



NOAA Update

AAPA Harbors and Navigation Committee meeting

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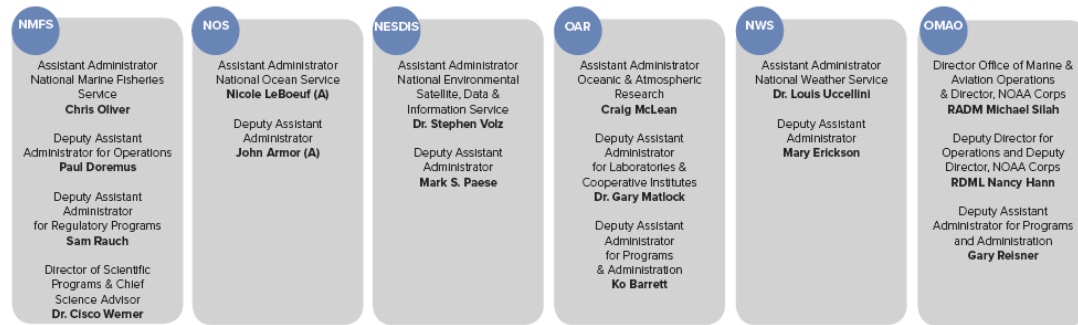


NOAA HEADQUARTERS ORGANIZATION

CORPORATE FUNCTIONS



LINE OFFICES





National Weather Service

Marine Forecasts: Marine, Tropical and Tsunami Services Branch

- Provide current, accurate weather and water information relating to the 95,439 statute miles of shoreline mileage of the U.S. (including the Great Lakes and offshore and high seas waters)
- This information aims to:
 - Ensure the safety of life and protection of property
 - Promote international and interstate commerce by improving the efficiency of marine operations
 - Mitigate environmental impacts
 - Enhance the quality of life for the United States



THE NWS IS CONSIDERING CHANGES TO THEIR PUBLIC HAZARDS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Too many products →



← Confusing terms



Possibly Changing “Watch, Warning, Advisory”

The Hazard Is Either “Possible” Or “It’s Happening!”

Possible

“Notice”
(replaces “Watch”)

Happening

“Orange Warning”
(replaces “Advisory”)

“Red Warning”
(for today’s “Warning”)

“Emergency”
(Rare, high impact situations)

*Possible Applications to Marine
(Variation on Combined Prototype)*

Gale Notice

Orange Warning: Small Craft

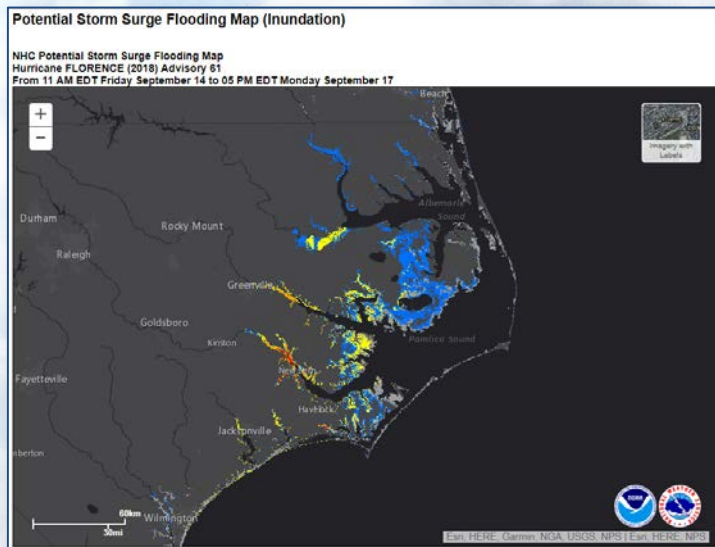
Red Warning: Gale Force Winds

**Hazardous Seas Emergency
(Applied for rare, high impact
events)**

TROPICAL AND NON-TROPICAL PRODUCT CONSISTENCY



- Consistent flood messaging including storm surge
- Reduce size of warning area from marine zones to a polygons around affected area
- Improved water level forecasting by integrating river and coastal forecast models
- Use a common inundation graphic for tropical and non-tropical events



