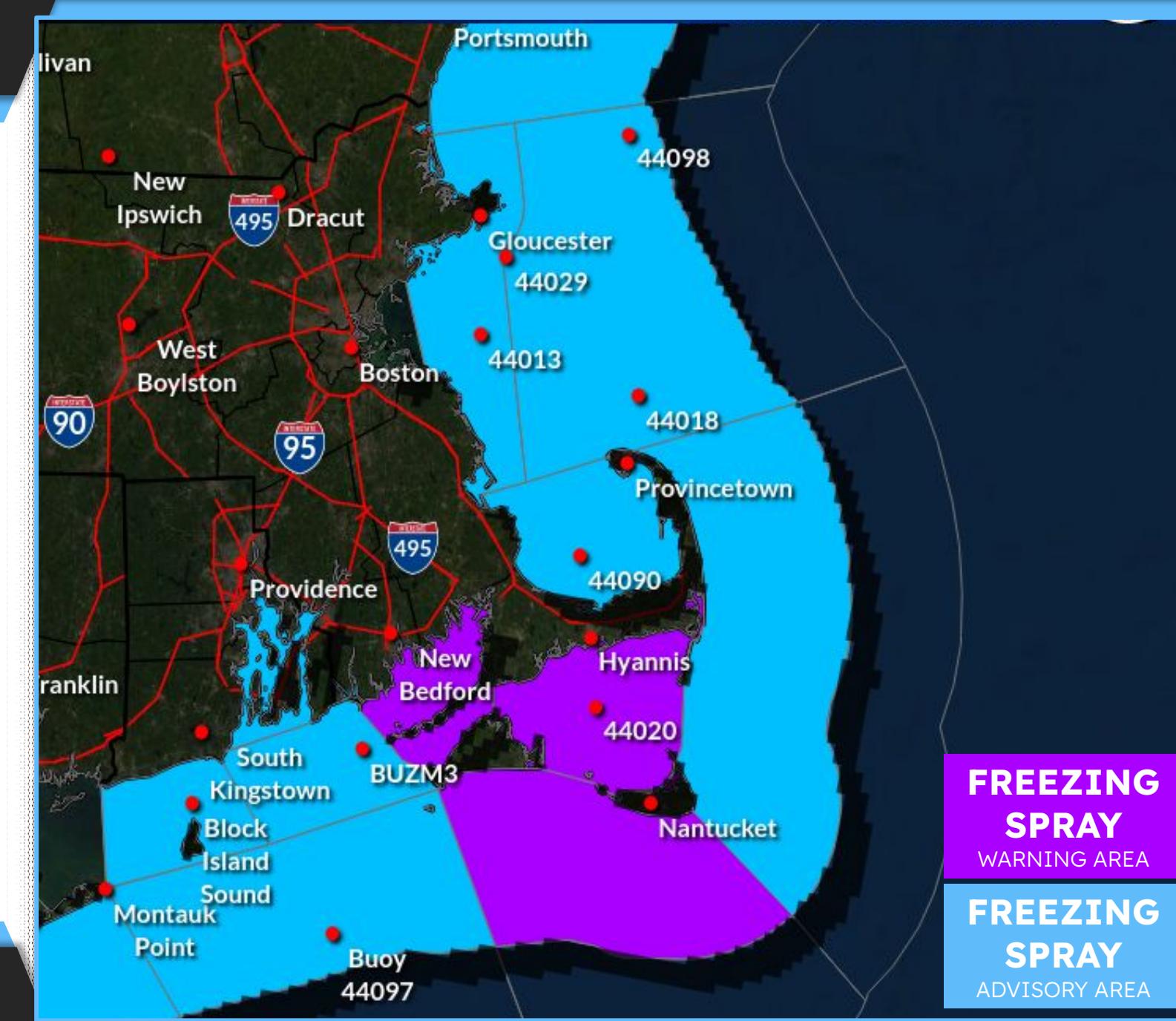


- Freezing Spray Advisory: icing rates of 0.3 to 0.8 inches per hour (moderate icing).
- Freezing Spray Warning: icing rates of 0.8 to 1.6 inches per hour (heavy icing).

