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SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE 08-36
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON DC
235 PM EDT MON MAY 5 2008

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OTHER NWS PARTNERS...USERS AND EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: NEW CALL TO ACTION /CTA/ MARKERS IN THE OPERATIONAL MARINE WEATHER
MESSAGE /MWW/: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008

REFER TO: [SERVICE CHANGE NOTICE /SCN/ 08-27](#): TRANSMITTED APRIL 7 2008.

ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5 2008 AT 1800 COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME /UTC/...THE MWW
PRODUCT WILL CONTAIN NEW CTA MARKERS TO IDENTIFY THE BEGINNING AND END OF
THE CTA STATEMENT/S/. THIS PRACTICE ENABLES SPECIALIZED USE OF CTA
STATEMENTS BY PARTNERS AND OTHER USERS.

THE CTA MARKERS WILL USE PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...AND &&
CHARACTER STRINGS TO INDICATE THE CTA BEGINNING AND ENDING
MARKERS...RESPECTIVELY. THE PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS AND &&
CHARACTER STRINGS WILL BE LEFT JUSTIFIED WITH NO OTHER PRINTABLE CHARACTERS
ON THE SAME LINE OF TEXT.

THE GENERIC CTA MARKER FORMAT IS SHOWN BELOW:

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PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...  
/BLANK LINE/  
/CALL TO ACTION STATEMENT/S//  
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THE CTA MARKERS WILL BE INSERTED INTO EACH MWW PRODUCT SEGMENT THAT CONTAINS
A CTA STATEMENT(S). THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SET OF INSTRUCTION FIELD MARKERS
IN EACH SEGEMENT.

THE CTA MARKER FORMAT FOR A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY IS SHOWN BELOW:

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...PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
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A SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY MEANS THAT WIND SPEEDS OF 21 TO 33 KNOTS ARE EXPECTED
TO PRODUCE HAZARDOUS WAVE CONDITIONS TO SMALL CRAFT. INEXPERIENCED

MARINERS...ESPECIALLY THOSE OPERATING SMALLER VESSELS...SHOULD AVOID NAVIGATING IN THESE CONDITIONS.

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IF THERE IS NO CTA...CTA MARKERS NORMALLY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE MWW PRODUCT SEGMENT. THIS OCCURS MOST FREQUENTLY WITH CANCELLATION OR EXPIRATION STATEMENTS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW OPERATIONAL MWW PRODUCT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5 2008...SEE SCN 08-27 POSTED AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTPS://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/MEDIA/NOTIFICATION/PDFS/SCN08-27MWW.PDF](https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/scn08-27mww.pdf)

MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE MWW PRODUCT AND AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW FORMAT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT /USE LOWER CASE/:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OS/MWW](http://www.weather.gov/os/mww)

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