



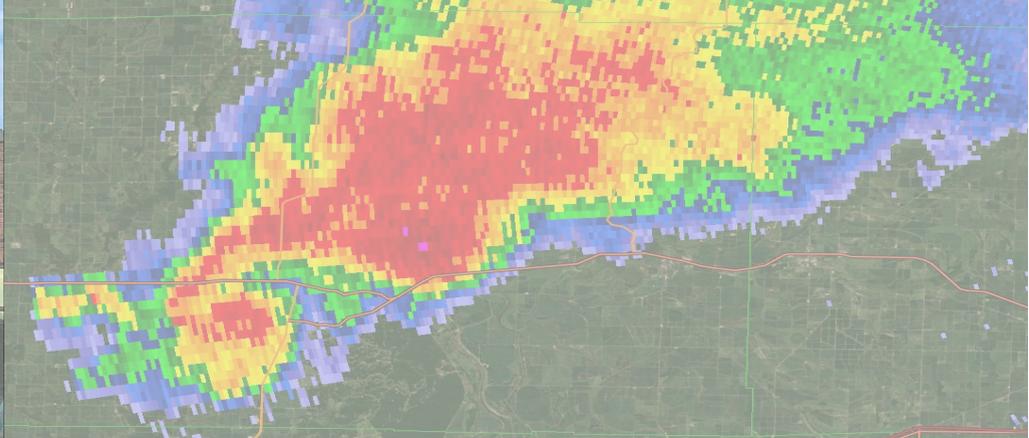
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Boston, MA

Emergency Management Briefing

Winter Storm Feb 22 - Feb 23

Sunday 2/22/2026





High Impact Coastal Storm Sun Night-Mon

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For Southern New England

Key Messages:

- High impact winter storm expected Sunday evening through Monday for southern New England.
 - Greatest concern for heavy wet snow and strong winds, potential power outages and tree damage focus across eastern MA/RI.
 - Much higher impact for eastern MA and RI than the late January storm given the wet snow and strong winds.
 - Blizzard conditions expected across eastern MA/RI.
 - Blizzard headlines not expanded inland but periods of blizzard-like conditions are expected across the interior.



New Information/Updates

- Winter Storm Watch converted to a Winter Weather Advisory for Nantucket.





Most Likely Snowfall and Confidence Levels

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Timing Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Accumulating snow arrives tonight
- Heaviest snow rates after 2 AM Mon into Mon afternoon
- Snow tapers off late Mon afternoon/early evening.

Snow Amounts Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- High confidence for 12-24" eastern MA/RI
- Moderate confidence 10-18" snow amounts in western MA/CT.
- Snow likely changes to rain on Nantucket.

