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Highlights

- A winter storm watch has been issued for the entire region (except the southern Poconos and Sussex County NJ) for Friday night through early Sunday morning.
- Wind gusts from 20 to 35 mph are expected inland, with gusts 50 to 60 mph near the coast. A storm watch has been issued for strong winds over 50 mph over the ocean and Delaware Bay.
- A coastal flood watch has been issued for Ocean County and points south on the ocean front. Moderate to major coastal flooding will be focused on the Saturday morning high tide...but flooding could occur again with the Saturday evening high tide. Back Bay flooding is also expected.
- An intense winter storm is expected at this time for the entire region. However, some uncertainty is still present with the track of the system.

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Hazards and Impacts:

- **Power outages possible due to snow and wind.**
- **Widespread coastal flooding with property damage and road closures is expected ...especially at the times of high tide on Saturday.**
- **Heavy and wet snow may be difficult to plow and shovel.**
- **Sharp cutoffs with snow totals are likely closer to the coast with rain mixing in. Sharp cutoffs are also expected in northeast Pennsylvania and northern New Jersey near the northern edge of the storm.**

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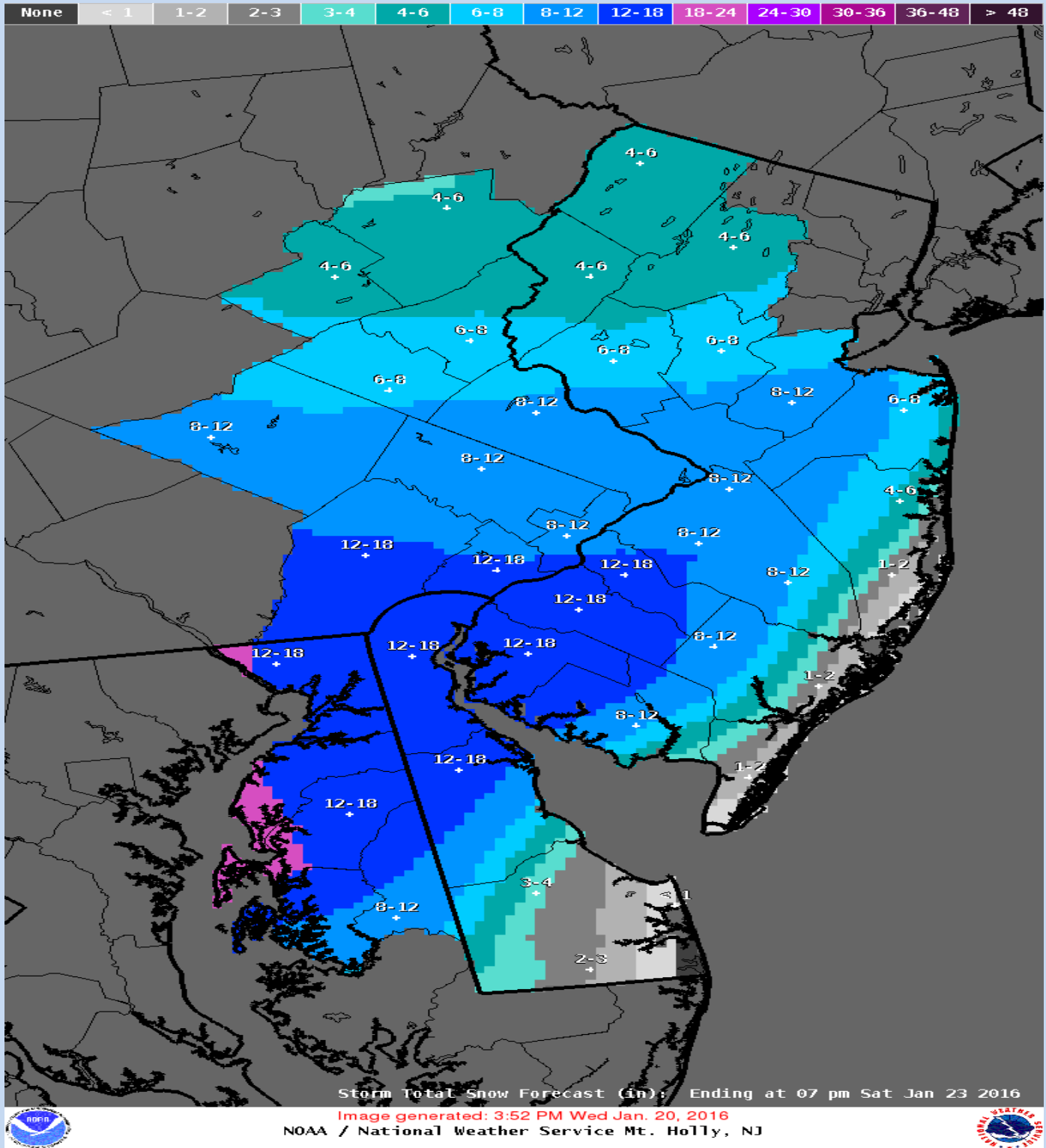


