

Marine Forecasts Website Fact Sheet

1. Weather.gov/marine redirects to <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/home.htm> but the future address will likely be <http://weather.gov/marine>
2. From the main page, you can go to this page: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/marine_map.htm where there are links to all NWS marine forecast offices and national centers
3. The **Items of Interest to Mariners** section has links to recent and important changes in the marine, tropical and tsunami programs along with safety information, news and a chance to provide feedback
4. This link goes to a listing of SCNs and PNS which affect the marine, tropical and tsunami services programs. <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/recent.htm>
5. Answers to **FAQs**, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/faq.htm> The most often referenced FAQ is number 3, which provides information on how to receive radiofax charts and text products via email...ftpmail
6. The **Marine Text Forecasts and Products** section provides links to point and click and simple text forecasts issued by the NWS. These include coastal, offshore and high seas products. Here is a low speed friendly link to text forecasts, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/textzones.htm>
7. The **Graphic Marine Forecasts and Products** section contains the very popular Radiofax Charts link, <http://tgftp.nws.noaa.gov/fax/marine.shtml>. All of the radiofax products produced by the NWS can be viewed in this section. Link to NDFD products is in this section also, <https://graphical.weather.gov/>
8. **Observations** Section links to NDBC, <https://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>
9. **The Marine Weather Portals** section has a link to NOWCOAST which is a 1 stop shop for most NWS marine products. <https://nowcoast.noaa.gov/mariner.html>
10. **The Dissemination Information** section has overviews of all the ways marine weather information is disseminated, including GMDSS, NavTex, Radiofax, USCG voice broadcasts, NWR, internet, etc.
11. The most often accessed information is related to...Text forecasts, radiofax charts and information about ftpmail.
12. Questions about NWS marine services can be emailed to marine.weather@noaa.gov. This email address is monitored during regular business hours.
13. Contact information for employees in the branch <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/phone.htm>
14. Recent testimonial "This site (Marine Forecasts website) is critical for cruisers/mariners..I always use it first in any briefs on cruising..weather or even..just talking about traveling north and south."

15. Usage Stats - Visitors most often visit between 8 am and 4 pm. About 55% use a desktop to access, 35% use mobile device and 10% use a tablet. The pages most visited are the home page, point and click pages and the text forecast pages (Marine Text Forecasts and Products section). The average session is about 1 minute 30 seconds. Site typically gets between 260K and 270K users per month and about 640K sessions.