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW

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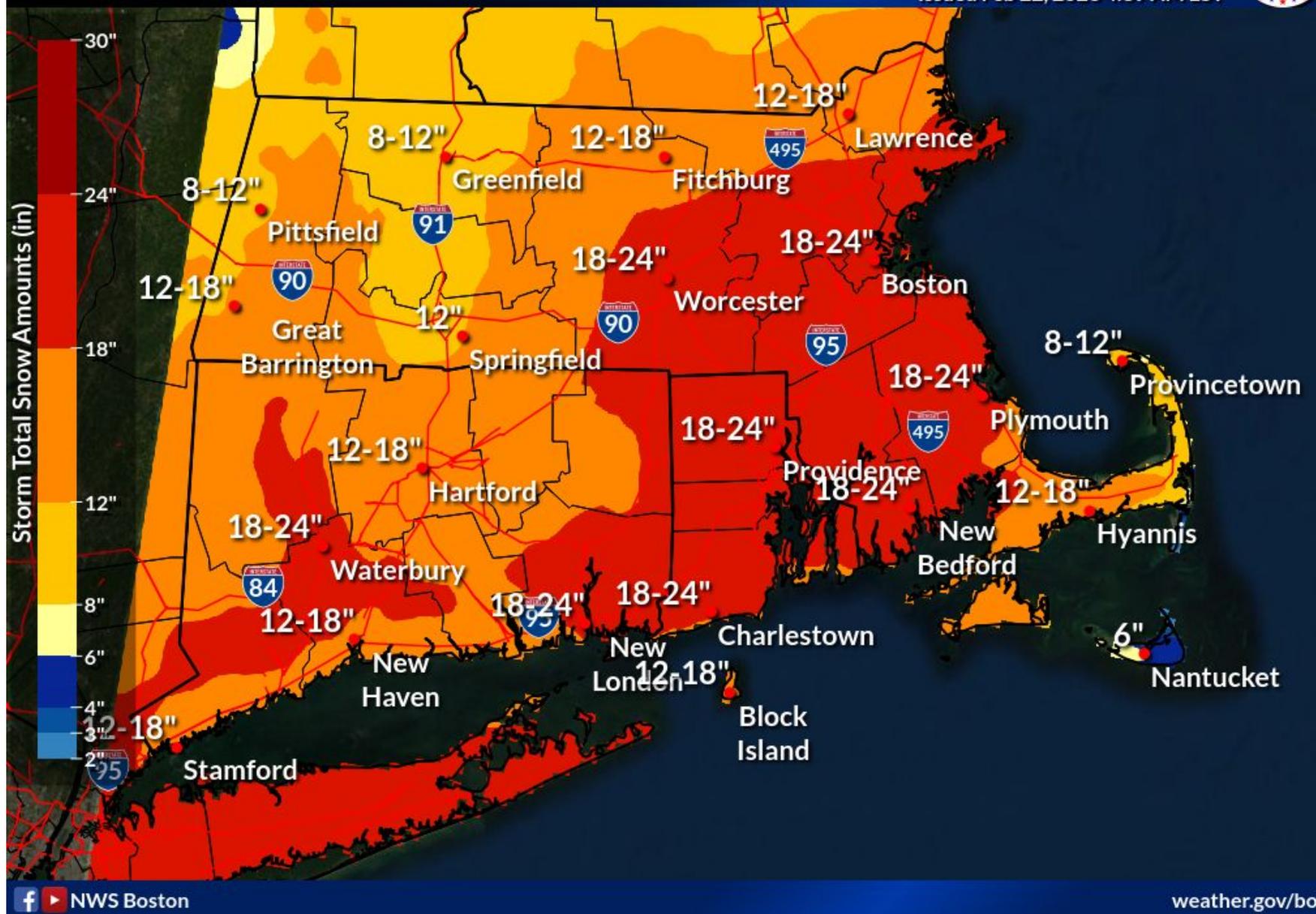
- Travel difficult to impossible.
- Blizzard conditions and periods of heavy snow will result in low visibility.