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Most likely Snowfall accumulation.

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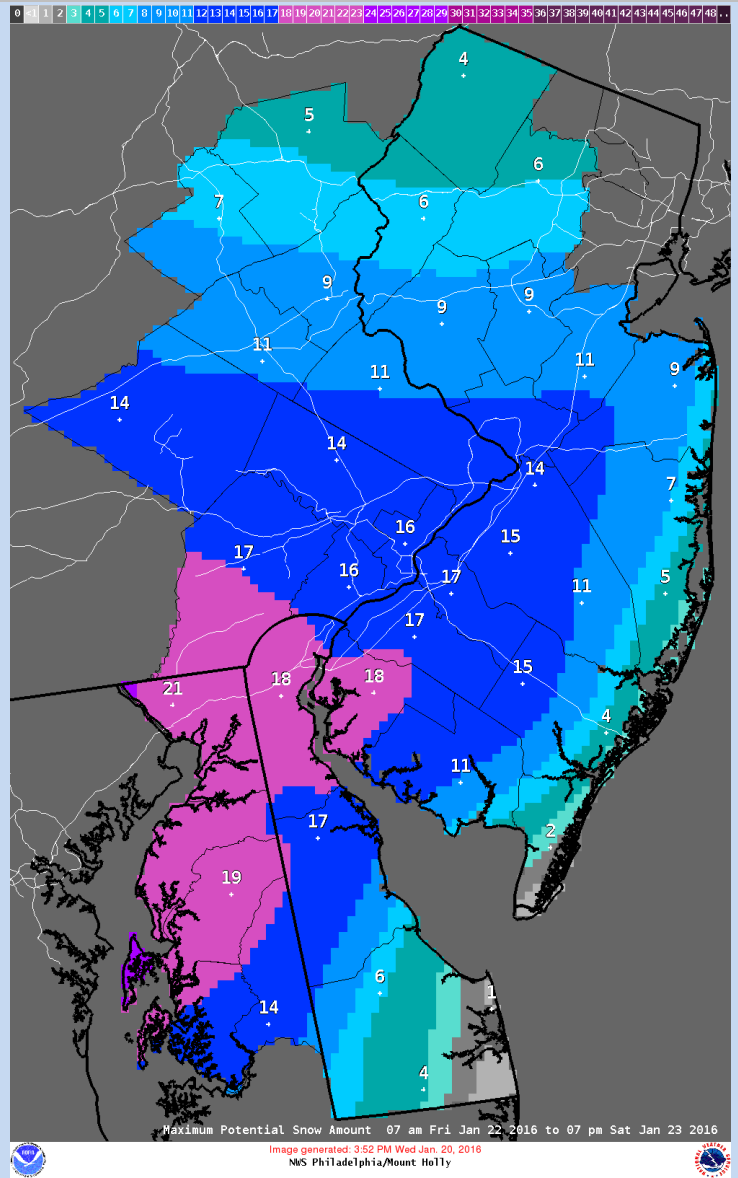
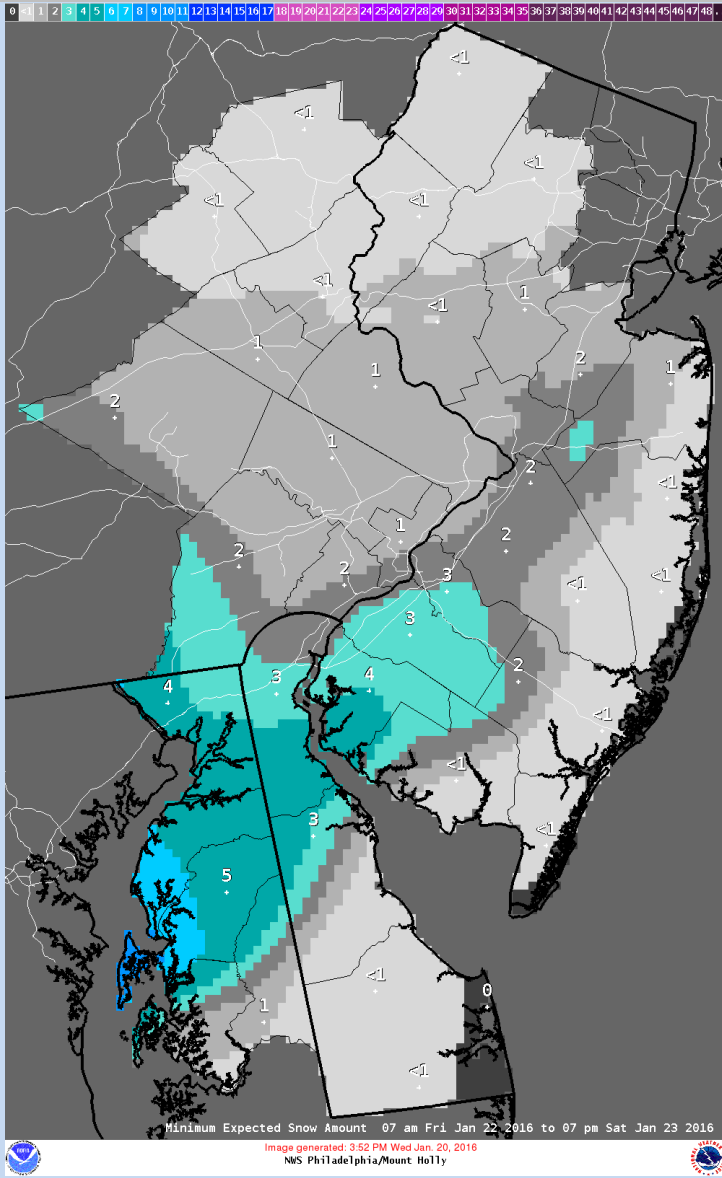