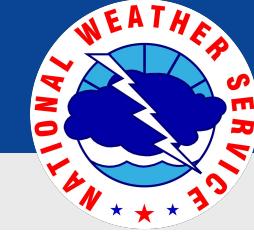


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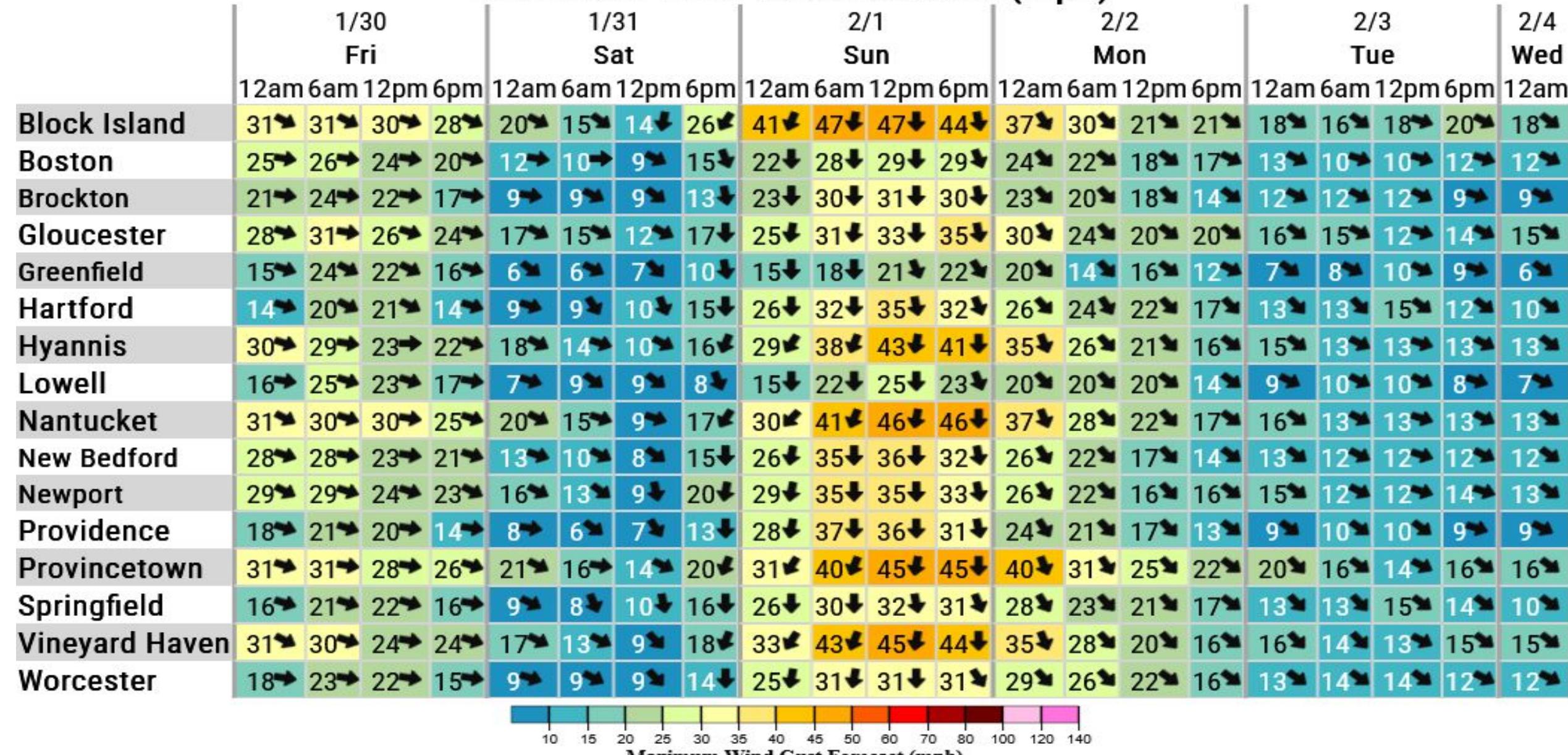
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Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gust Forecast (mph)



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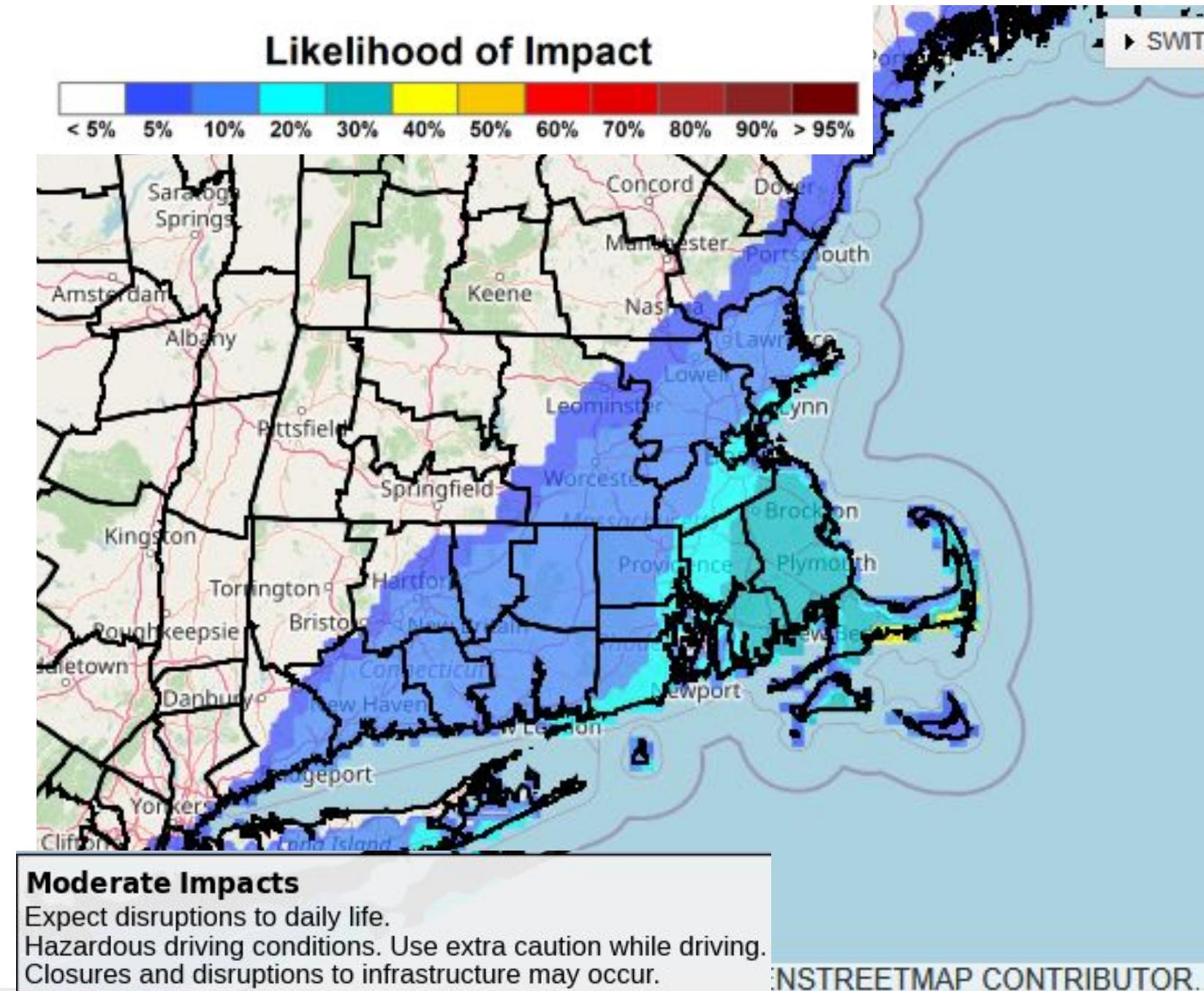
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Potential Coastal Winter Storm Sun/Sun Night

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Probabilistic Winter Storm Severity Index



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Confidence Levels

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Timing Confidence

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

- Snow may arrive Sunday morning and end Sunday evening.