Expected Snowfall This Afternoon Through Monday Evening

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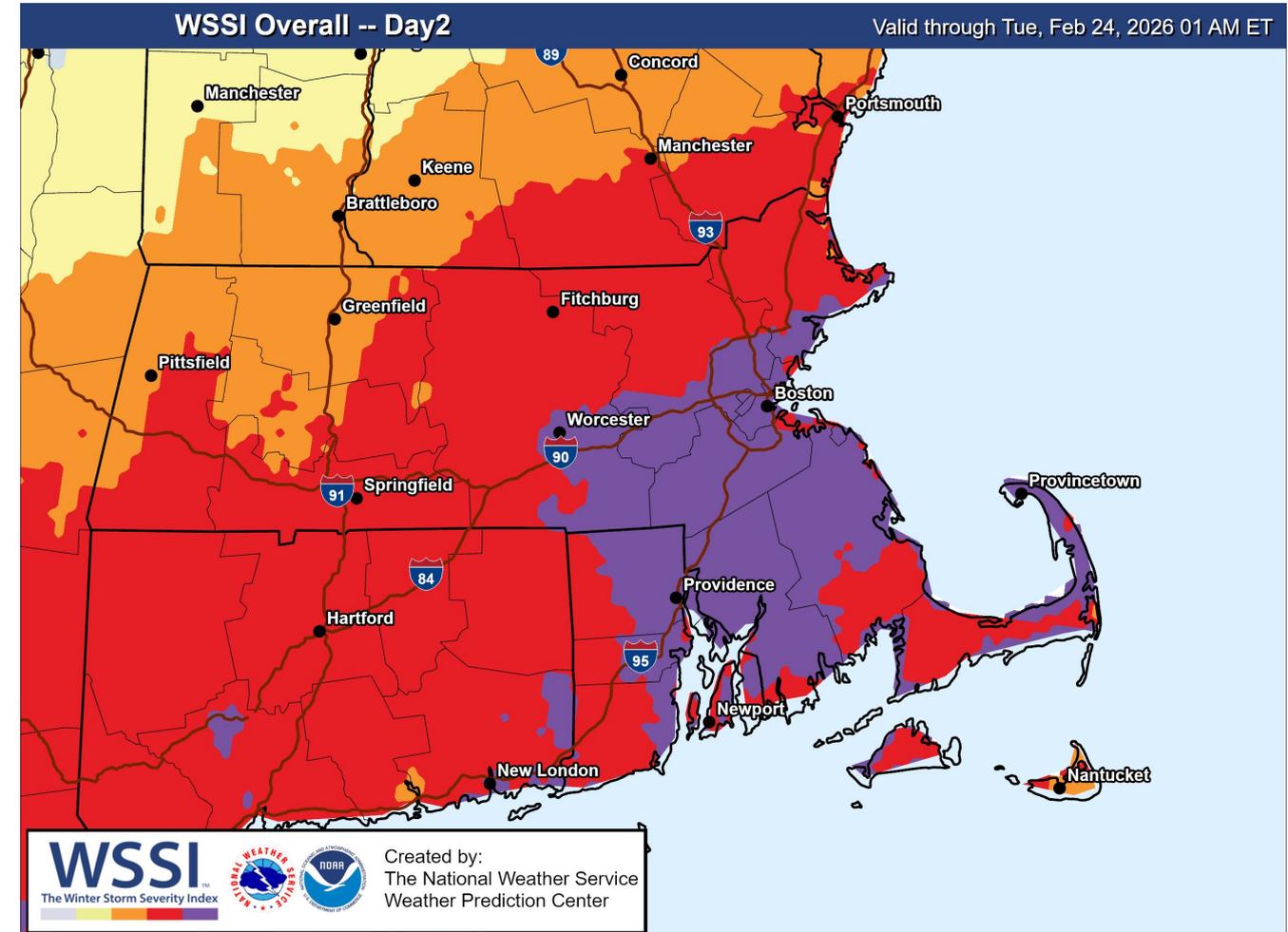


Impacts - Heavy Wet Snow & Strong Winds

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Winter Storm Severity Index:
Major to Extreme Impacts (Tonight-Mon)

- Major to Extreme impacts expected for eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- Wet Snow
- Combination of strong winds with wet snow on trees.
- Very concerned for tree damage and power outages

