Houston Pilots Forecast Package

Updated: 12:00 AM CT Friday, March 8, 2024

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Weather Headlines

- Scattered showers expected this morning, with storm chances in play in the late AM/early PM.
- Wind gusts expected to become slightly elevated late this AM.
- Patchy sea fog risks will likely redevelop this morning. A passing front will help push fog threats off into the Gulf this PM. See slide below for additional information.



Visibility/NWS Alerts: 11:46 PM CT



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Houston Pilots Visibility Report

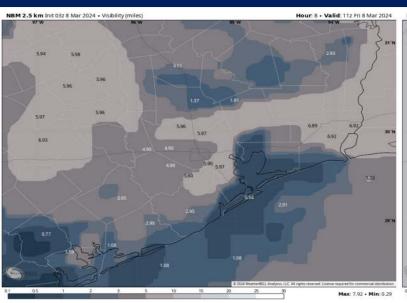


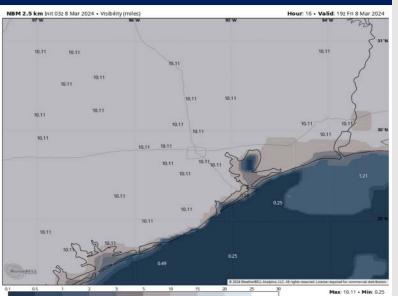


5 AM CT FRI VISIBILITY

1 PM CT FRI VISIBILITY

Confidence







TIMEFRAME THREAT DISCUSSED

3 AM CT FRI - 10 PM FRI MED - HIGH

- ➤ Confidence is increasing that we will see fog redevelop Friday morning, continuing to grow in coverage through the PM until the cold front passes, pushing fog far out into the Gulf. A couple showers could result in fog being slightly patchier at times.
- ➤ Around 3 AM CT Friday we need to watch for patchy fog development reducing visibility to 3 5 miles, possibly to less than 1 mile at the Boarding Station.
- Foggy conditions will only grow in coverage through the late morning, becoming the densest from 10 AM – 2 PM. This is when fog will be widespread from Morgan's Point through the Boarding Station, dropping visibility to 0.5 or less.
- ➤ After 2 PM, fog will retreat out of the Bay back towards the Gulf however linger over Station 11/12 and the Boarding Station through ~10 PM FRI until the front passes from NW to SE, taking the foggy conditions with it.

Houston Pilots Extended Range Visibility Report





Monday 3/11/24

Fog not favored for Monday.

Tuesday 3/12/24

Fog not favored for Tuesday, although winds will gradually shift to out of the southeast. Temperatures and cloud cover will be the limiting factor at present.

Forecast Confidence

Above Normal

Below Normal

Forecast Confidence

Above Normal Below Normal

Unlikely

Unlikely

Unlikely

Wednesday 3/13/24

Fog not favored for Wednesday.

Chance for Fog

Monday AM

Monday PM Unlikely

Tuesday AM

Tuesday PM Unlikely

Wednesday AM

Wednesday PM Unlikely

Forecast Confidence

Above Normal

Below Normal

Houston Pilots Visibility Chart (miles)





Forecast Confidence

Above Normal Below Normal

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Time	Fri 12am	Fri 1am	Fri 2am	Fri 3am	Fri 4am	Fri 5am	Fri 6am	Fri 7am	Fri 8am	Fri 9am	Fri 10am	Fri 11am	Fri 12pm	Fri 1pm	Fri 2pm	Fri 3pm	Fri 4pm	Fri 5pm	Fri 6pm	Fri 7pm	Fri 8pm	Fri 9pm	Fri 10pm	Fri 11pm
610 Bridge	5	5	4	4	5	4	4	3	3	5	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Kinder 1	6	6	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Greens Bayou	6	6	3	4	5	5	4	4	3	6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Shell Crude	7	6	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	6	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Lynchburg Ferries	7	6	1	1	3	5	4	4	4	5	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Exxon 3	7	4	1	0.7	2	2	4	4	3	5	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Morgans Point	7	3	1	0.7	2	2	4	3	2	4	6	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
75/76	6	3	1	0.7	0.8	1	1	2	2	2	0.5	0.8	6	7	7	8	9	9	8	7	8	9	9	9
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Houston Pilots Wind Chart