Snow Amounts Confidence

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- Confidence is medium as the slight shifts in the track will have significant impacts to total snowfall accumulations.

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

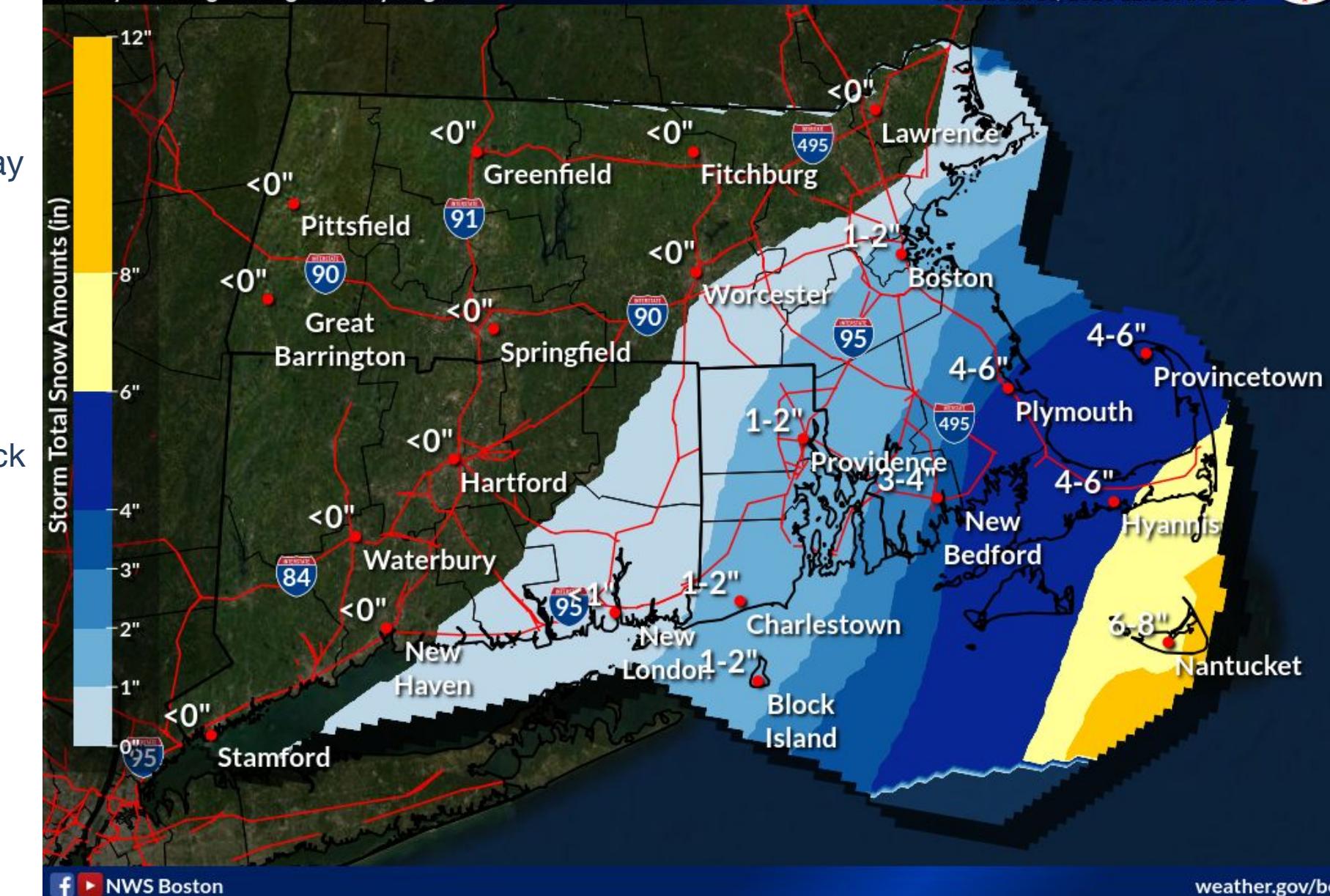
- Travel may be difficult, especially near the Cape and Islands.

Forecast Snowfall Accumulation

Sunday Morning Through Sunday Night

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Chance of 4 Inches or Greater of Snow

