

Jose is just starting to exit his loop and is currently moving northwest. A more northward track is expected Saturday into Sunday. As with Irma, our impacts will likely be determined by when, where and how northward Jose turns. The NHC forecast still has Jose tracking between the east coast and Bermuda. Should Jose make the northward shift a little slower than forecast or a little less northwardly, a closer track to the coast is certainly still within the forecast cone of uncertainty. There is low pressure system that will be moving down from the north which may hinder Jose's ability to make a more eastward track movement as it makes it as far north as NC/VA. The closer to the coast, the more impacts we could see.

With the current forecast, the Outer Banks has a 30-40% chance of seeing some tropical force winds, very eastern NC/VA has a 20-30% chance, and Isle of Wight is near the dividing edge of the 10-20% to 20-30% chance of seeing tropical force winds. The eastern NC/VA region could start to see wind impacts as early as Sunday evening. However, **IF** we see any it is most likely to occur during the day on Monday. Most likely impacts for the Hampton Roads area are high surf, rip currents and potential for some tidal flooding. It is important to note that the average NHC track errors at days 4 and 5 are about 175 and 225 miles, respectively. Again, a slight change in Jose's track in the next 24 hours, could make a big shift in where he is by the time he makes it as far north as NC/VA – so we will continue to watch Jose's actual track closely.

As of the 11am National Hurricane Center (NHC) forecast update, Jose was located 485 miles SW of Bermuda and had sustained winds of 70mph (tropical storm). Jose is moving toward the northwest near 9 mph. This general motion is expected today, followed by a turn to the north-northwest by late Saturday and toward the north on Sunday. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 140 miles from the center. Jose is currently a tropical storm, some intensification is expected through Sunday, with a gradual weakening forecast after the weekend. Jose is expected to reach hurricane strength (CAT 1) again by Saturday with winds reaching a maximum of 90mph during the next 36-48 hours before beginning to gradually decrease.

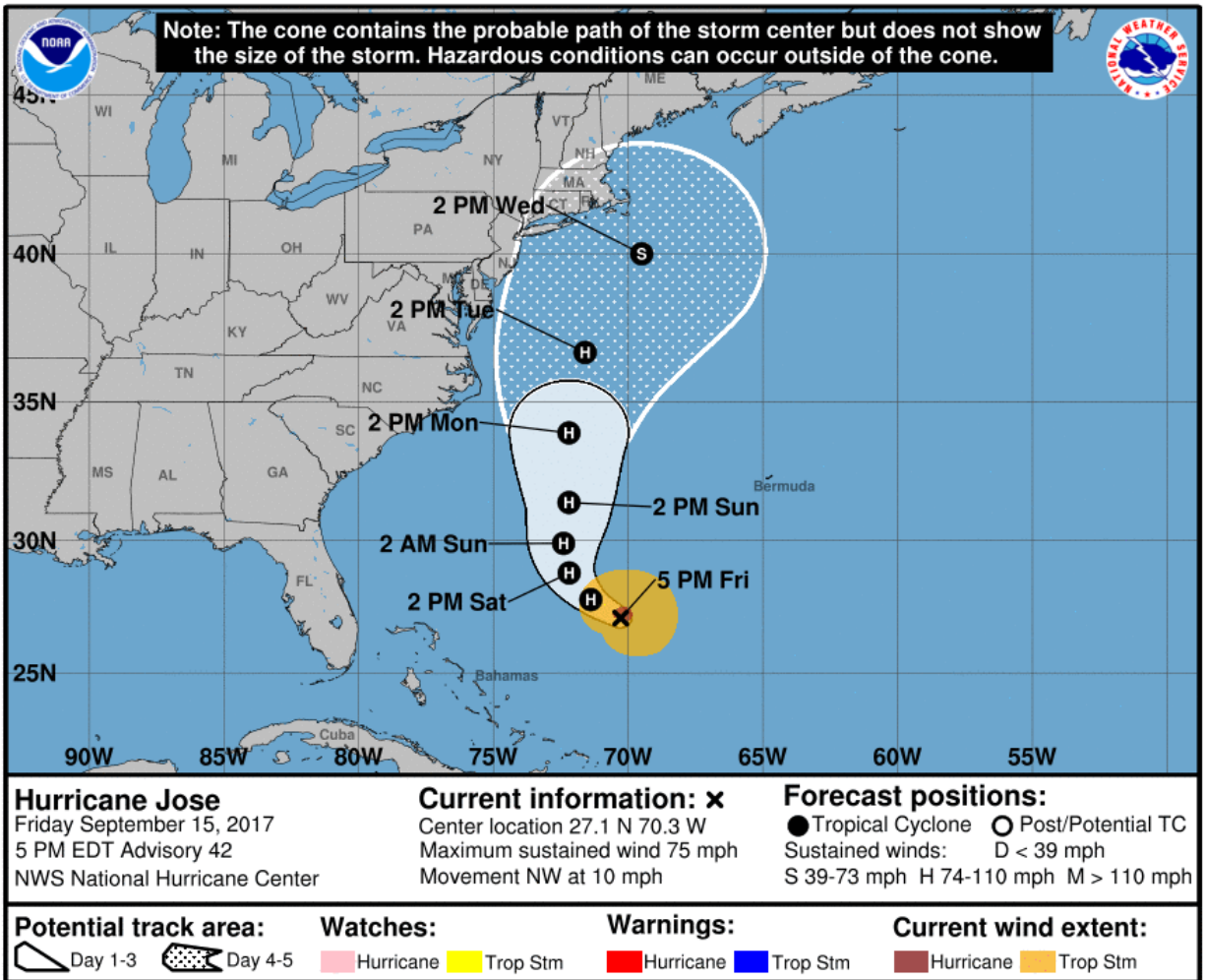
Based on the current NHC forecast, Jose is expected to have the following impacts:

1. Swells generated by Jose will spread northward, reaching the mid-Atlantic coast and the coast of southern New England during the next few days. These swells are likely to cause dangerous surf and rip current conditions.
2. Although the center of Jose is currently forecast to pass well east of the North Carolina coast early next week, tropical storm force winds are expected to extend well west of the center and could approach the North Carolina Outer Banks on Monday. Farther north along the U.S. east coast, it is too soon to determine if any other direct impacts from Jose will occur. Interests along the U.S. east coast from North Carolina to New England should monitor the progress of Jose during the next several days.

Jose's two friends continue their trip across the Atlantic. The first system (96L) currently has a 50% chance of becoming a named storm in the next 48 hours (90% in next 5 days) – early

models have this system following a similar path to hurricane Irma, so we'll be watching it closely. The 2nd system is now a tropical depression (TD14) and has a good chance of becoming tropical storm Lee in the next 24 hours. Early models give this system a better chance of curving and staying out to sea.

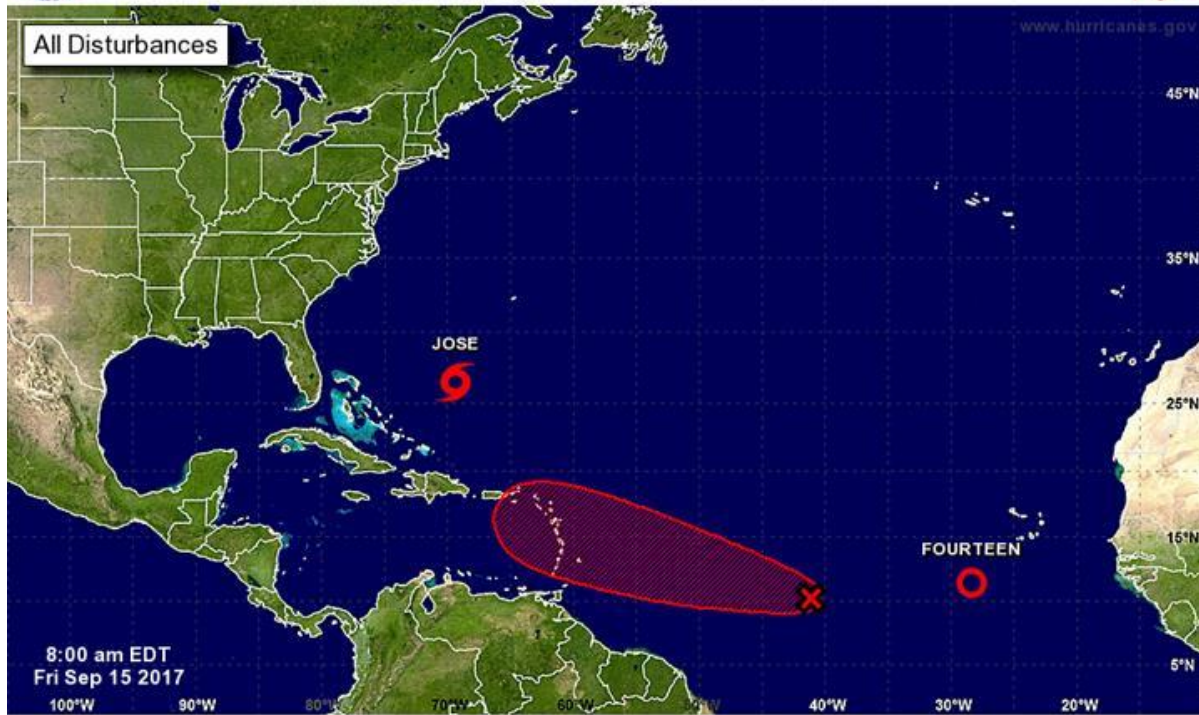
Keep thinking those eastwardly thoughts! We'll continue monitoring and provide updates as necessary.





Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone Remnants