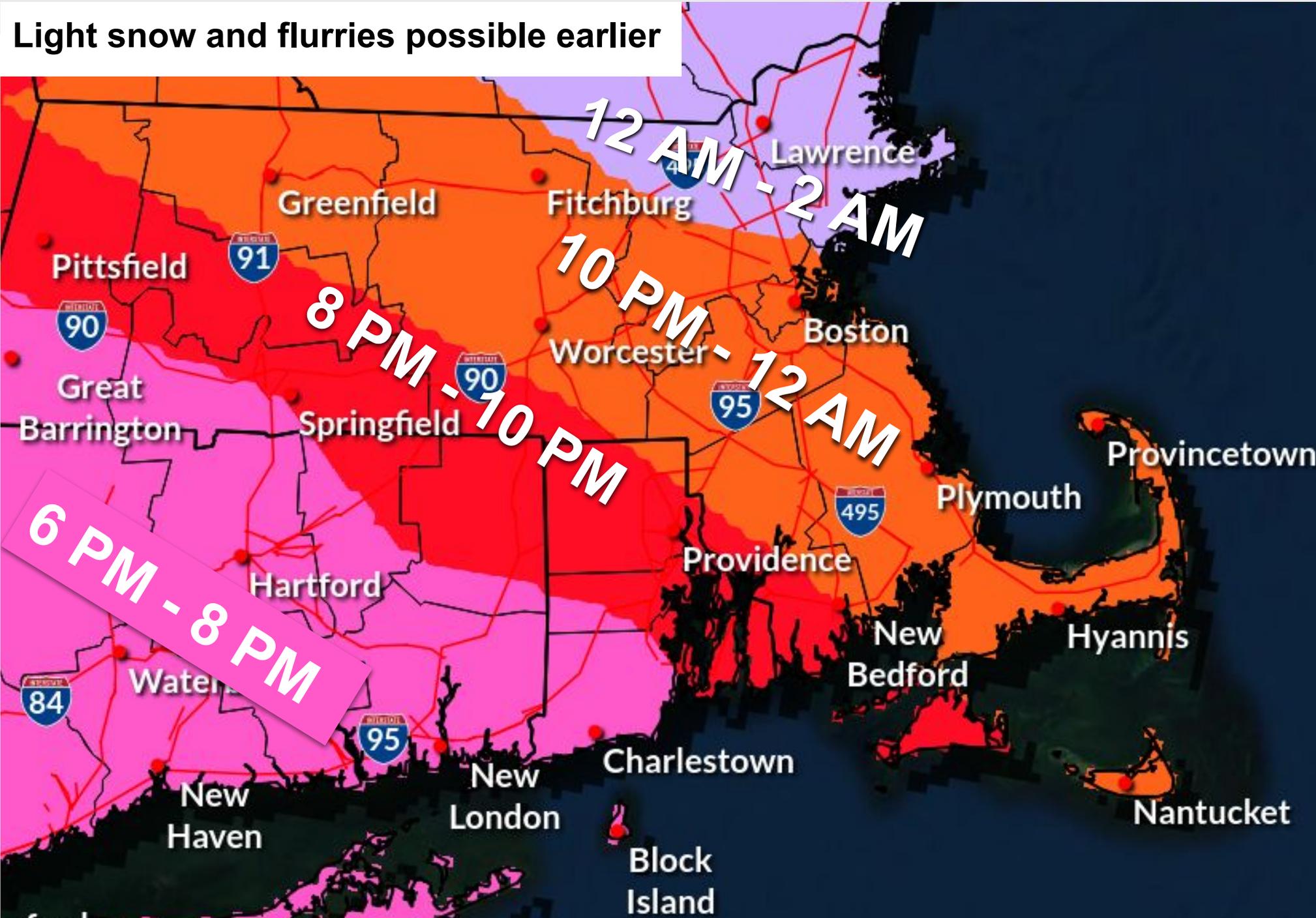


Potential Winter Storm Impacts		Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)		Issued: Sun, Feb 22, 2026 03 AM ET
Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.	Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving.	Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. Life-saving actions may be needed.



