



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas

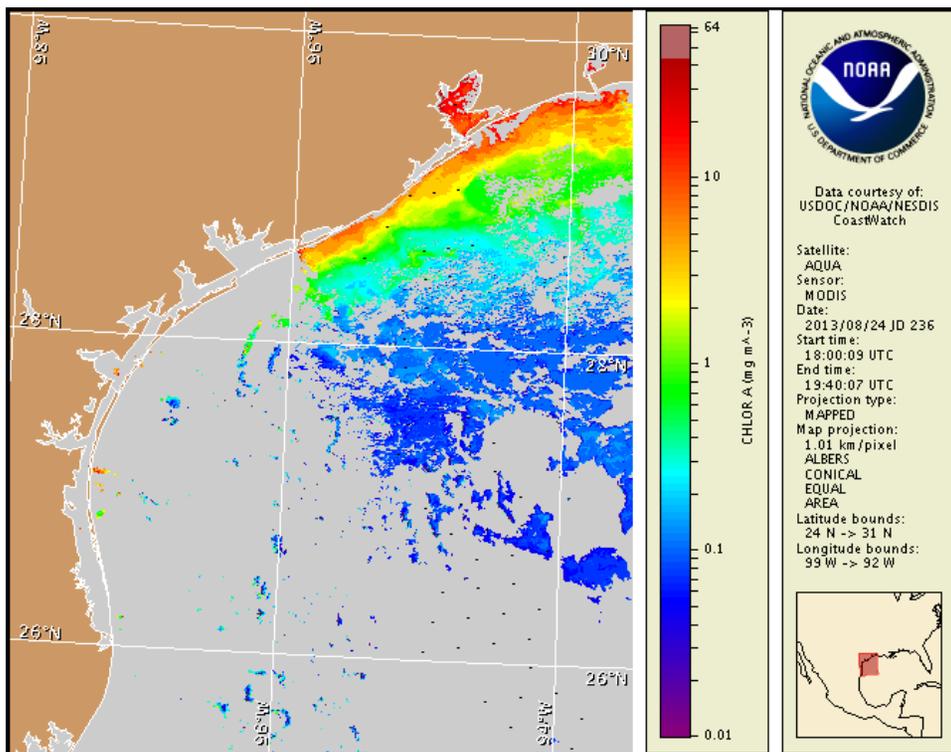
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible K. brevis HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from August 16 to 21: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

Detailed sample information can be obtained through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/water/enviroconcerns/hab/redtide/status.phtml>

To see previous bulletins and forecasts for other Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin regions, visit the NOAA Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecast System bulletin archive:

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Conditions Report

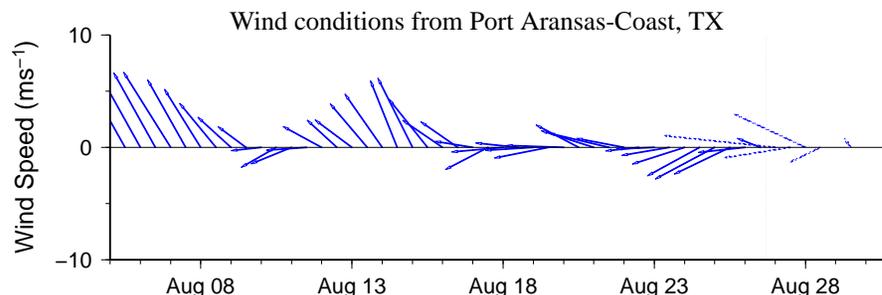
There is currently no indication of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Texas red tide) along the coast of Texas. No respiratory irritation is expected Monday, August 26 through Tuesday, September 3. Check http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/beach_conditions.html for recent, local observations. There are currently patches of a bloom of the algae *Aureoumbra lagunensis* in the upper Laguna Madre region. This algae species does not produce the respiratory irritation associated with the Texas red tide caused by *Karenia brevis*, but it may cause discolored water and fish kills.

Analysis

****Due to the upcoming Federal Holiday, the next bulletin will be issued on Tuesday, September 3.****

There is currently no indication of a harmful algal bloom of *Karenia brevis* at the coast in Texas. Recent MODIS Aqua imagery from 8/24 (shown left) is completely obscured by clouds along- and offshore from Matagorda Pass to the Rio Grande. Elevated to high chlorophyll concentrations (2-20 $\mu\text{g/L}$) are visible in patches along- and offshore from the Sabine Pass to Matagorda Pass regions. Elevated chlorophyll is not indicative of the presence of *K. brevis* and is most likely due to the resuspension of benthic chlorophyll and sediments along the coast.

