



HURRICANE SANDY UPDATE

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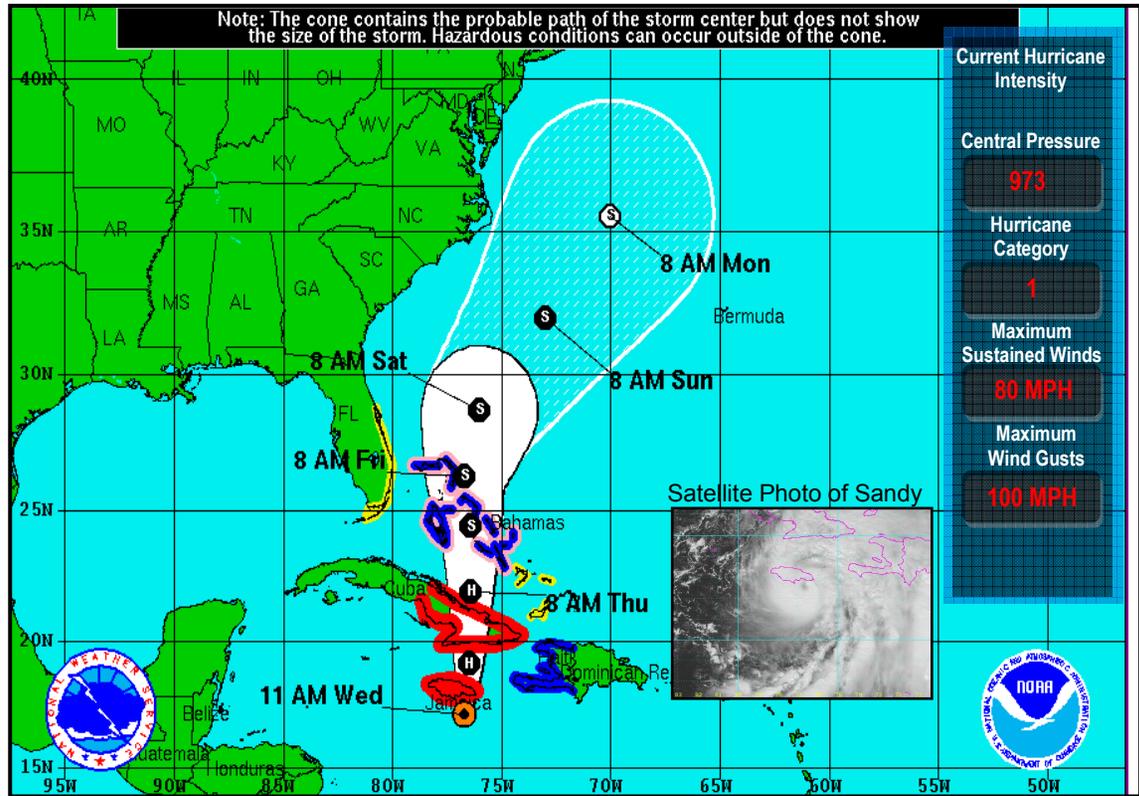
HURRICANE SANDY MAKES LANDFALL IN EASTERN JAMAICA... MAY THREATEN NEW ENGLAND EARLY NEXT WEEK...

At 3:20 PM the center of Hurricane Sandy was located near 17.9 North 76.7 West (Near the coast of Kingston, Jamaica). Hurricane Sandy has maximum sustained winds of 80 MPH and is moving to the North at 14 MPH.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is forecasting that Sandy will continue in a Northward direction with a Second Landfall in Eastern Cuba expected before daybreak on Thursday. Sandy is then forecast to weaken slightly as the storm moves through the Bahamas Thursday and Friday. Sandy is forecast to be located 300 Miles East of Cape Hatteras North Carolina by 8:00 AM Monday Morning.

Long range forecasts are indicating that Sandy may impact New England on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection will issue another update on Sandy Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

National Hurricane Center Storm Track Forecast



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SAFFIR / SIMPSON HURRICANE SCALE

Category	Sustained Wind Speed
Tropical Storm	39 – 73 MPH
I	74 – 95 MPH
II	96 – 110 MPH
III	111 – 130 MPH
IV	131 – 155 MPH
V	>155 MPH

For more information on the Saffir / Simpson Hurricane Scale please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/aboutshs.shtml>