Onset of Accumulating Snow - Sun Night

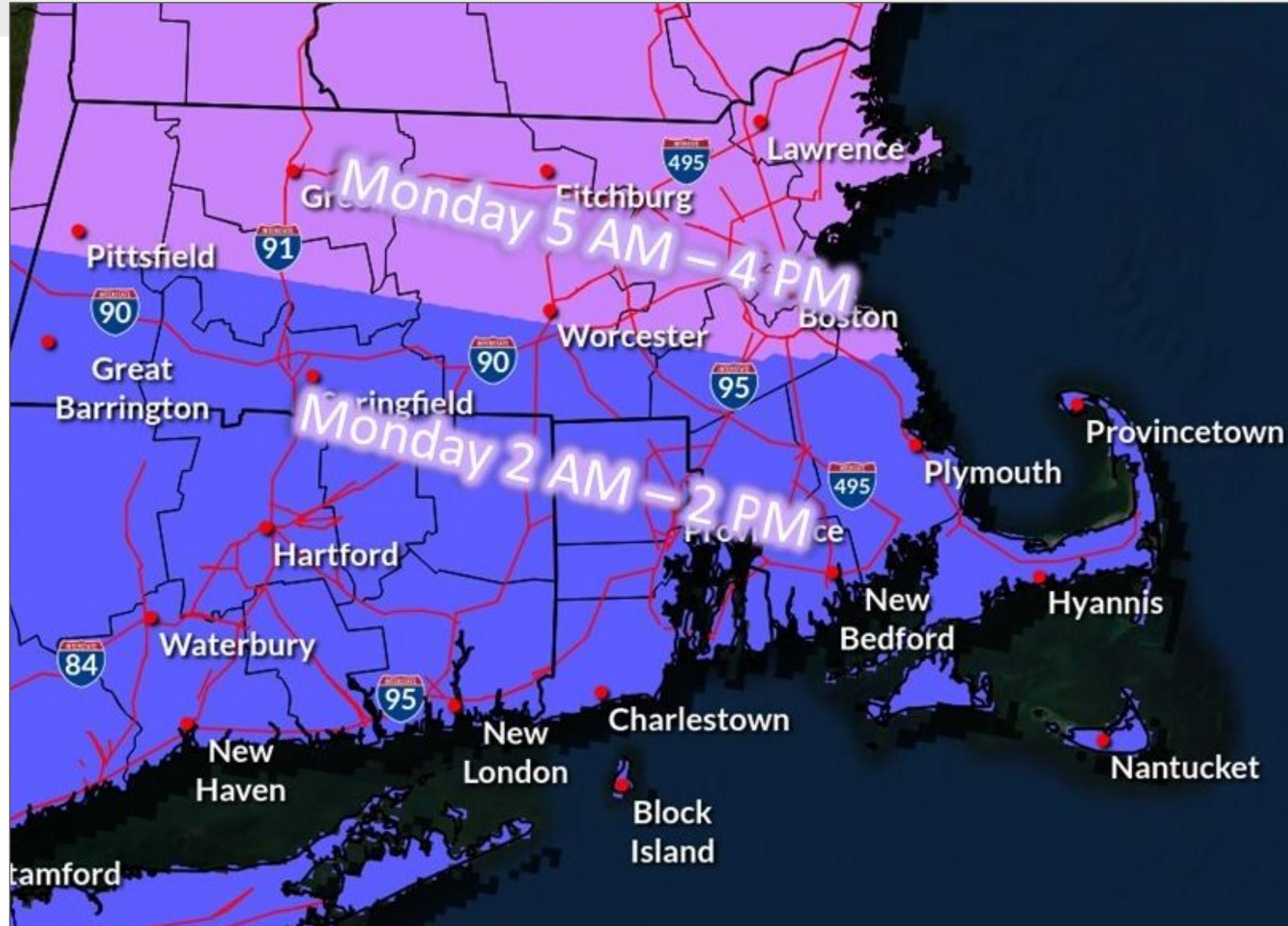
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Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (1-2"/hr, possibly 3-4"/hr)

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Strong North/Northeast Winds Expected

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- **Strong to Damaging Winds.**

- NE wind gusts 40-60 mph with a few gusts near 70 mph possible for the Cape and Nantucket.