Sustained wind 13 Knots

Gusts 18 Knots

Wind from the N

Time	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri	Fri
Knots	12am	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm	10pm	11pm
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Forecast Discussion

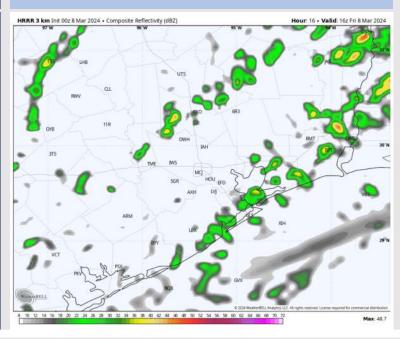
Precip: Need to watch for scattered shower potential between 12AM – 9AM. Majority of coverage will remain to the north, but a few downpours can't be ruled out (20% chances). Beyond 9AM and through about 3PM, a few scattered storms will be in play with low end severe potential for winds / hail. (30% chances).

Wind: Winds will begin out of the S, gradually veering out of the W by 9 AM. Winds then turn out of the N/NW by 6 PM with a passing front. N of Morgan's Point: Winds at 7 - 12 kts through 6 PM before weakening to 3 - 8 kts. S of Morgan's Point: Winds at 10 - 15 kts will be likely throughout the day. Gusts up to 25 - 30 kts cannot be ruled out through 9 AM due to isolated storm risk.

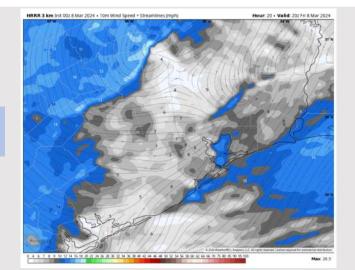
High Temps: N of Morgan's Point: Mid 70s F. S of Morgan's Point: Upper 60's F.

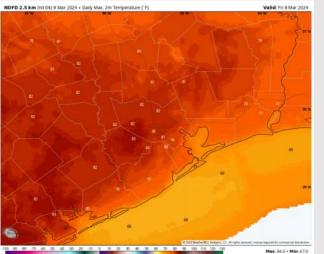
Visibility: Favoring the storm system Friday to limit the fog risk in the AM. However, we will need to watch for the possibility fog fills back in for Stations S of Morgan's Point after this system passes. A passing front in the evening will help push fog risks out into the Gulf as winds veer out of the N/NW.

Precip Image: 10 AM CT



Wind Speed: 2 PM CT





High Temps Today

Houston Pilots: Sat. 3/9/2024





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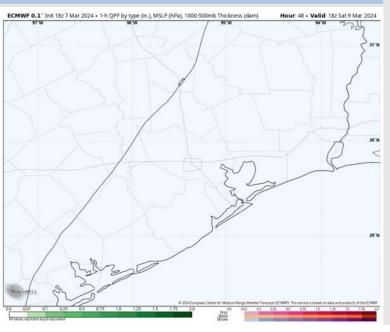
Precip: Dry conditions favored for Saturday.

Wind: Winds out of the N / NW throughout the day. N Morgan's Point: Winds will remain at 5 – 10 kts for the entire day. S of Morgan's Point: Winds at 12 – 17 kts through 5 PM decreasing slightly to 7 - 12 kts.

