# **Houston Pilots Forecast Package**

Updated: 5:40 AM CT Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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### Weather Headlines

- Dense sea fog continues to be the main risk for all stations over the next 36 hours.
- We are currently in X-Ray Port conditions as wave heights are anticipated to reach 6 ft by 12PM THU. See wave height slide for more information! <u>X-RAY Video Update</u>
- Strong Storms will be possible Thursday afternoon!



Houston Pilots

### Current Radar: 5:30 AM CT



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### Houston Pilots Port Trigger Update

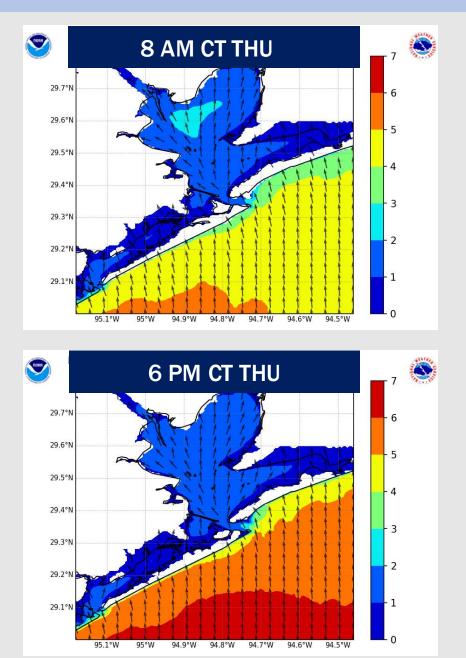


Port Condition	34 KTS+ Sustained Wind Trigger Reached at:	6 Foot Wave Ti Trigger Reached at:	ime Remaining/Trigger Ends At:
Victor			
Whiskey			
X-Ray		CURRENT	12 PM WED
Yankee		12 PM WED	12 AM THU
Zulu		12 AM THU	12 AM FRI
Port Condition	Trigger	Trigger Reached?	
Victor	Hurricane entering/developing in Gu	area <mark>N/A</mark>	
Whiskey	72 hours prior to predicted	I sustained winds of 34+ KTS	N/A
X-Ray	48 hours prior to predicted sustaine	ed winds of 34+ KTS or <mark>6' wave he</mark>	ight YES
Yankee	24 hours prior to predicted sustaine	ed winds of 34+ KTS or <mark>6' wave he</mark>	ight NO
Zulu	12 hours prior to predicted sustaine	ed winds of 34+ KTS or 6' wave he	ight NO
NOTES:			

With increased winds ahead of a front on Thursday, waves are anticipated to reach 6' by 12PM THU. See wave height slide for more information!

We are keeping an eye on weakening trends! Confidence remains low!

### **Wave Height Forecast Update**





Wave heights at the Boarding Station are expected to increase THU AM, reaching 6' by 12PM THU.

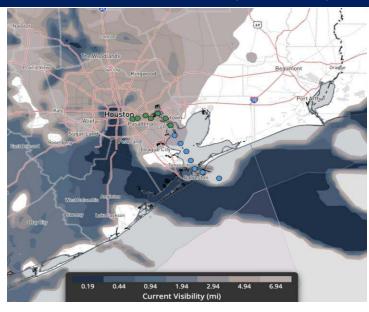
Elevated wave heights of 6' - 7' are anticipated to linger through 12AM FRI, before quickly decreasing throughout FRI AM.

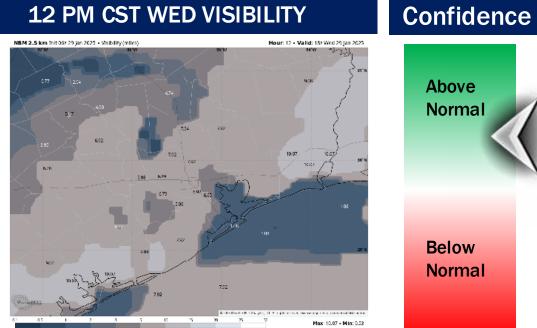
By 10AM FRI, we are favoring wave heights to be at or below 4ft.