Common Inundation Graphic

National Ocean Service (NOS) Navigation Services



NOS Office of Coast Survey (OCS)

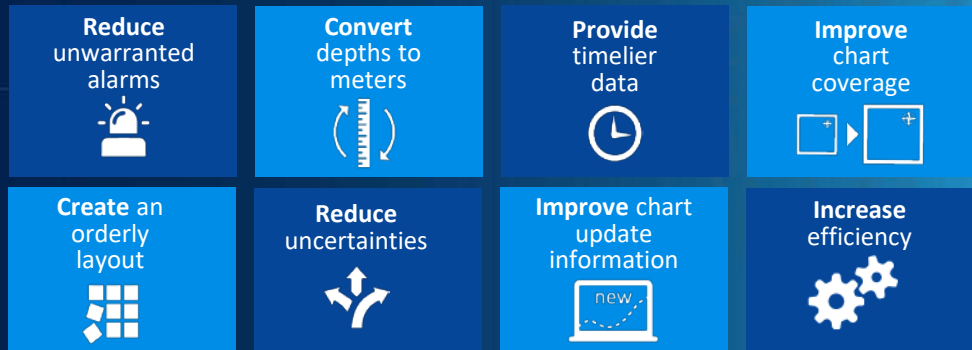
NATIONAL CHARTING PLAN

A strategy to transform nautical charting

Purpose

Improve NOAA nautical chart coverage, products, and distribution

Improvements

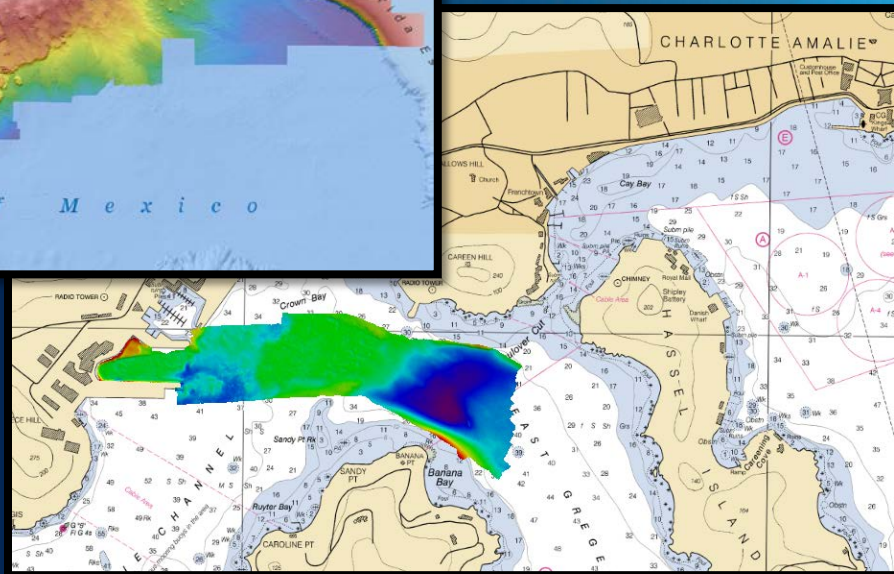
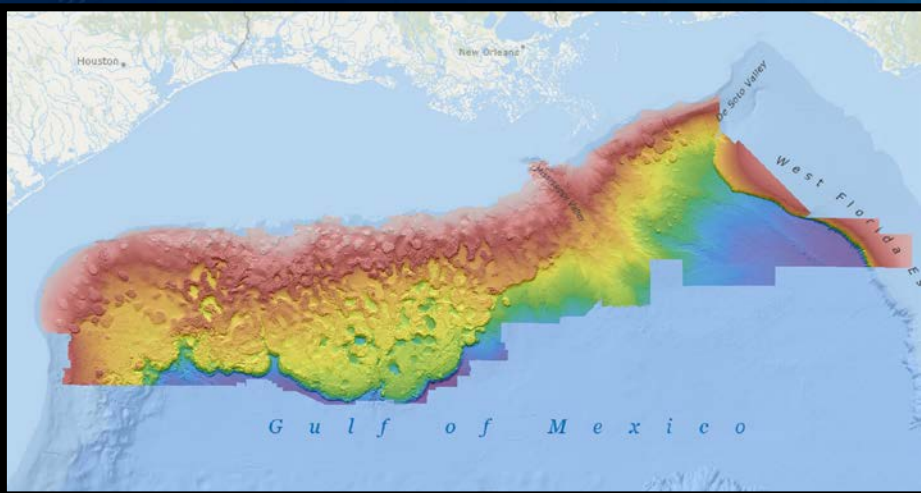


