

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 – 3:09 pm

Overall the forecast for Isle of Wight has not changed significantly from this morning's update. It is likely that IOW could see 4-6" of snow starting Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning. Continues to be about a 20% chance that we could see 8" or more in some areas. Travel is expected to become hazardous Wednesday night into Thursday morning with temperatures mainly in the 20s. Gusty winds on Thursday may cause blowing snow and reduced visibility in areas that receive the most snow.

While the center of the low-pressure system bringing snow to the area is expected to remain off the VA coast, it is expected to intensify as it moves northward Thursday afternoon. We will likely see winds increase as the storm intensifies. Winds will increase from the 10-15mph range Weds. night/Thurs. morning into the low-20s (gust in the 30s) Thursday afternoon into Friday morning. While widespread power outages are not expected, the increased winds on the backside of the system may cause increased power outages Thurs./Friday.

In addition to stronger winds, the NWS is forecasting temperatures to potentially be colder than the last few days have been on Thursday/Friday. High temperatures will likely be in the teens and wind chills could approach zero Friday morning and wind chills may remain in the single digits through noon Friday. It will likely be Sunday before we see any significant increases in the temperatures, and then only into the mid-20s.