# **Houston Pilots Visibility Report**



#### CURRENT VISIBILITY (5:15 AM)





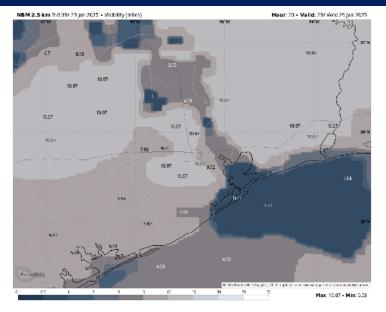
- The threat for dense sea fog is expected to continue throughout much of the day. This AM, the greatest threat for visibilities reduced to 0.5 mile or less will be for Morgan's Point stations S. Meanwhile, stations N of Morgan's Point will continue to have visibilities of 1 – 2 miles with brief instances of less than 1 mile.
- The timeframe with the greatest risk for dense sea fog to be more widespread in nature is now (~5:30 AM) through 9 AM. After 9 AM, it's likely sea fog becomes more patchy and visibilities improve slightly to 1 - 2 miles with isolated pockets of fog dropping visibility to 0.5 mile (greatest threat for this being station 51/52 and S).
- The setup mentioned in the point above will continue with visibility gradually improving (still hazy with 1 - 3 mile visibility) moving into the early afternoon. The Boarding Station however will still be at risk for isolated instances of visibility of 0.5 miles.
- By 2 PM, sea fog will start to again become more dense and widespread. See next slide.

TIMEFRAME DISCUSSED	THREAT
CURRENT – 2 PM WED	Med - High

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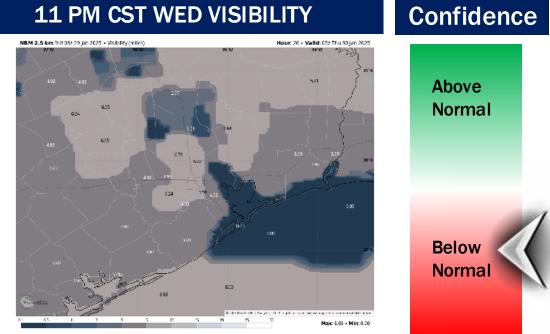


#### **5 PM CST WED VISIBILITY**





#### **11 PM CST WED VISIBILITY**



- Confidence is below normal for this time period, especially for Stations N of 11/12 in terms of timing and coverage.
- From 2PM 8PM. Stations 51/52 through the Boarding Station are favored to see continual periods of patchy, dense fog with visibilities of less than 0.5 miles. Intermittent periods of patchy fog with reduced visibilities of 0.5 mile will be possible for stations between 11/12 and Morgan's point.
- Once we get beyond 8PM, we are favoring widespread, dense fog to  $\triangleright$ quickly impact all stations (now including stations N of Morgan's Point), with visibilities of less than 0.5 miles likely.
- Coverage will be at it's highest as we get towards 12AM Thursday.

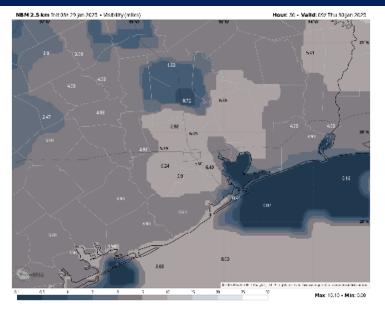
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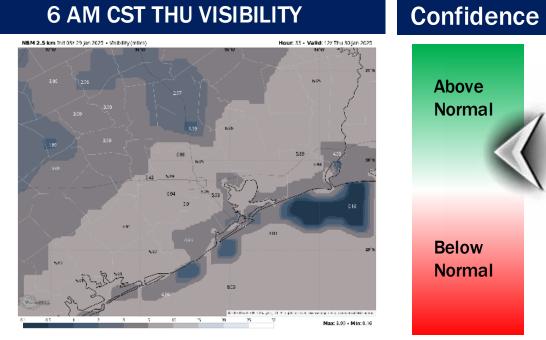
**Below** Normal