Outcome

Ease of access to more precise, higher-resolution charts that deliver the most up-to-date navigation information possible



External Source Data



Uncrewed Systems



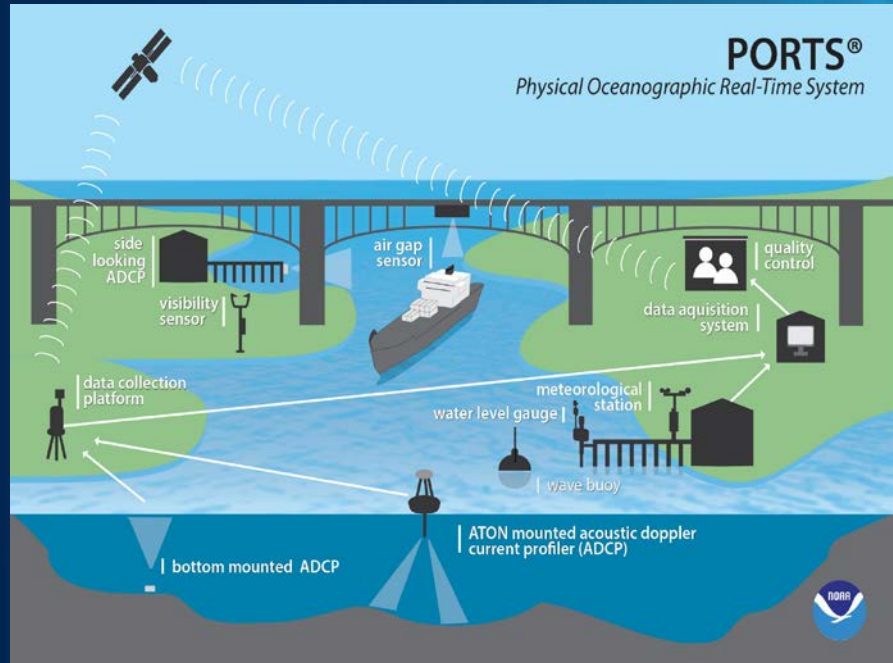
[Office of Coast Survey Autonomous System Strategy](#)



Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS)

Parameters observed:

- Water levels
- Currents
- Salinity
- Air gap
- Meteorological parameters
- Visibility
- Waves



