



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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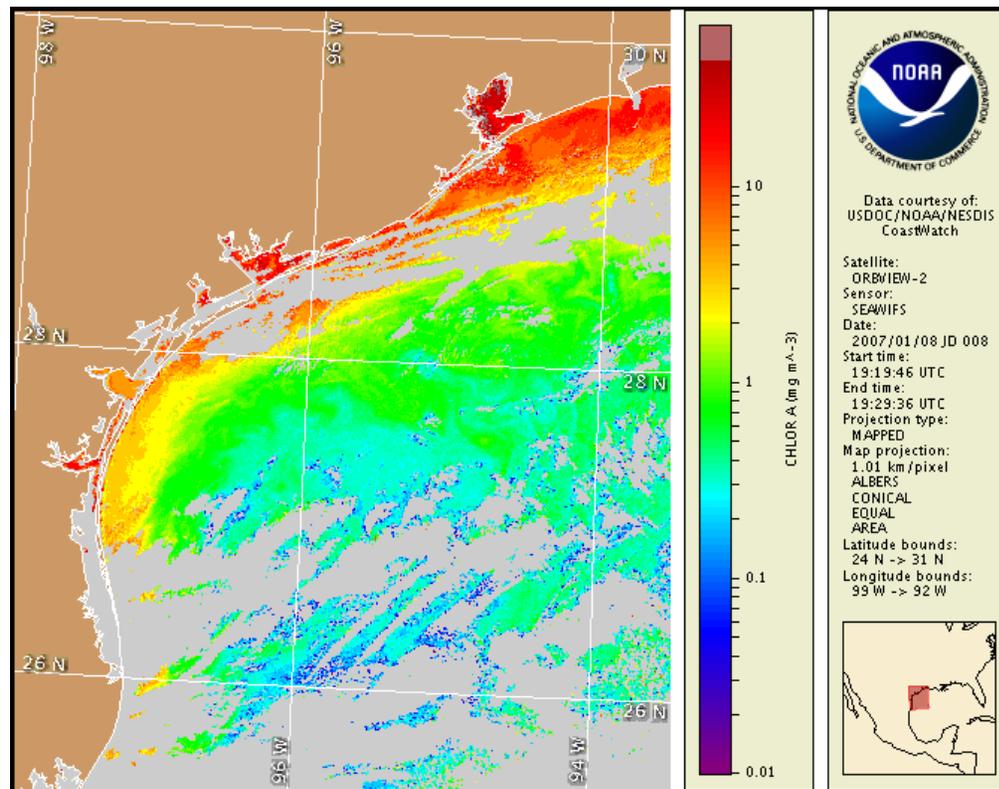
Conditions Report

There have been no reports of red tide in the past four weeks. No impacts are expected in Texas. Check with the Department of Health Services for shellfish conditions.

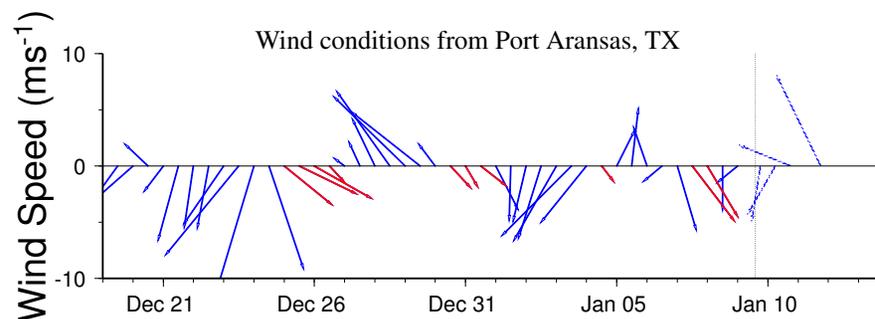
Analysis

No reports of red tide and no impacts are expected onshore along Texas coast. High chlorophyll area along shore near Galveston (between -94 and -95 degrees) is likely to be Mississippi River water.

-Wynne and Tomlinson



Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from January 2-8 shown as red squares (high), red triangles (medium), red diamonds (low b), red circles (low a), orange circles (very low b), yellow circles (very low a), green circles (present), and black "X" (not present). Cell count data from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Department of State Health Services. For a key to the cell concentration descriptions, visit the FWRI web site: <http://research.myfwc.com>