#### **3 AM CST THU VISIBILITY**



TIMEFRAME DISCUSSED	THREAT
12AM THU - 9AM THU	Med - High

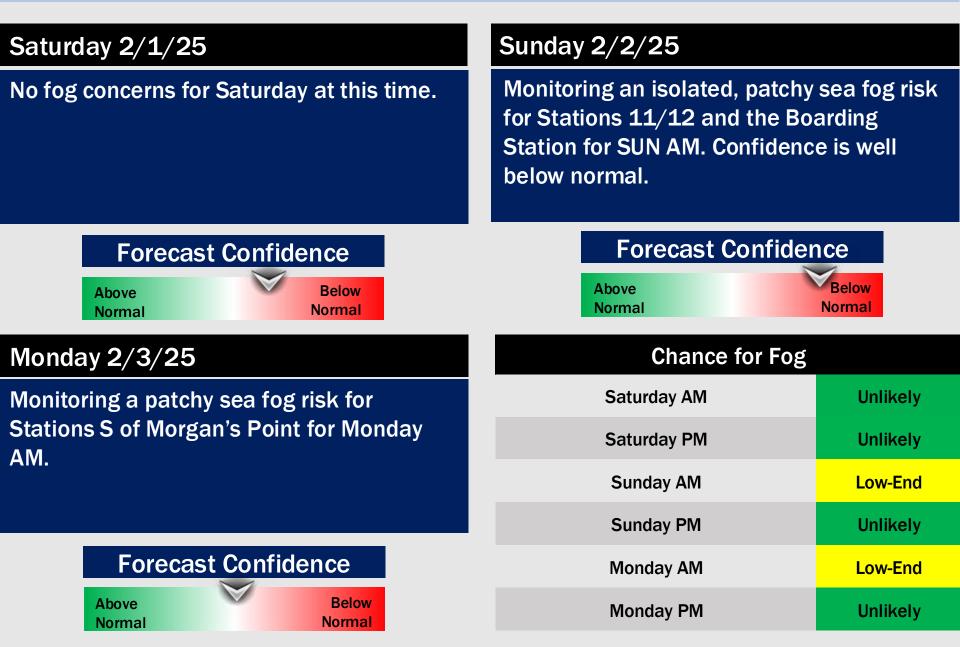
#### **6 AM CST THU VISIBILITY**



- Visibilities are expected to be less than 0.5 miles for all stations through 4AM. Confidence is above normal for this timeframe.
- After 4AM, widespread fog is expected to become patchier, slowly starting to decrease from Stations N of Morgan's Point towards 11/12 through ~7AM as winds increase. Visibilities will primarily be less than 2 miles for locations impacted by fog.
- From 7AM 9AM, patchy fog (<1.0 mile) will still be possible at the Boarding Station before burning off thanks to winds / showers approaching the area.
- Confidence is slightly below normal in terms of exact exit timing and will likely need to be refined.

### Houston Pilots Extended Range Visibility Report





### Houston Pilots Visibility Chart (miles)



						Forecast Confidence																		
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Visibility	Wed 7 am	Wed 8 am	Wed 9 am	Wed 10 am	Wed 11 am	Wed 12 pm	Wed 1 pm	Wed 2 pm	Wed 3 pm	Wed 4 pm	Wed 5 pm	Wed 6 pm	Wed 7 pm	Wed 8 pm	Wed 9 pm	Wed 10 pm	Wed 11 pm	Thu 12 am	Thu 1 am	Thu 2 am	Thu 3 am	Thu 4 am	Thu 5 am	Thu 6 am
Houston Pilots N - 610 Bridge	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	4.9	6.9	7.9	6.9	9	9	9	8	6.9	5.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Houston Pilots M - Kinder 1	2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	1.6	1.1	5.9	6.9	9	9	9	5.9	5.9	4.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.5	2.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Houston Pilots L - Greens Bayou	2	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.6
Houston Pilots K - Shell Crude	2.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.1
Houston Pilots J - Lynchburg Ferries	2.5	1.1	0.5	1.1	2.5	0.8	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.1
Houston Pilots l - Exxon 3	2.5	0.8	1.1	1.1	2.9	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1
Houston Pilots H - Morgans Point	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.1
Houston Pilots G - 75/76	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.8	1.6	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	5
Houston Pilots F - 63/64	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	1.6	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	5
Houston Pilots E - 51/52	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	2	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2	4
Houston Pilots D - 37/38	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	2	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	2	2.5
Houston Pilots C - 25/26	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	2	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.6	1.6
Houston Pilots B - 11/12	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	2	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Houston Pilots A - 1 & 2 Bravo	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.8	2	1.6	1.1	2	2	1.1	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2