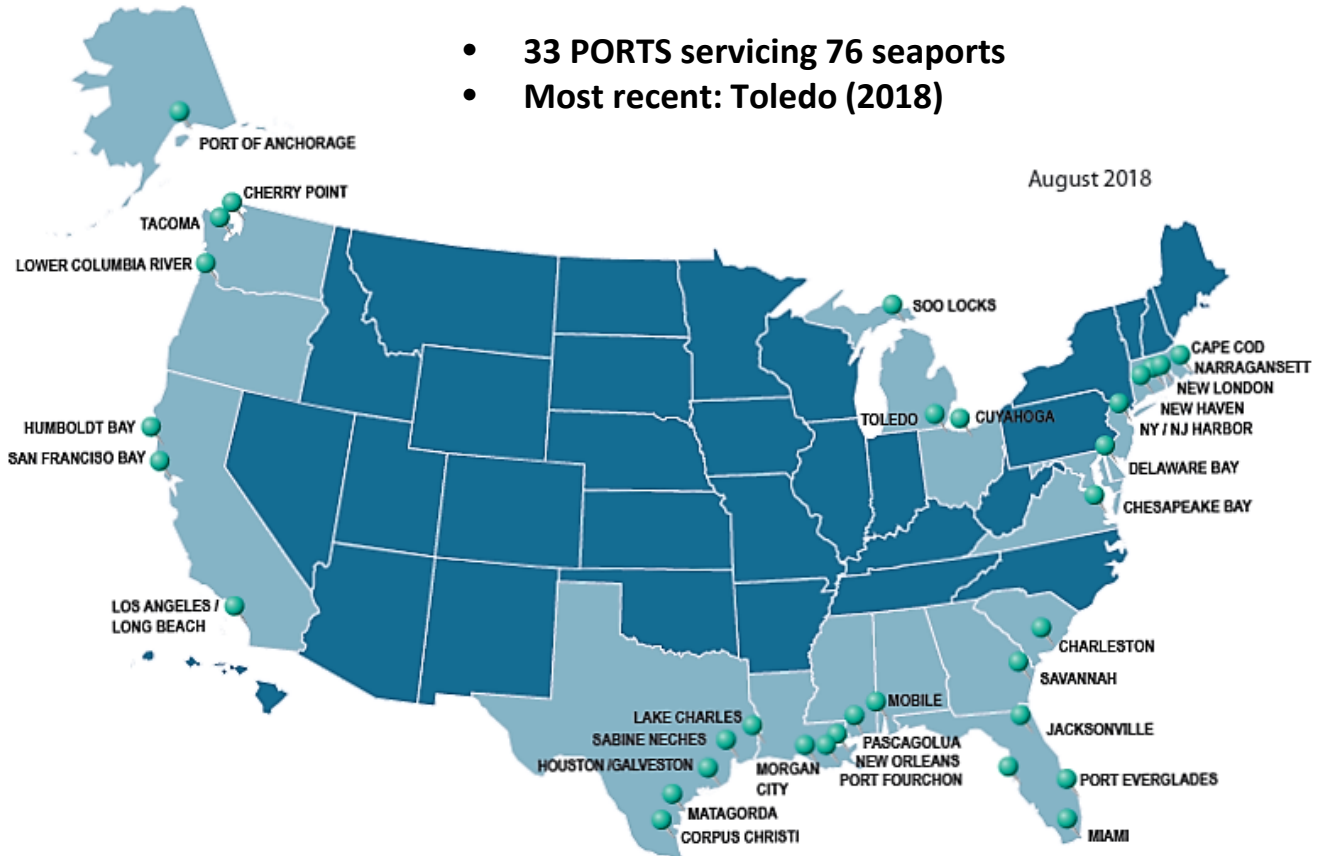
CORMS – Continuous Real-Time Monitoring System (Quality Control)



Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System (PORTS[®])

- 33 PORTS servicing 76 seaports
- Most recent: Toledo (2018)

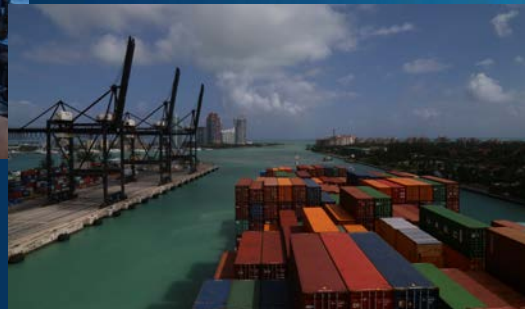
August 2018



Miami PORTS dedication – April 2018



iAton Buoy install



3 most common PORTS enhancements



Air Gap



Visibility Sensor



Current Meters



Estimated Economic Benefits of a Fully-Built National PORTS® System

Potential Value of an Expanded PORTS® System Serving 175 Major U.S. Seaports

Benefit Area	Potential Annual Value	Potential Ten-Year Net Present Value
Improved Safety		
Reduced Commercial Marine Transportation Accidents <i>Property Damages Injuries and Deaths</i>	\$7.7 \$19.1	\$64.4 \$156.3
Reduced Recreational Boating Accidents <i>Property Damages Injuries and Deaths</i>	<\$0.1 \$0.4	<\$0.1 \$3.1
Reduced Oil Spill Remediation	\$5.2	\$42.3
Increased Efficiency		
More Efficient Commercial Marine Transportation	\$265.5	\$2,172.3
Enhanced Fishing Productivity <i>Commercial Fishing Recreational Fishing</i>	\$1.8 \$0.3	\$15.1 \$2.5
Total	\$300.0	\$2,456.0

(Millions of 2010 dollars)

(Ten-Year Net Present Value is the sum of discounted benefit values for the next 10 years.)