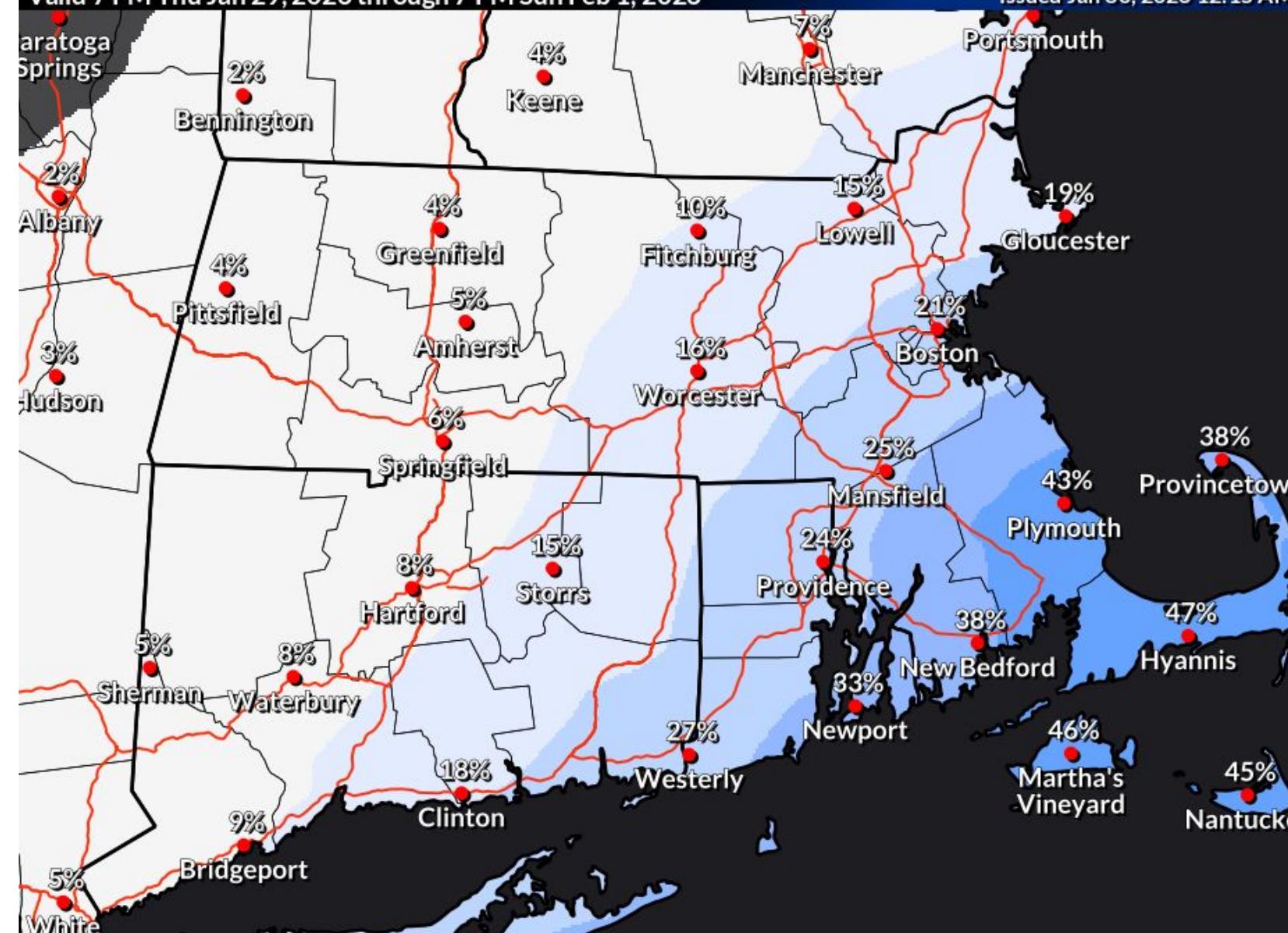
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Sunday and Sunday Night

Percent Chance of 4" Snowfall or More

Valid 7 PM Thu Jan 29, 2026 through 7 PM Sun Feb 1, 2026

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- Snow amounts will be very sensitive to storm track.
- If the storm track trends west, probabilities of 4"+ would both increase and push westward toward I-95 corridor.



