



NOAA Weather Definitions

Small Craft Advisory: Observed or forecast winds of 18 to 33 knots—Small Craft Advisories may also be issued for hazardous sea conditions or lower wind speeds that may affect small craft operations. Small Craft Advisories may be issued up to 12 hours ahead of conditions (There is no legal term for “Small Craft”).

Gale Warning: * Observed or forecast winds of 34 to 47 knots.

Storm Warning: * Observed or forecast winds of 48 knots or greater.

Tropical Storm Warnings: * Observed or forecast winds of 34 to 63 associated with a tropical storm.

Hurricane Warning: * Observed or forecast winds of 64 knots or higher associated with a hurricane.

Special Marine Warning: * Observed or forecast winds of 34 knots or more associated with squall or thunderstorm and expected to last for 2 hours or less.

* Issued up to 24 hours ahead of conditions.