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Minimum Snow Forecast

Maximum Snow Forecast

These two maps provide reasonable estimates of possible minimum (left) and maximum (right) snowfall amounts from this event based on statistical analysis of model guidance. They are experimental and do **not** represent the official NWS forecast.

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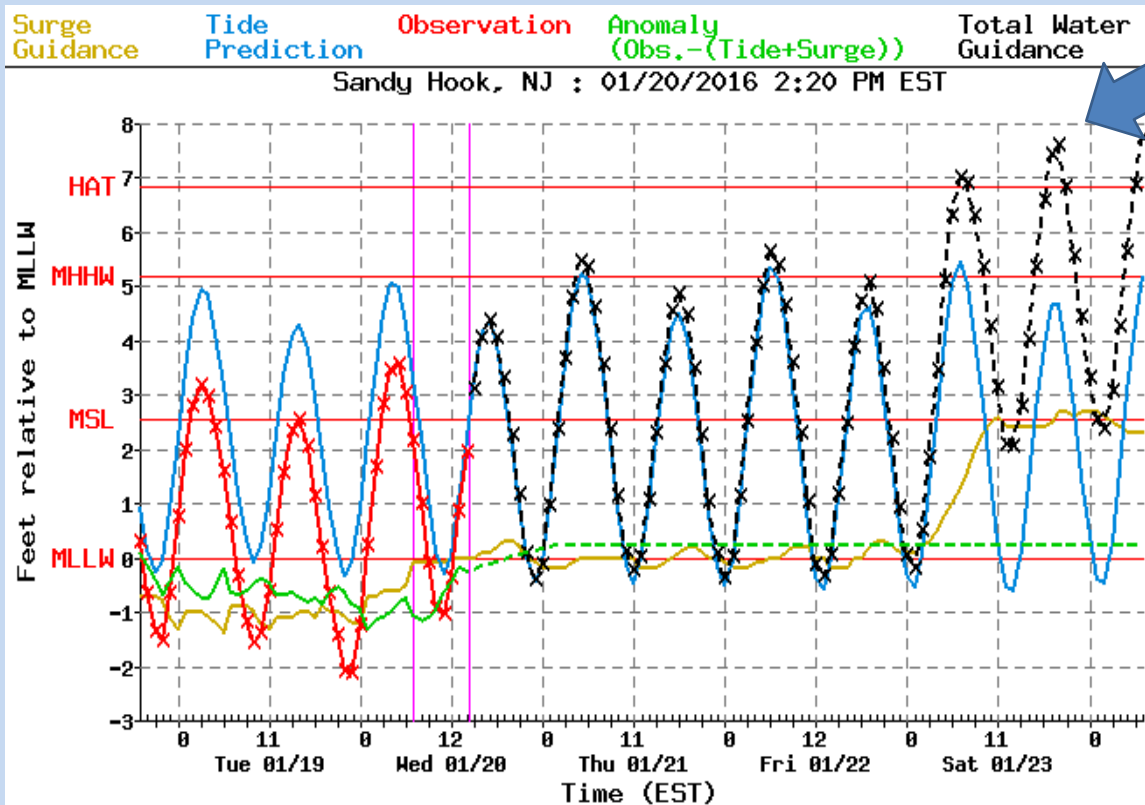