- **Timing:**

- Peak gusts 3 AM Mon-5 PM Mon

- **Impacts:**

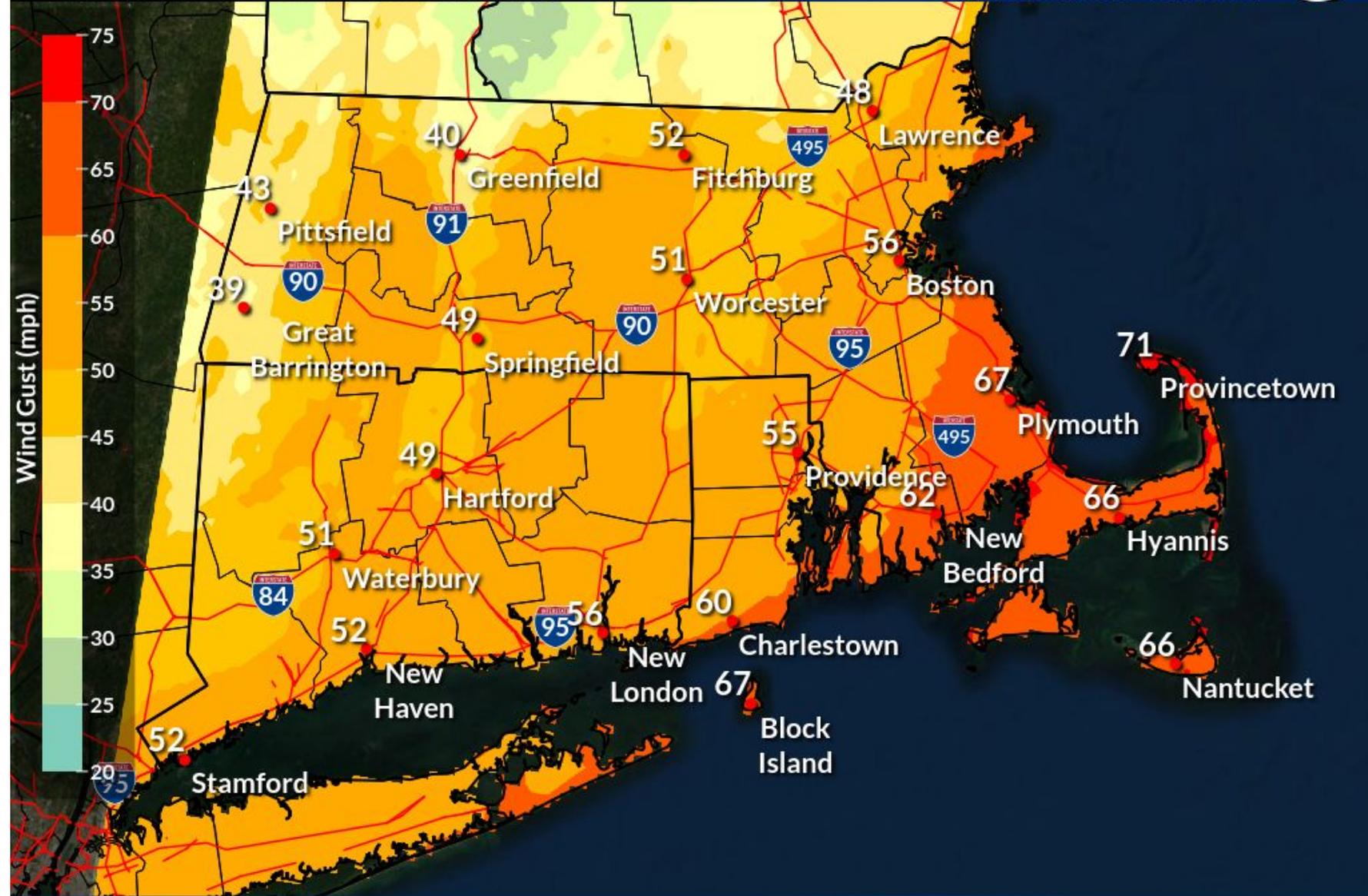
- Tree damage and power outages possible.
 - Greatest risk for eastern MA and RI with the combination of heavy wet snow.

NE Wind Gusts 40-60 MPH. Up to 70 MPH Cape/Nantucket.

Strongest Wind Gusts Monday From 3 AM to 5 PM

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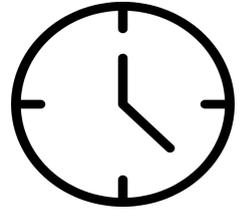


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Coastal Flood Warning | Coastal Flood Watch