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# **Houston Pilots Wind Chart**

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## Houston Pilots: wed. 1/29/2025



#### **Forecast Discussion**

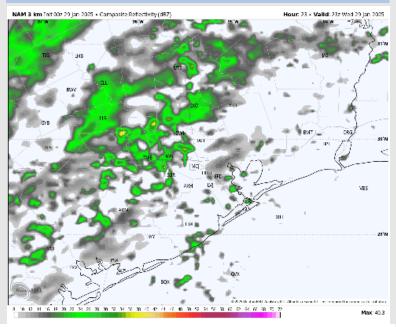
**Precip:** Scattered showers (20-30%) will be possible from 2AM - 9AM before clearing out through the early afternoon. From 4PM - 8PM, a few isolated showers/drizzles (20%) will be possible, mainly for stations N of 11/12.

Wind: Winds will be out of the SE throughout the day. N of Morgan's Point: Winds will be at 4 - 9 kts for the entire day. S of Morgan's Point: Winds will be at 5 - 10 kts through 8AM, increasing slightly to 8 - 13 kts after that time and continuing there for the remainder of the day.

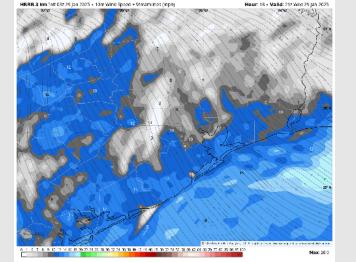
High Temps: N of Morgan's Point: Upper 60s to low 70s F. S of Morgan's Point: Low to mid 60s F.

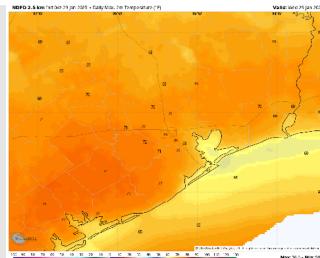
Visibility: Monitoring risks for patchy to widespread, dense sea-fog throughout the day. See visibility graphic for more info.

#### Precip Image: 6 PM CT



Wind Speed 3 PM CT





High Temps Today

## Houston Pilots: THU. 1/30/2025



### **Forecast Discussion**

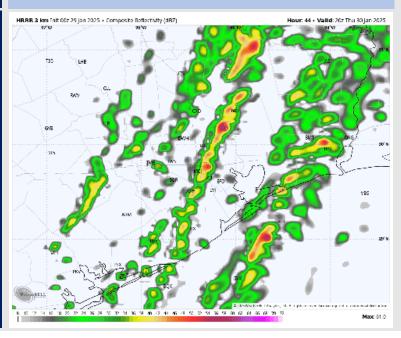
Precip: Favoring rain showers to move in after 11AM and linger through 7PM. After 2PM, A few strong storms, will be possible through ~6PM as the front pushes through. Isolated hail and gusts of up to 45kts will be possible!

Wind: Winds will be out of the S/SE through 4 PM, shifting clockwise out of the W/SW by 8 PM. N of Morgan's Point: Winds will be at 4 - 9 kts through 5 AM, increasing to 10 - 15 kts after that time, then decreasing to 2 - 7 kts after 7 PM. S of Morgan's Point: Winds will be 10 - 15 kts through 4 AM, increasing to 18 - 23 kts after that time, then decreasing to 7 - 12 kts after 7 PM. Non-Thunderstorm wind gusts of 20 - 25 kts in play for all Stations from 12AM to 7PM. From 9AM to 2PM Non-Thunderstorm wind gusts will increase to up to 30 kts from all Stations.

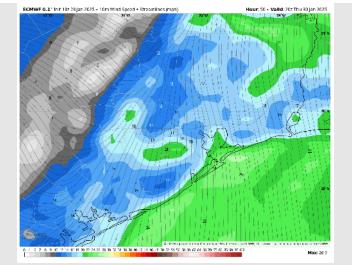
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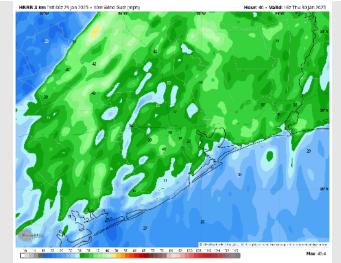
Visibility: Monitoring a dense sea fog risk for Stations S of Morgan's Point THU AM prior to the arrival of scattered showers.