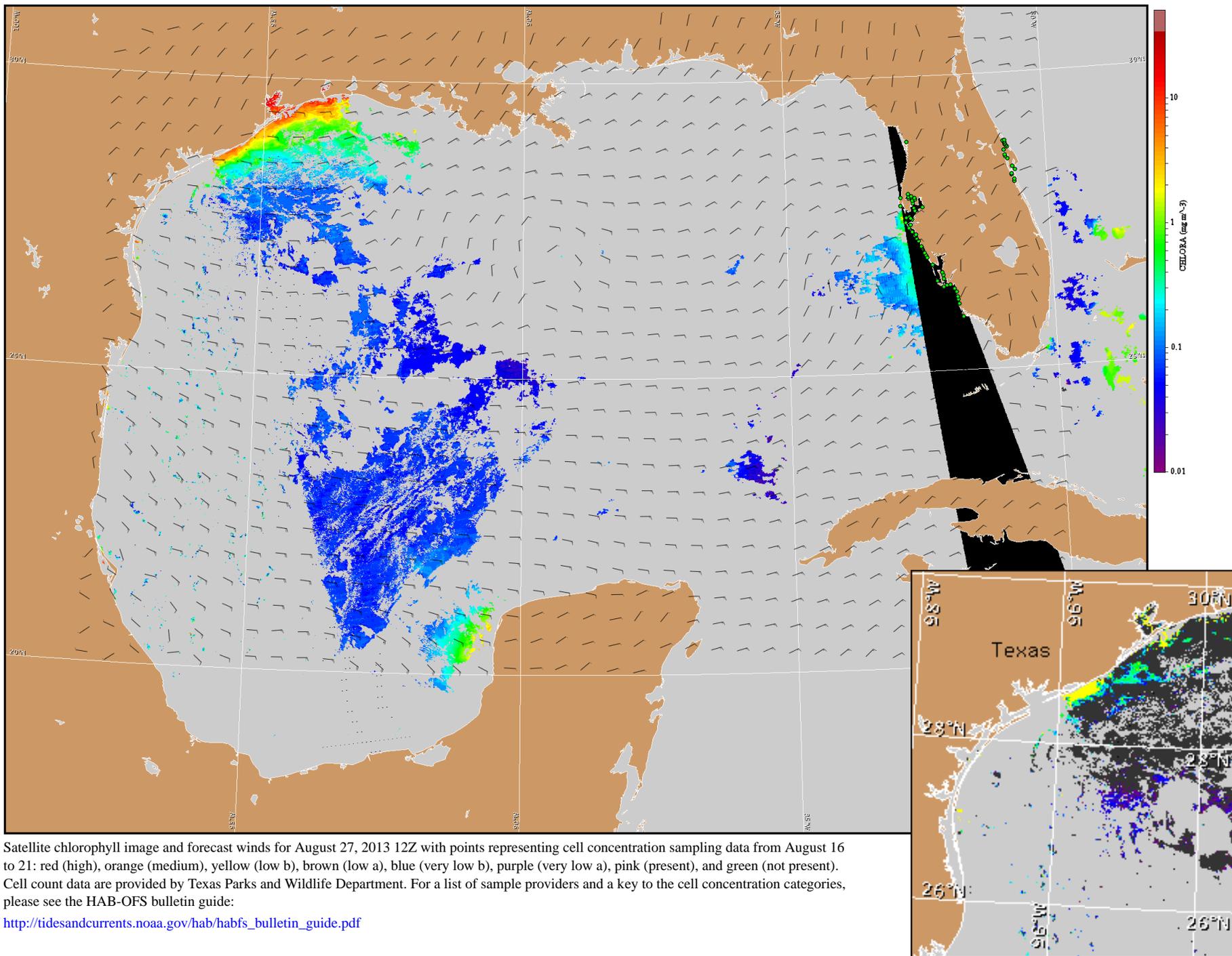
Forecast models based on predicted near-surface currents indicate a potential maximum transport of 70 km south from the Port Aransas region from August 24 to August 29.



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. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

Wind Analysis

Port Aransas: East to southeast winds (5-15kn, 3-8m/s) today through Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for August 27, 2013 12Z with points representing cell concentration sampling data from August 16 to 21: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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