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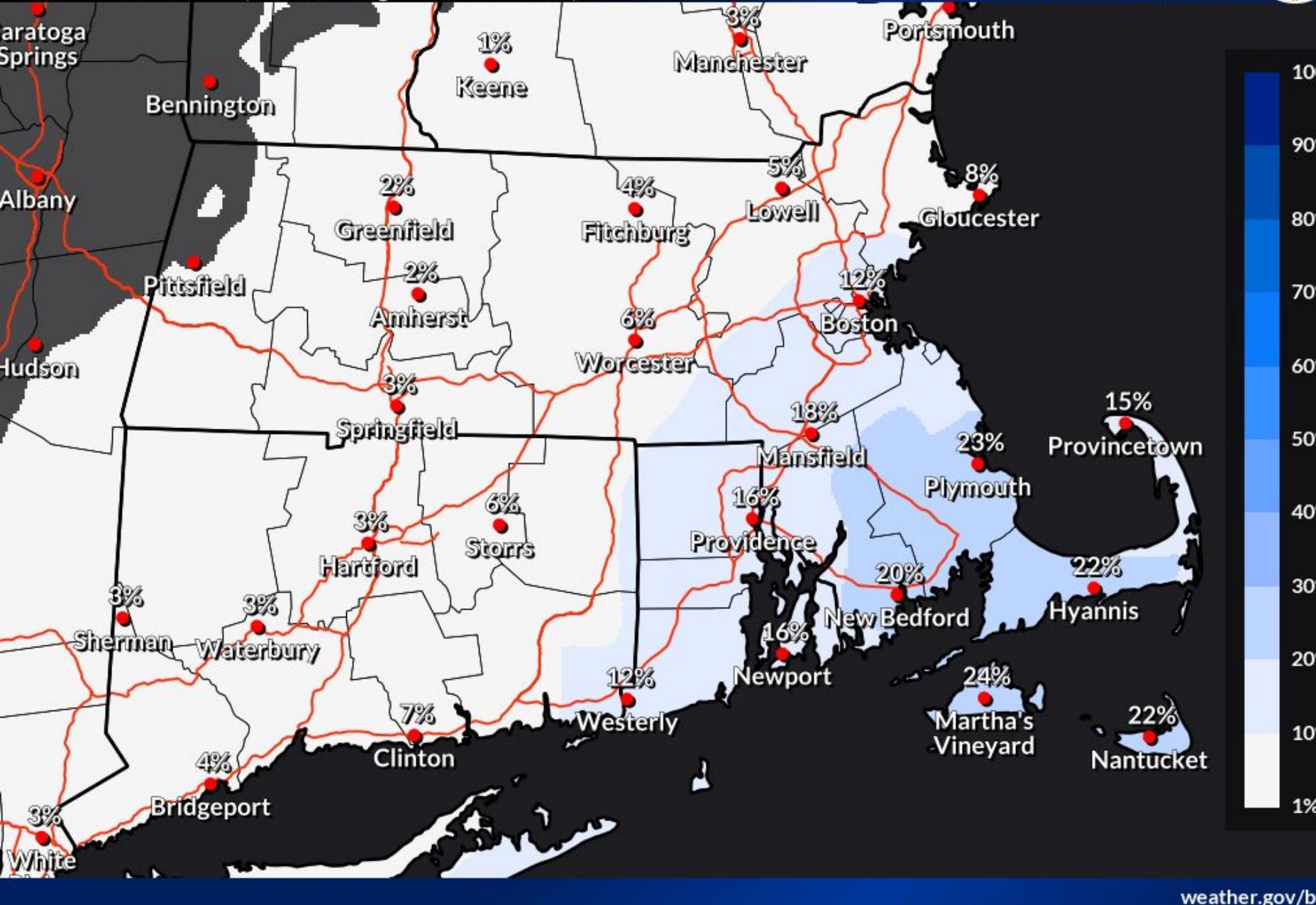
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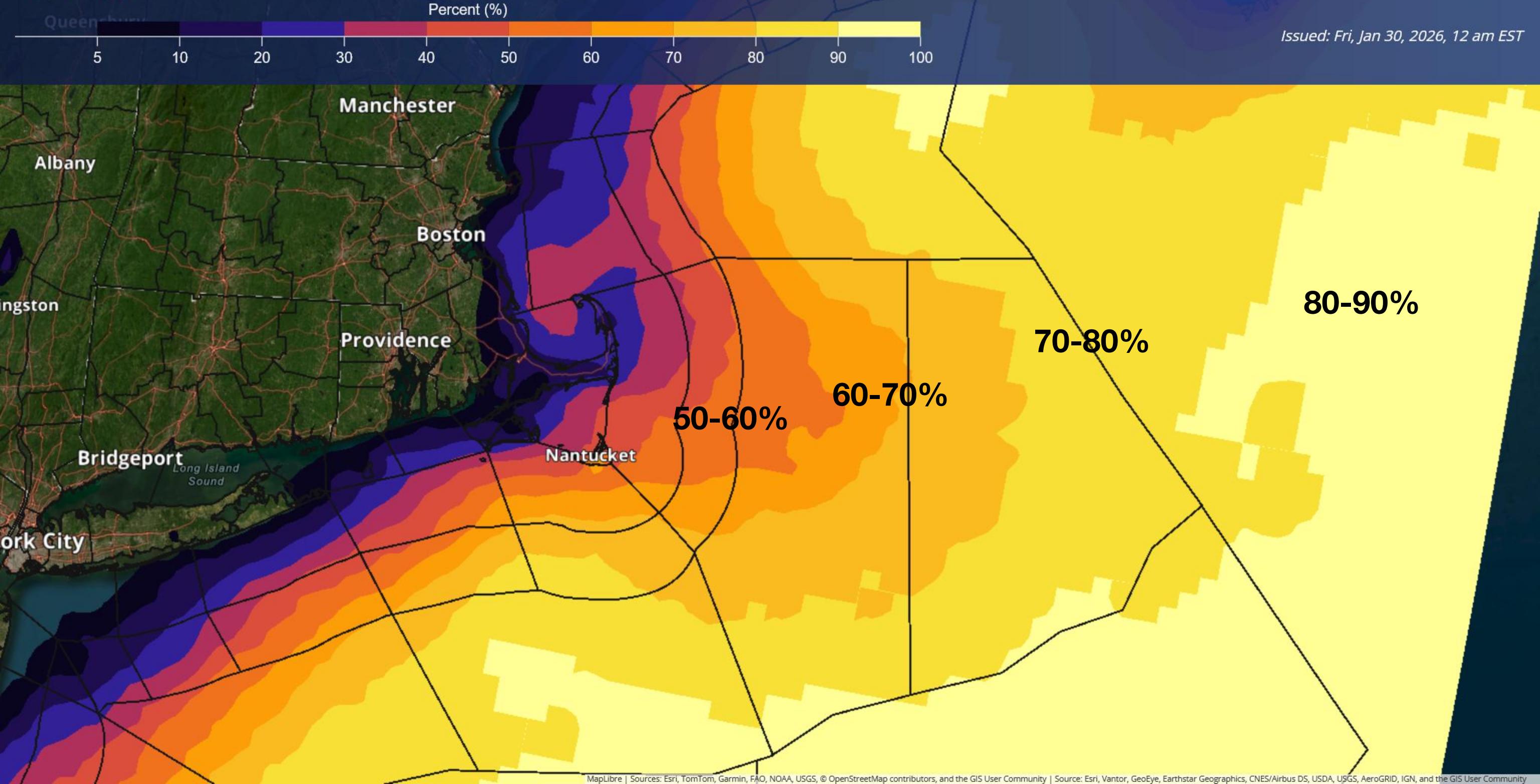
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Sun: Chance of Gusts Greater than 50 Knots