#### Precip Image: 2 PM CT



Wind Speed: 2 PM CT





#### PEAK GUSTS 9AM - 2PM

## Houston Pilots: FRI. 1/31/2025



### **Forecast Discussion**

#### **Precip:** Favoring dry conditions for Friday

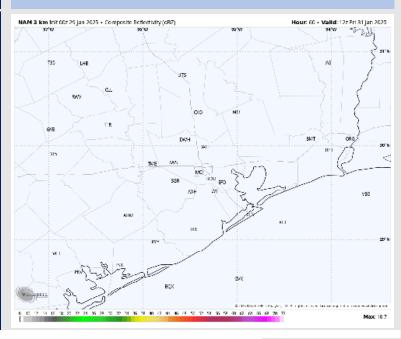
Wind: Winds will start out of the W / WSW through 2PM before veering out of the NW, remaining there for the rest of Friday. N of Morgan's Point: Winds will be at 3 – 8 kts throughout Friday. S of Morgan's Point: Winds will be at 3 – 8 kts through 12PM before increasing to 6 – 11 kts for the remainder of Friday.

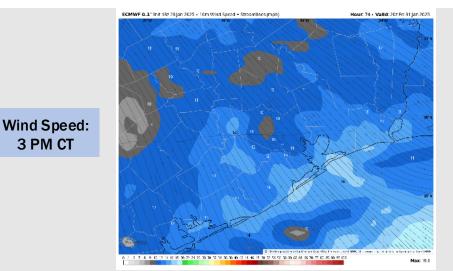
High Temps: N of Morgan's Point: Upper 60s / Lower 70s F. S of Morgan's Point: Low to Mid 60s F.

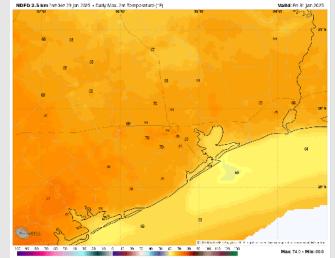
Visibility: Not favoring any fog risks for Friday AM.

**3 PM CT** 

#### Precip Image: 6 AM CT



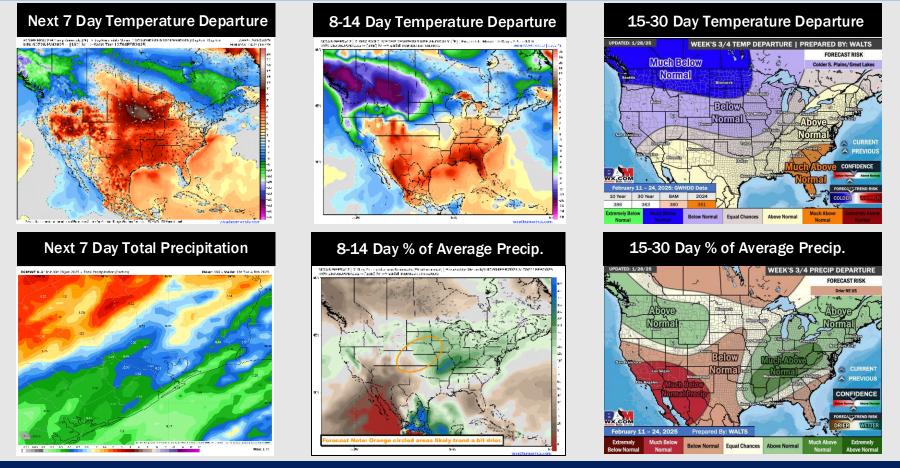




#### **High Temps** Friday

## Houston Pilots: 1/29/25





- > Temps are expected to be above normal for the week ahead. Favoring scattered rain showers throughout the week, with drier conditions by the weekend.
- Above normal temp and near normal rainfall are expected for week 2.
- > Above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation chances are expected for the weeks <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> timeframe.