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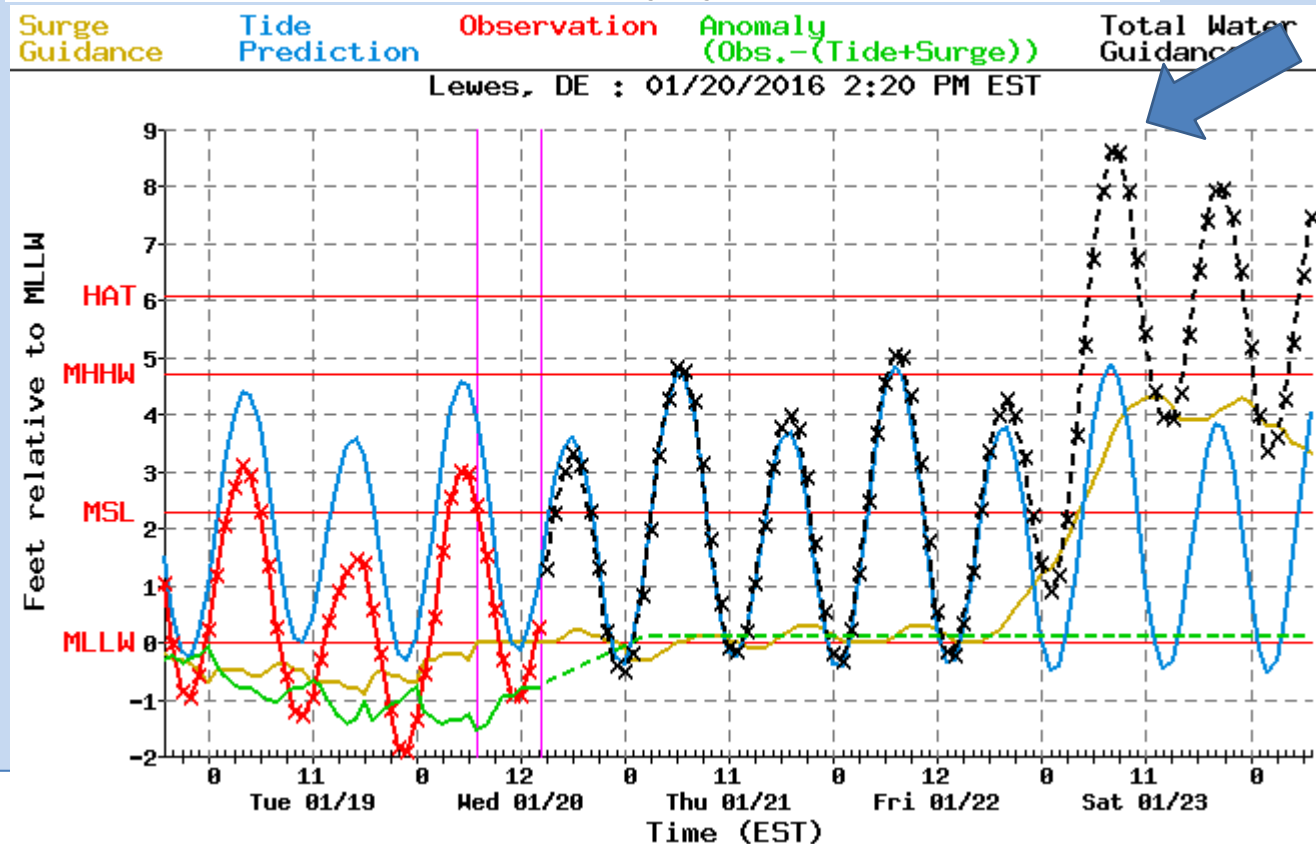


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These charts show the potential for moderate to major coastal flooding with the Saturday morning high tide cycle at Sandy Hook (top) and Lewes (bottom).