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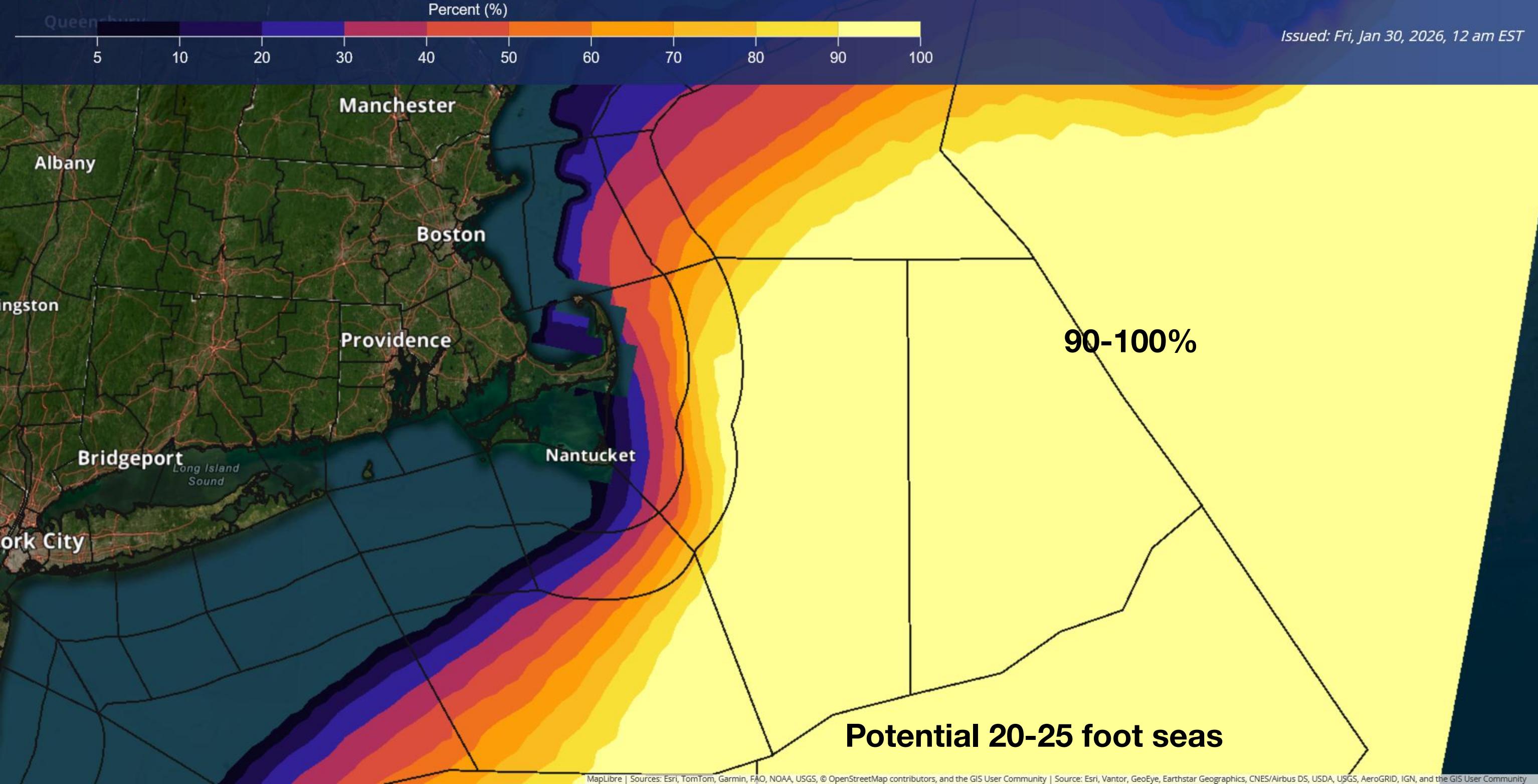




Sun: Chance of Wave Heights Greater than 15ft

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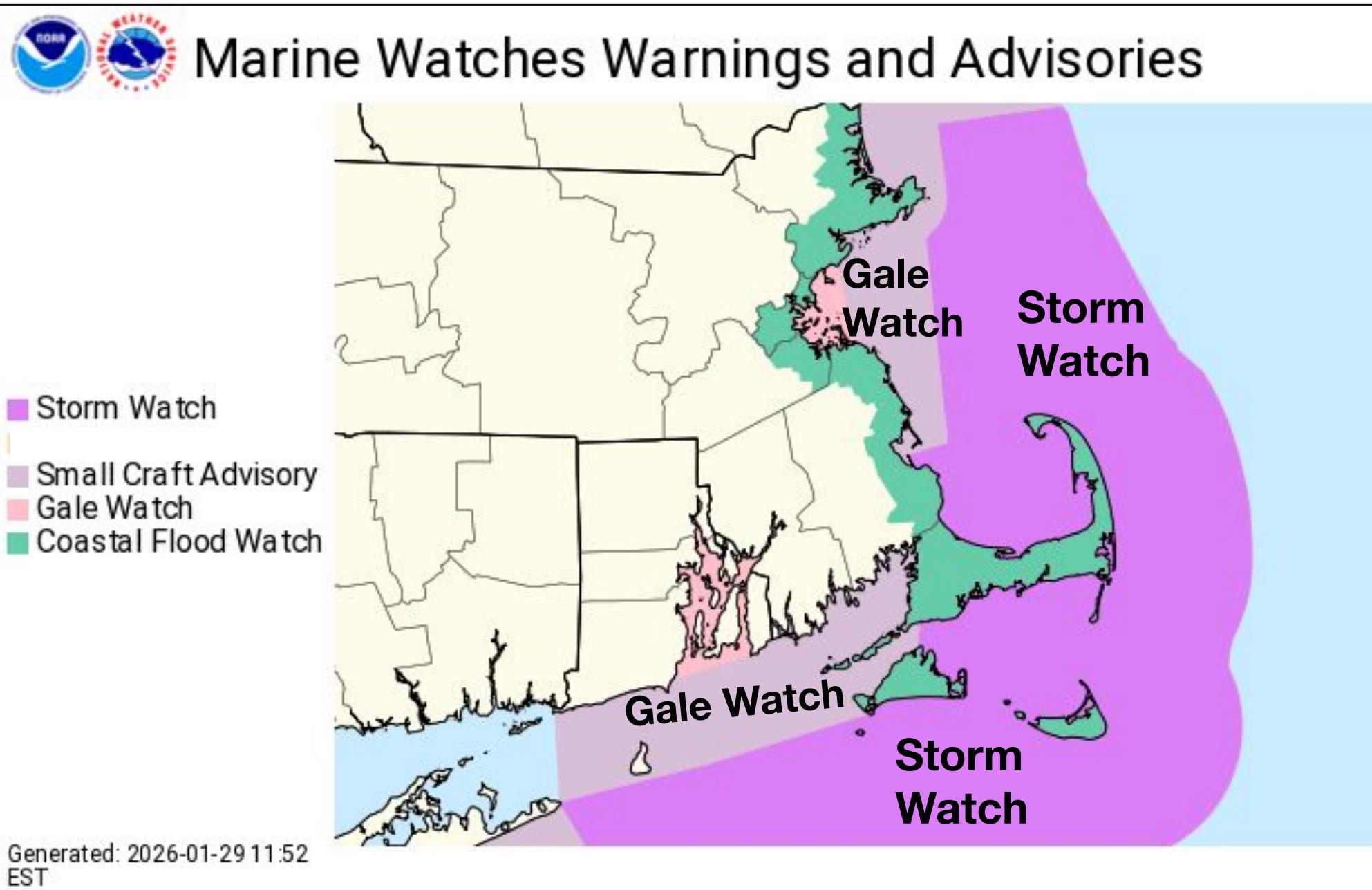