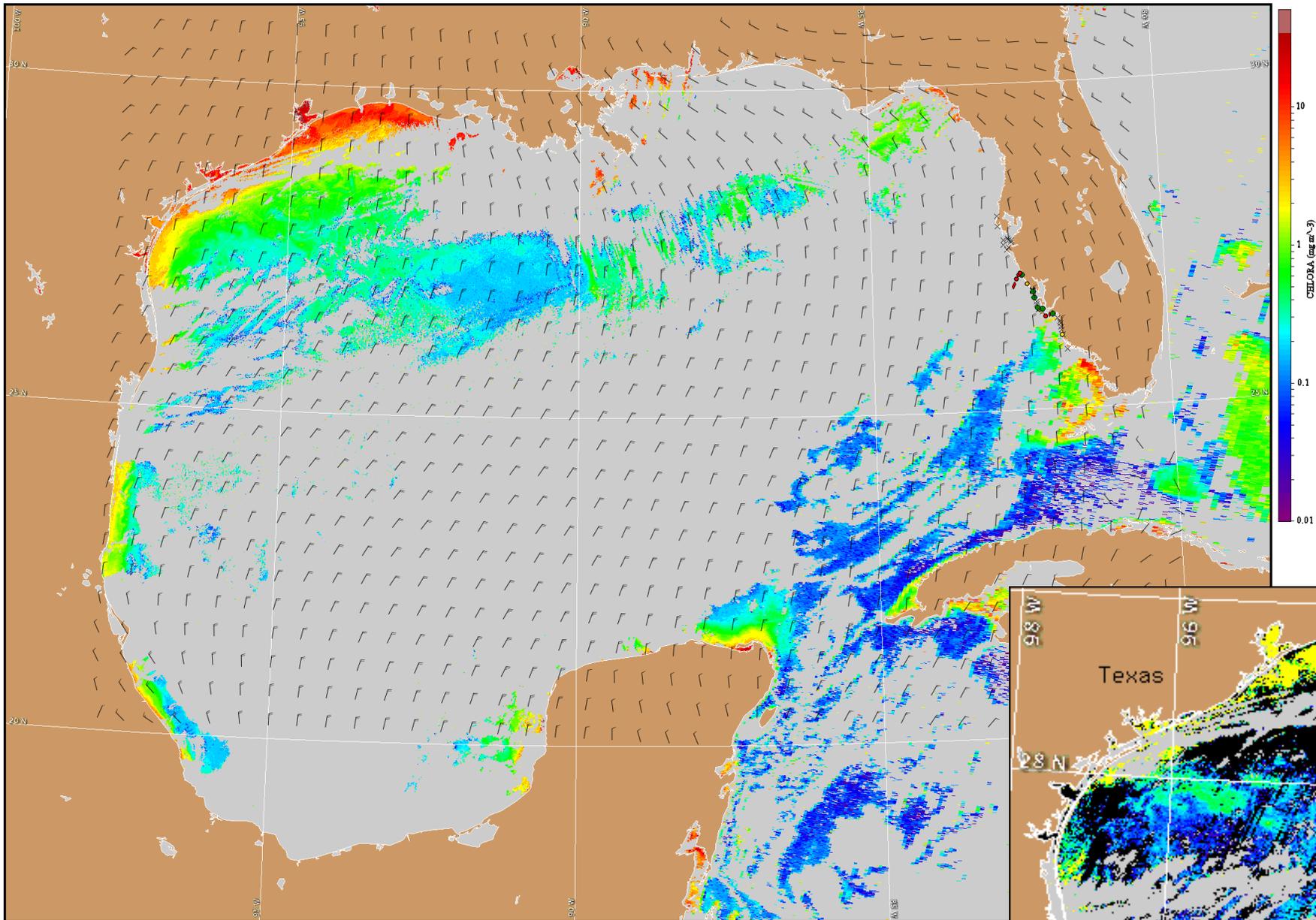


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts.

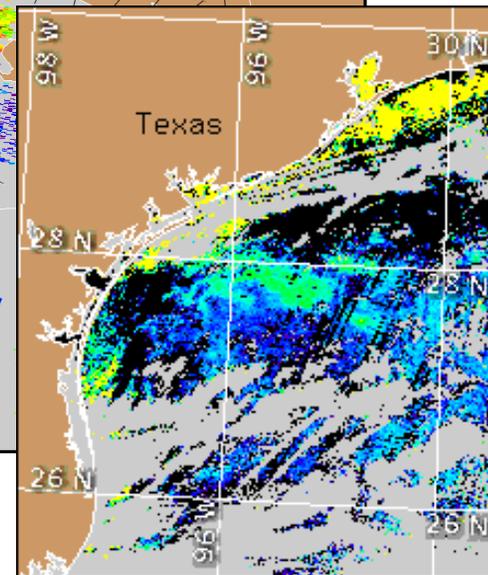
North Winds today will become easterly winds tomorrow at 10-15 knots. Wednesday night the winds are expected to be out of the SE through the weekend at 10-15 knots.

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Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for January 9, 2007 18Z with cell concentration sampling data from January 2- 8 shown as red squares (high), red triangles (medium), red diamonds (low b), red circles (low a), orange circles (very low b), yellow circles (very low a), green circles (present), and black "X" (not present). Cell count data from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Department of State Health Services. For a key to the cell concentration descriptions, visit the FWRI web site: <http://research.myfwc.com>



Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).