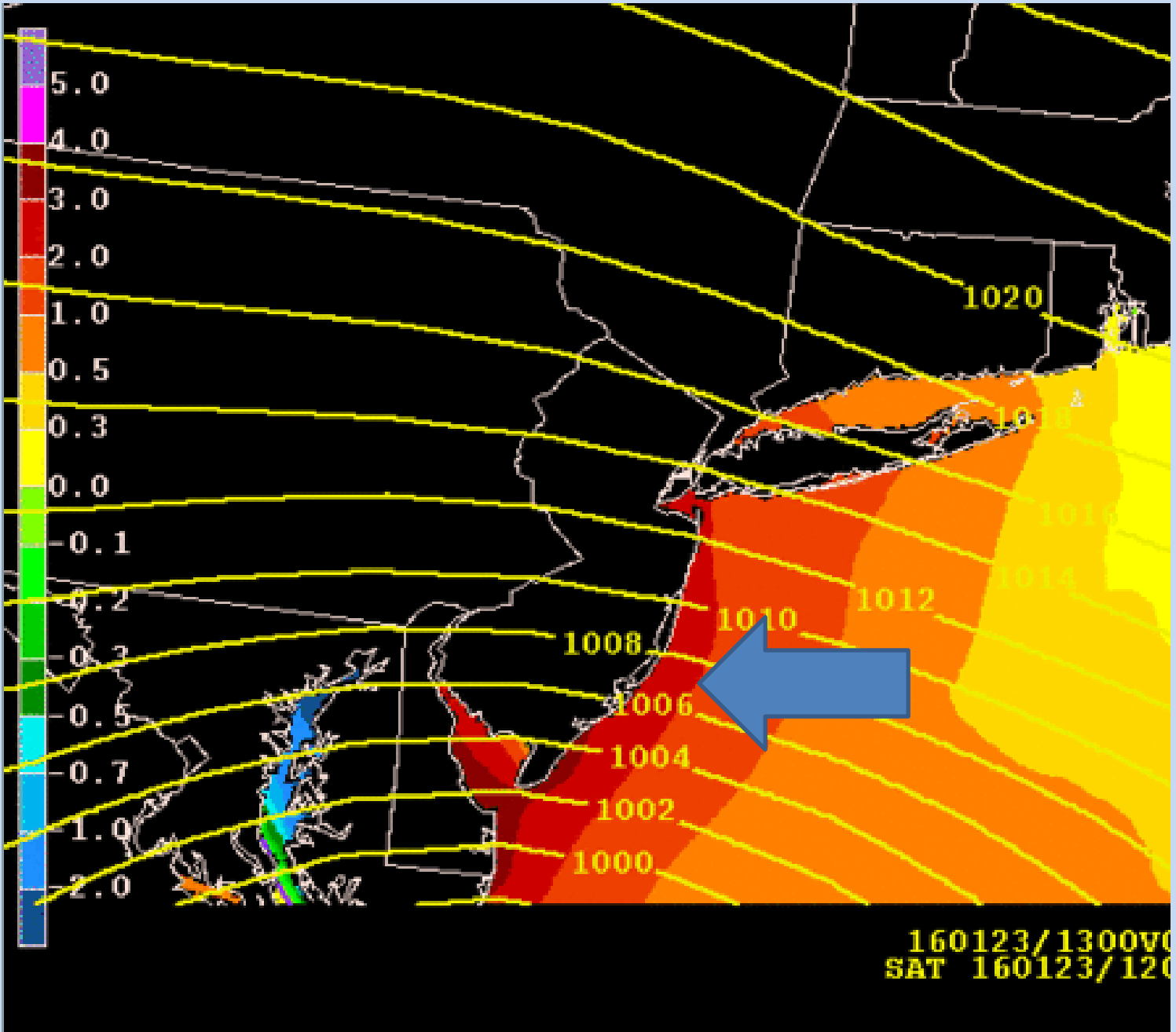


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Tidal Departures at 7 AM Saturday (around high tide). Note 2-4 FT departures along the coast and portions of Delaware Bay (bright red).