Vessel allision, collision and grounding incidents: estimated impact of ports[®]

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Background:

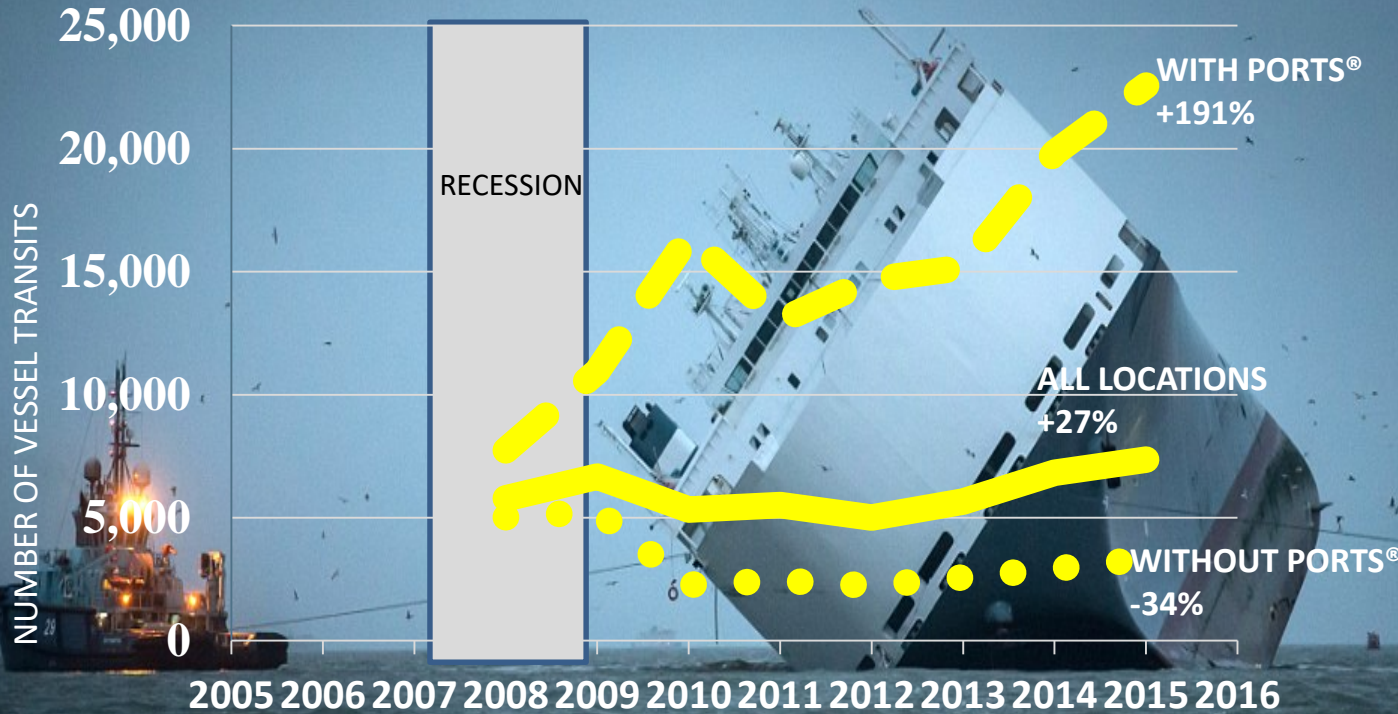
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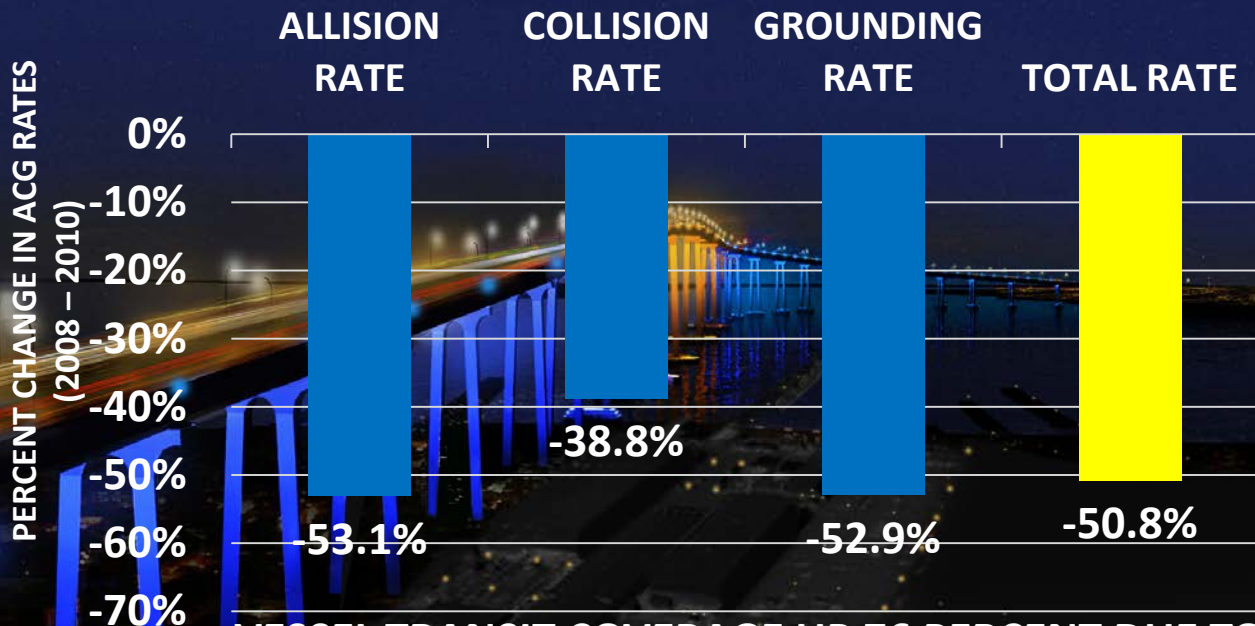


