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Subject: Updated: The Ocean Prediction Center is upgrading its Website:  
Effective September 26, 2017

Updated to change implementation to September 26, 2017, or on the next  
available non-critical weather day.

Effective Tuesday September 26, 2017, the NWS Ocean Prediction Center  
(OPC) website:

<http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov>

will be upgraded to new formatting currently available for review at:

<https://para.ocean.weather.gov>

This change represents the first major upgrade to the OPC website since  
2002.

Additionally, the URL will change from: <http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov> to  
the currently available: <https://ocean.weather.gov>.

This change provides content through a more secure connection. The Office  
of Management and Budget (OMB) directive describing the requirement to  
only provide service through https: can be found at:

<https://ocean.weather.gov>

The new format provides an improvement of service over the current website  
format, including easier navigation and a cleaner look and feel with  
better support for mobile devices. The new format will also bring the OPC  
website in line with other recent NWS web formatting upgrades.

Please note that mainly the formatting of the website will change on  
September 26, 2017. No changes have been made to any operational  
products. In addition, the old URL, [www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov](http://www.opc.ncep.noaa.gov), will  
automatically redirect to [ocean.weather.gov](https://ocean.weather.gov) for approximately six months.  
Users do not need to take any action now but should update their bookmarks

after the September 26 transition.

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