1 AM to 7 AM Monday

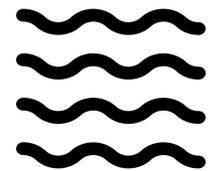


Early Mon AM & Tue High Tides
Greatest impacts at Mon AM High Tide

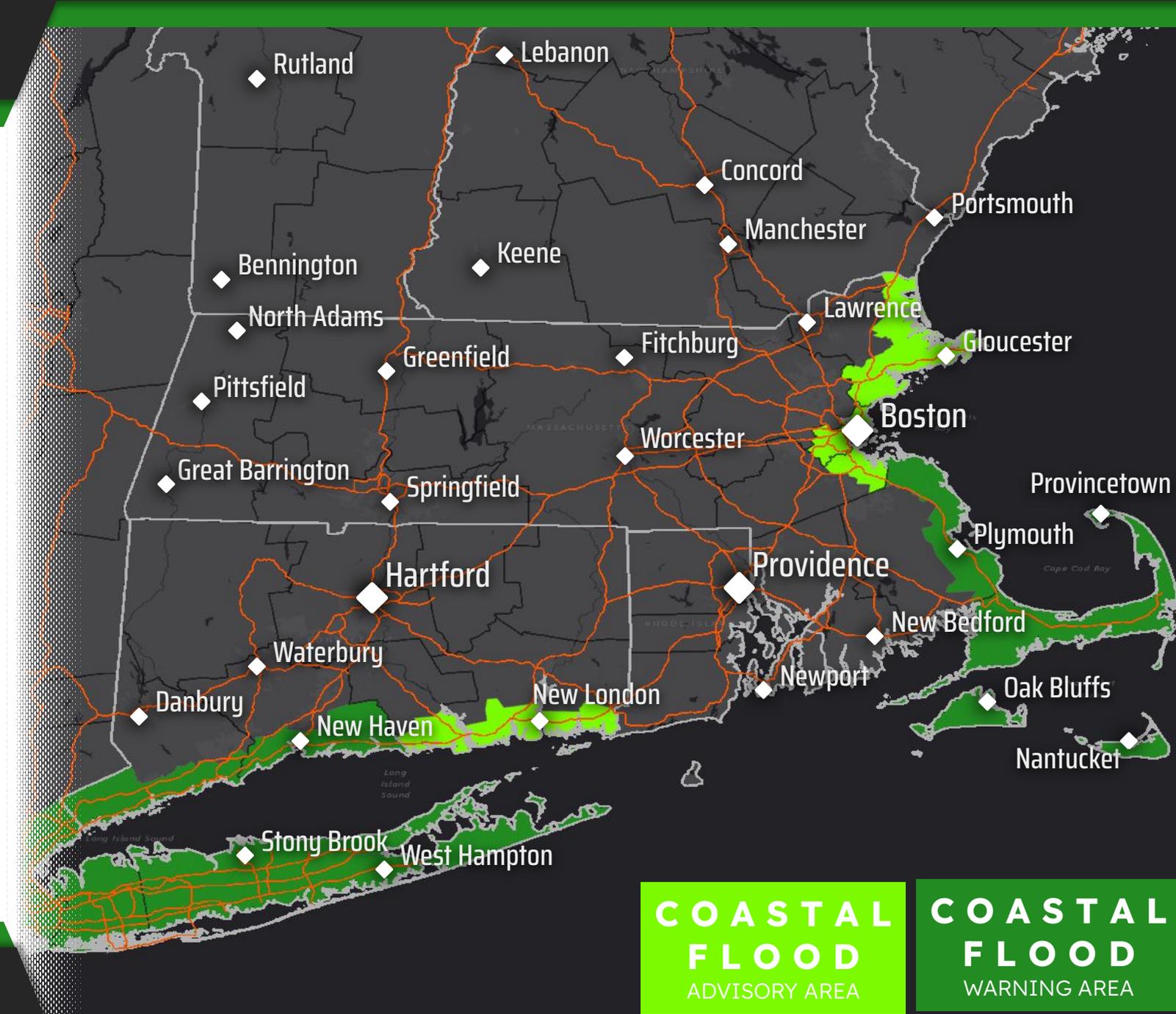


Warning: East coast south of Boston, Nantucket.

Watch: East coast Boston and northward.



- **Minor-Moderate Coastal Flooding**
- **Beach Erosion & Coastal Inundation**



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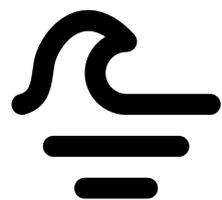
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Storm Warnings

Late Sunday and Monday.