VESSEL TRANSITS PER GROUNDING



Source: United States Army Corps of Engineers, CPT Database; United States Coast Guard, MISLE Database

IMPACT OF PORTS[®] DURING TIME OF LARGE EXPANSION



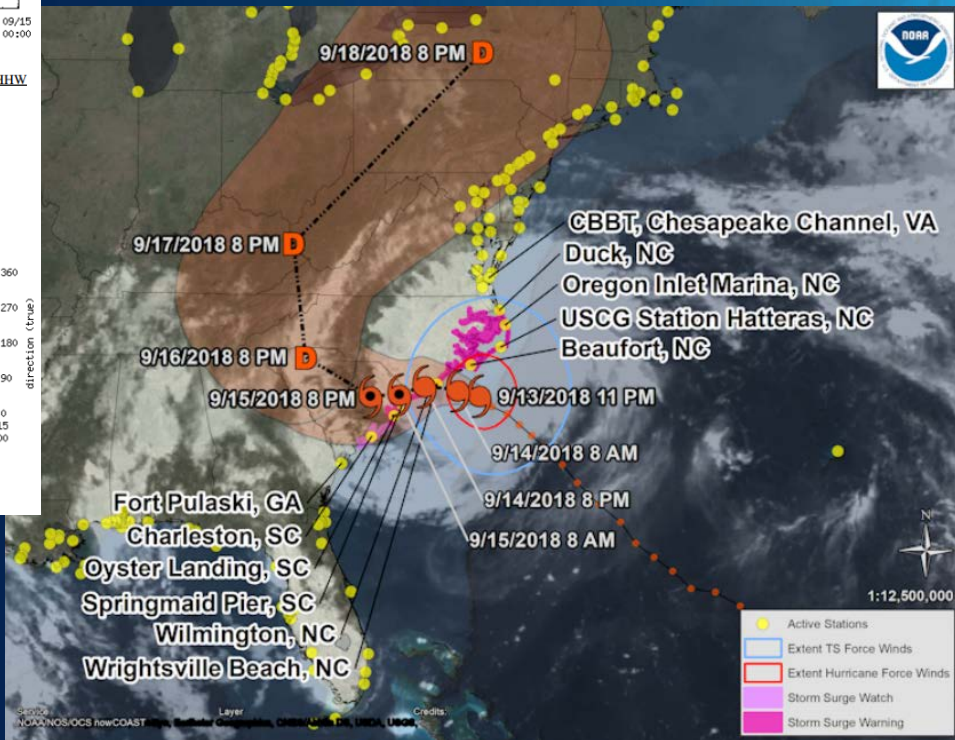
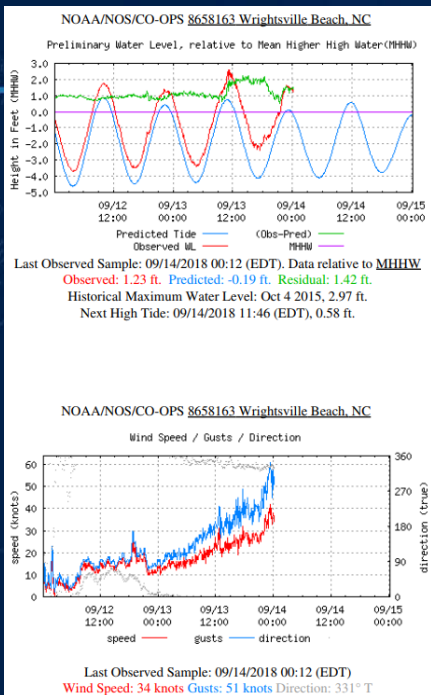
**VESSEL TRANSIT COVERAGE UP 76 PERCENT DUE TO
17 NEW PORTS[®] INSTALLATIONS**

Source: United States Army Corps of Engineers, CPT Database; United States Coast Guard, MISLE Database

NOAA Response to Florence



CO-OPS Storm QuickLook



Emergency Response Imagery

- NGS collected over 65,000 emergency response images, covering 24,000 square kilometers in response to hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria
- Images can be viewed at: <https://storms.ngs.noaa.gov>



WATCH

WARNING



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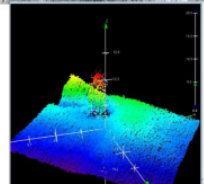
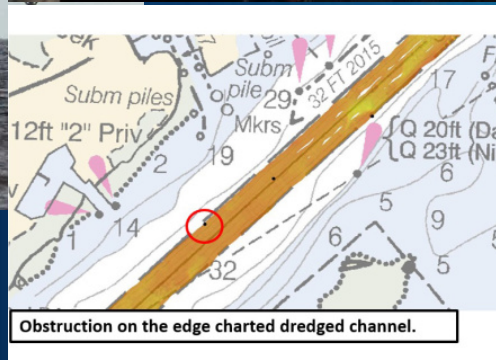
ADVISORY