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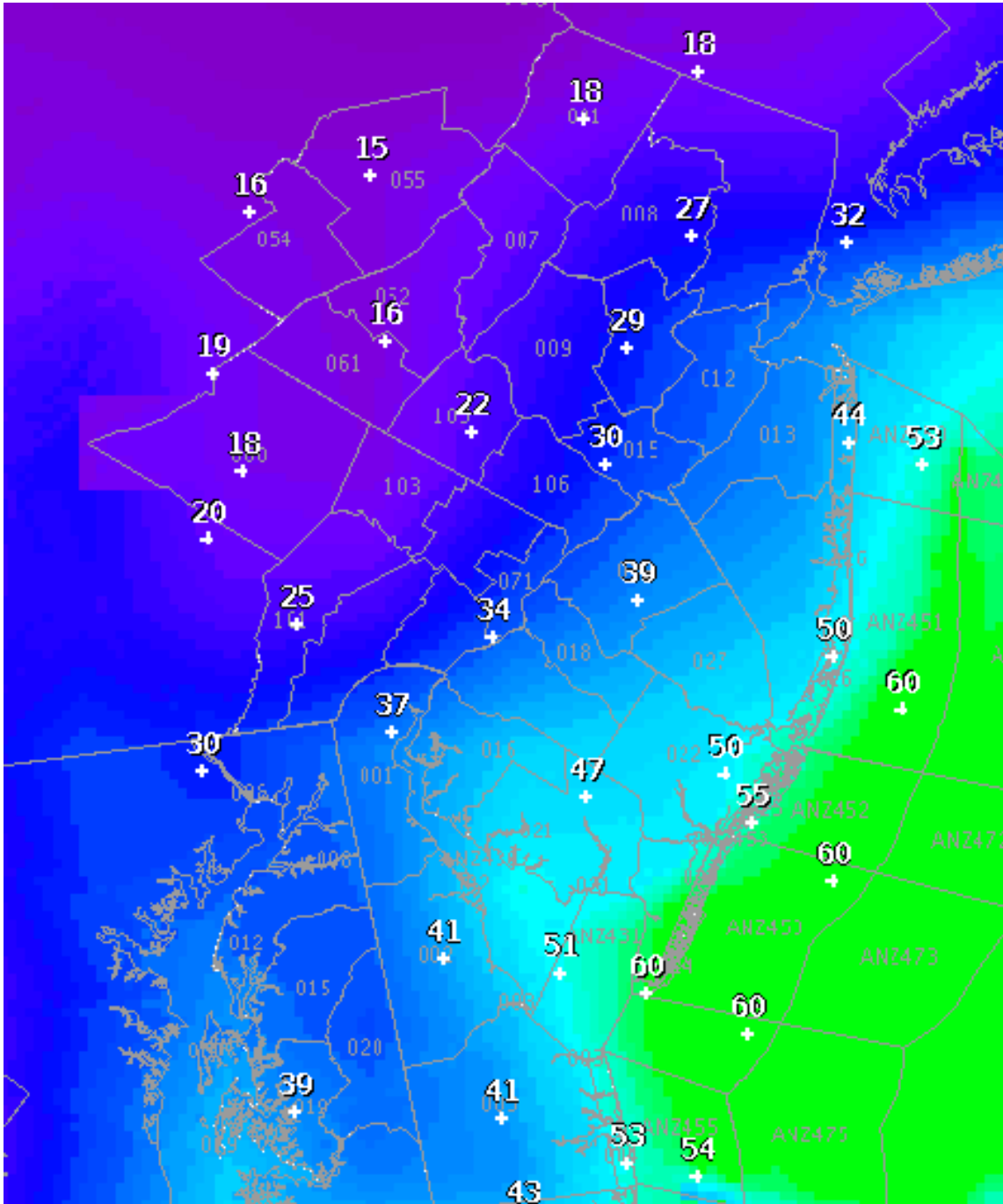


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Forecasted Wind Gusts at 7 PM Saturday. While these winds are in knots, this map indicates the gradient inland from the coast.

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