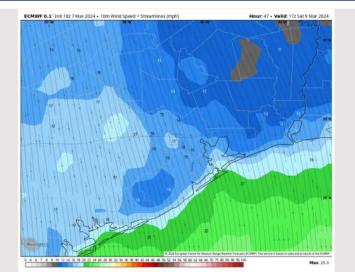
High Temps: N of Morgan's Point: Mid 60s F. S of Morgan's Point: Low 60s F.

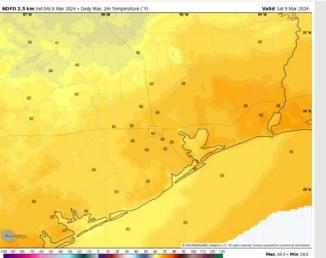
Visibility: No visibility concerns for Saturday as model data has pushed the arrival of the front up earlier to FRI PM.

Precip Image: 12 PM CT



Wind Speed 11 AM CT





High Temps Saturday

Houston Pilots: Sun. 3/10/2024





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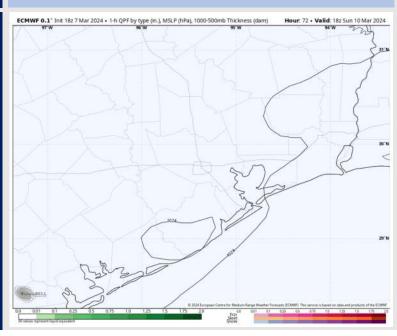
Precip: Favoring dry conditions for Sunday.

Wind: Winds will be out of the N/NE through 5 PM before winds become variable. N Morgan's Point: Winds at 4-9 kts through 11 AM before a slight decrease to 3-8 kts. S of Morgan's Point: 7-12 kts through 11 AM before decreasing to 3-8 kts. Wind gusts of 18-23 kts in play for Stations S of Morgan's Point through 11 AM.

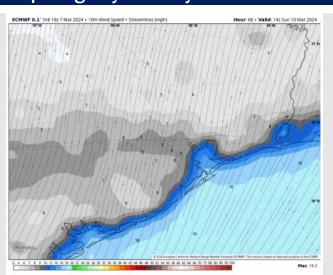
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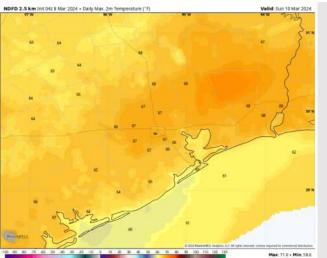
Visibility: Not anticipating any visibility concerns for Sunday.

Precip Image: 12 PM CT



Wind Speed: 8 AM CT



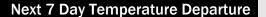


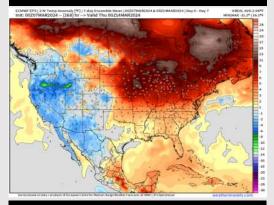
High Temps Sunday

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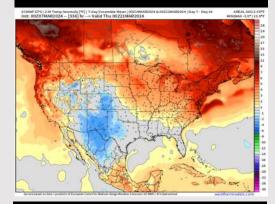




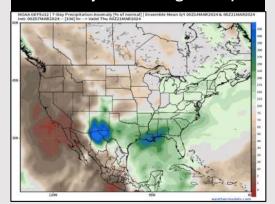
Next 7 Day Total Precipitation



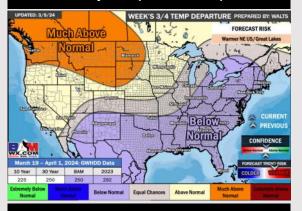
8-14 Day Temperature Departure



8-14 Day % of Average Precip.



15-30 Day Temperature Departure



15-30 Day % of Average Precip.



- Scattered rain chances are favored for this evening and Friday with the next shot moving in through the middle of next week. Slightly above normal temperatures favored for the week ahead.
- Above normal precipitation chances are at play during the week 2 timeframe. Temps expected to be seasonable.
- ➤ Below normal temperatures and seasonable chances for precipitation are favored in the weeks ¾ timeframe.