WARNING

Reopening Seaports

Navigation Response Teams





Precision Navigation Initiative

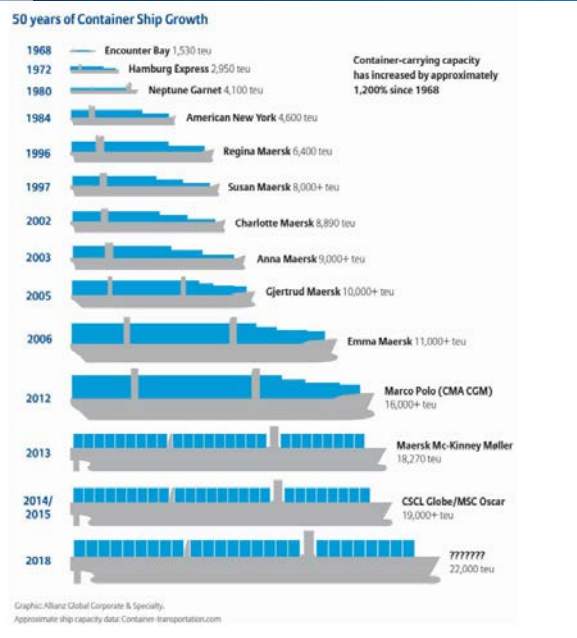




NOAA Precision Navigation

- Precision Navigation provides mariners with integrated, port-specific, forecasts and real-time information in order to make increasingly complex navigation decisions between the sea buoy and the berth.
- It can reduce the costs that affect the competitiveness of American exports and can potentially lower the cost of our imports.
- We have completed a successful pilot in Port of Long Beach and we are planning projects underway for a number of other ports.







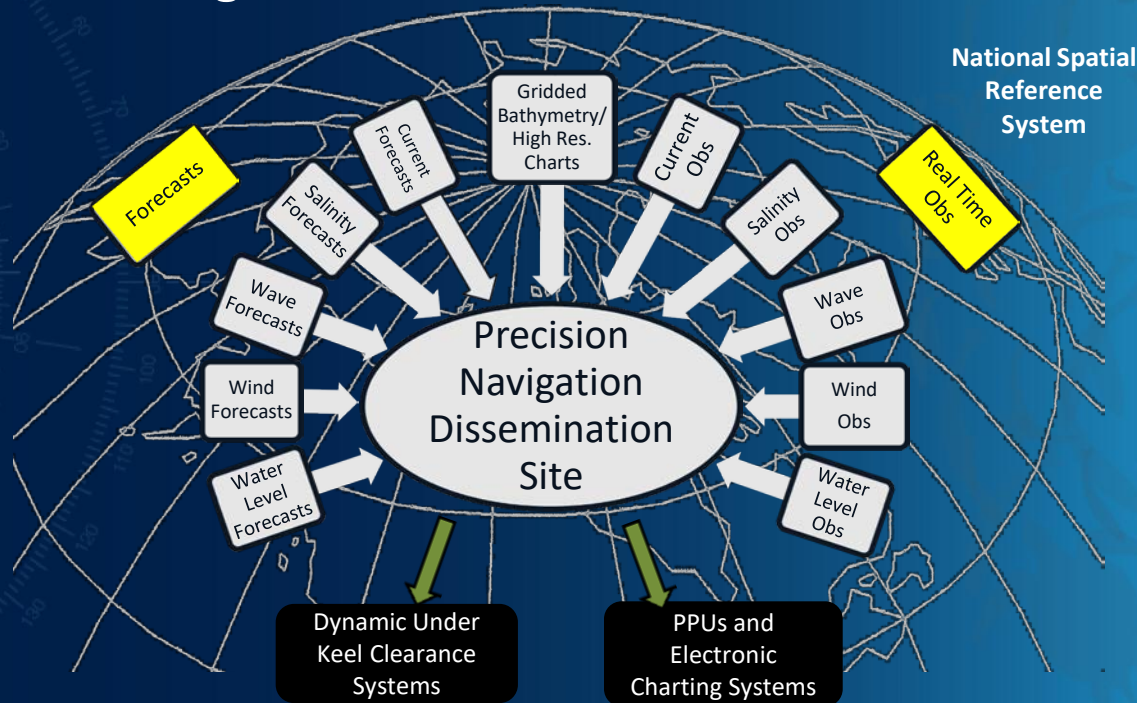
Goals of Precision Navigation

- Enable 24x7 Port Operations
- Increase the efficient flow of marine commerce
- Increase the safety of that maritime commerce
 - Decrease collisions
 - Decrease groundings
 - Decrease allisions
- Protect the environment from the damaging effects of marine catastrophes
- Enhance Blue Economy through Maritime Information Infrastructure





Integrated Data for Better Decisions



Thank You





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