Coastal Flood and Marine

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Sunday - Monday



Coastal Flood Watch:

- Potential for Moderate flooding around high tides Sunday into Monday
- Water could be 1-3 feet deep
- Significant beach and dune erosion

Storm Watch:

- Greatest chance of 50 kt gusts Sunday-Monday

Gale Watch:

- Less confident in 50 kt gusts
- 40-45 kt gusts most likely

Seas build to 20-25 feet offshore



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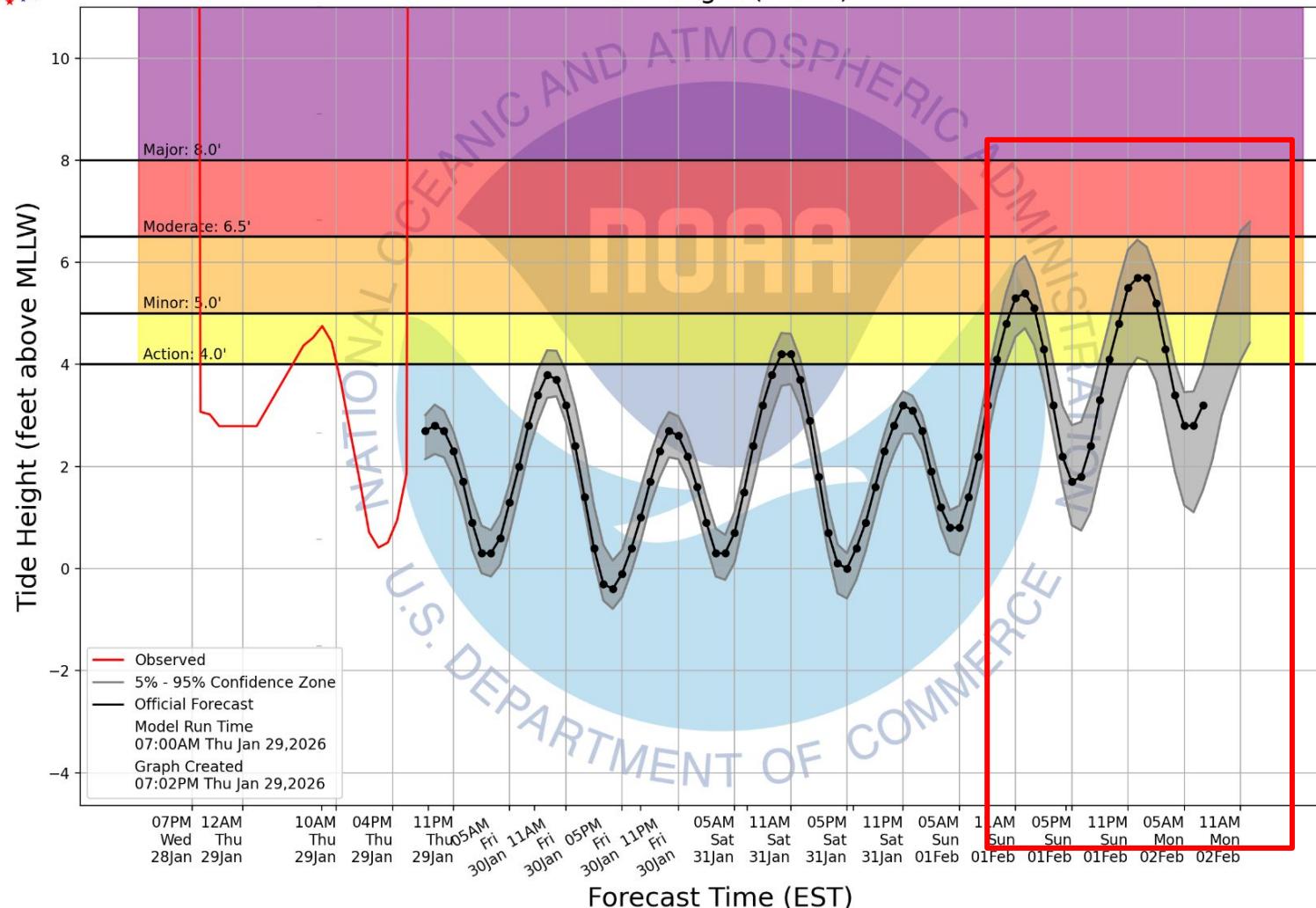
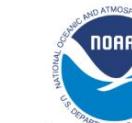