- Storm Warnings All Waters.
- Dangerous/life threatening conditions for Mariners



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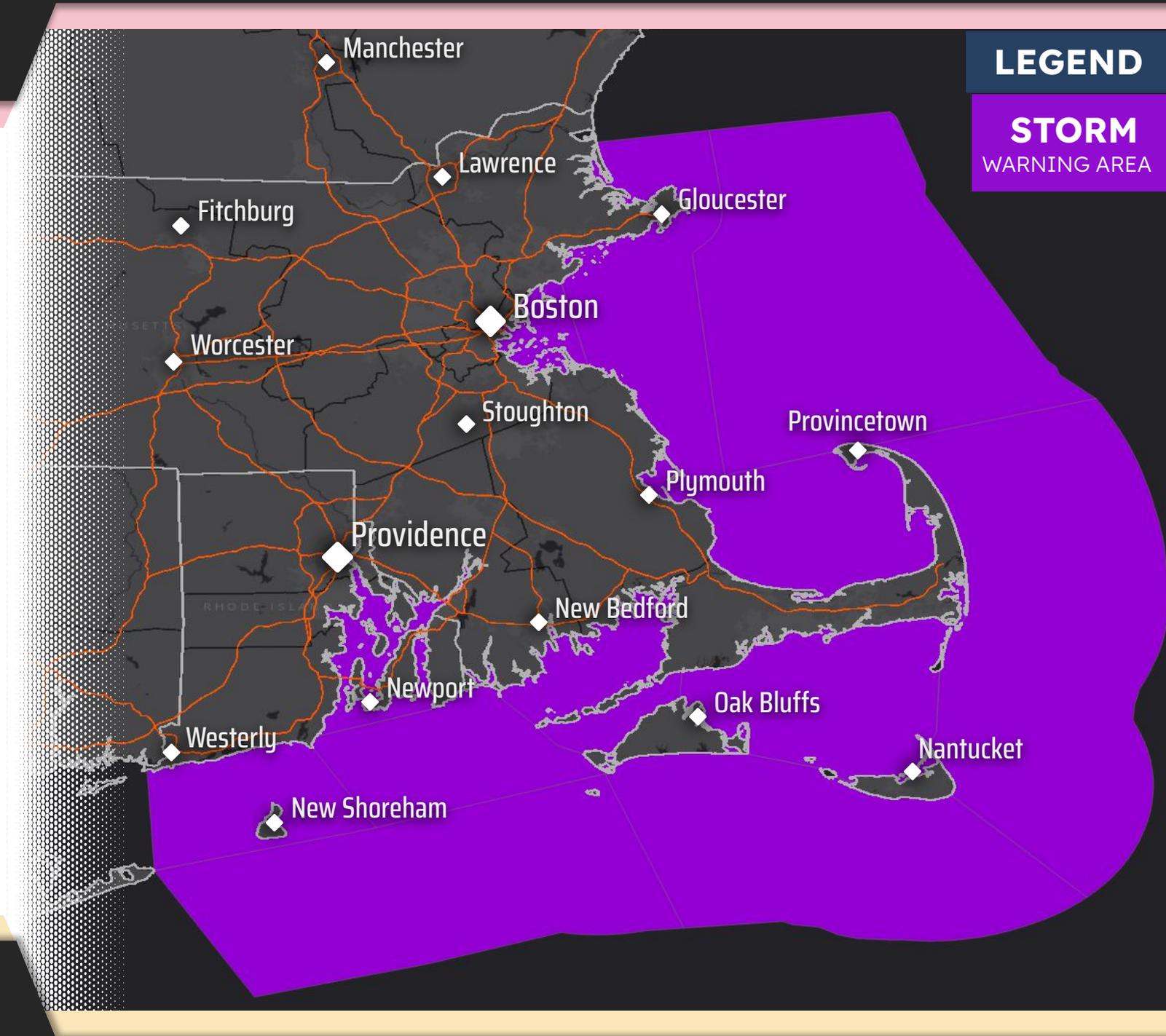
- 15-25 ft

WIND

- Sustained NE 40-50 knots, gusts to 60 knots



- Mariners should return to port this is a very dangerous storm.
- Storm force winds and hazardous seas could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility.



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