Nantucket - Water Level Forecast

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Nantucket Harbor at Nantucket, MA
Tide Height (MLLW)

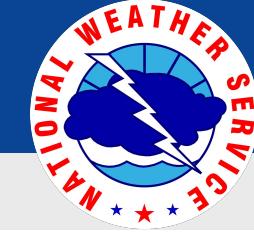


- High tides Sunday into Monday are of greatest concern
- Note there is a large possible range which implies uncertainty (timing of highest surge)
- NWS Boston [Coastal Flood Threat](#) page has additional information



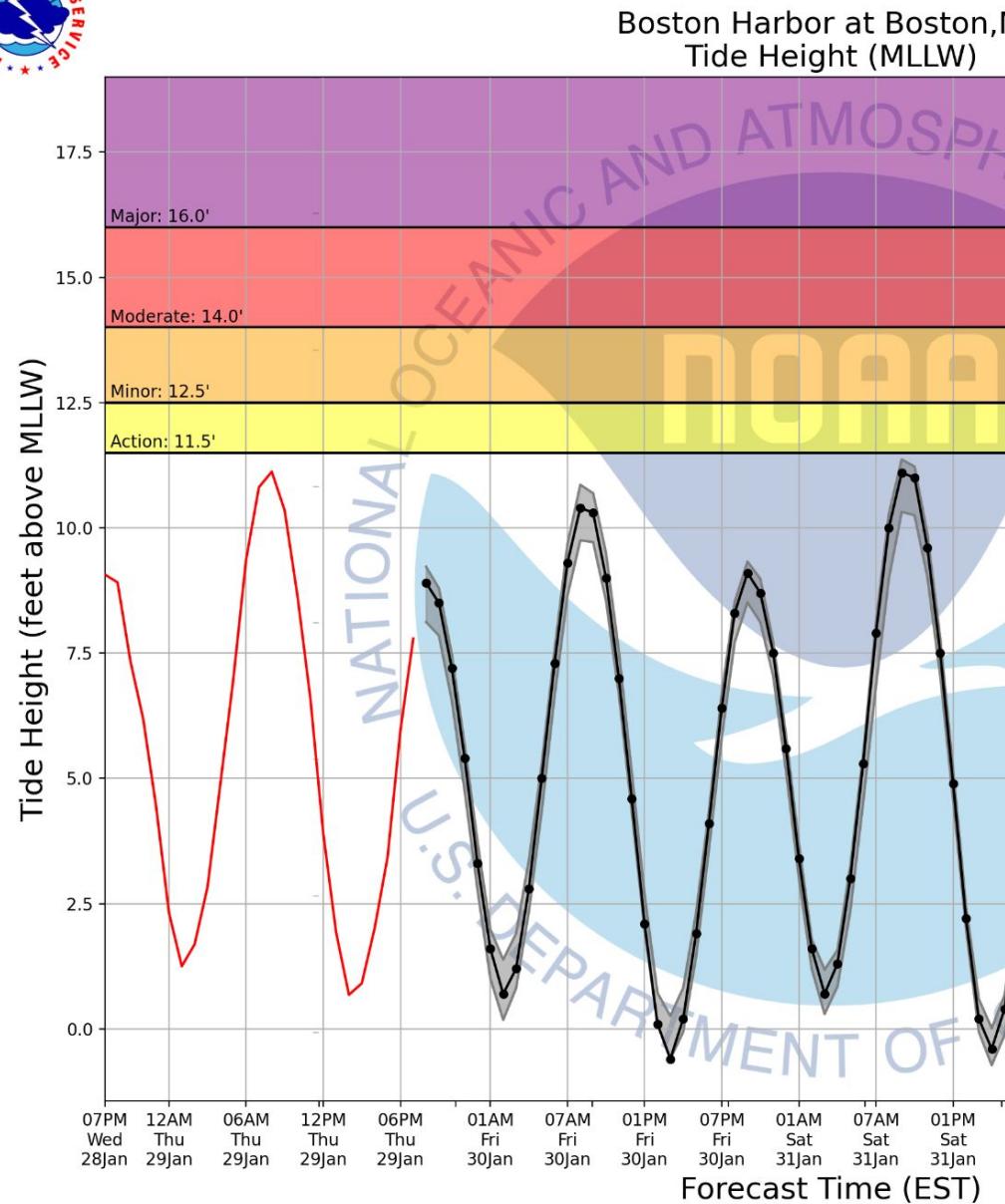
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- High tides Sunday into Monday are of greatest concern
- Lower potential water levels due to lower surge than Nantucket but offshore seas may result in Moderate flooding along coast
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Key Messages

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- **Arctic air remains across Southern New England through Saturday.**
 - Hazardous wind chills expected through Saturday morning.
- **Growing confidence in a strong coastal storm passing offshore of New England Sunday into Monday.**
 - Greatest impact from accumulating, plowable snow and strong winds Sunday and Sunday night for Cape Cod and the Islands.
 - Light-accumulating snow north and west to the I-95 corridor during the day Sunday, but with lesser impact.
 - Minor to moderate coastal flooding and significant beach erosion along eastern Massachusetts coast.
 - Potential for storm force winds and dangerous seas on the coastal waters.



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