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# Where is Hurricane Joaquin headed?

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SCOTT KELLY/NASA

**NASA astronaut Scott Kelly captured this photo on Friday of Hurricane Joaquin from the International Space Station.**

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The only sign of Joaquin might be big waves at the beach.

Forecasters are increasingly confident that Hurricane Joaquin will move away from shore as it heads up the coast, sparing New England from any significant wind or rain.

“However, there will still be impacts from Joaquin which will need to be monitored closely,” forecasters from the National Weather Service in Taunton wrote in a forecast discussion Friday afternoon, noting that even if the storm does have an impact, it won’t be felt for a couple more days.

Meteorologists said Joaquin may increase the surge along coastal areas. They said that during high tide swells could cause “minor to moderate beach erosion along the south and east facing shorelines of Nantucket late in the weekend into early next week as Joaquin passes by.”

And “there is still a low probability for some rain as Joaquin makes its closest pass, particularly across the Cape and islands,” the forecasters said.



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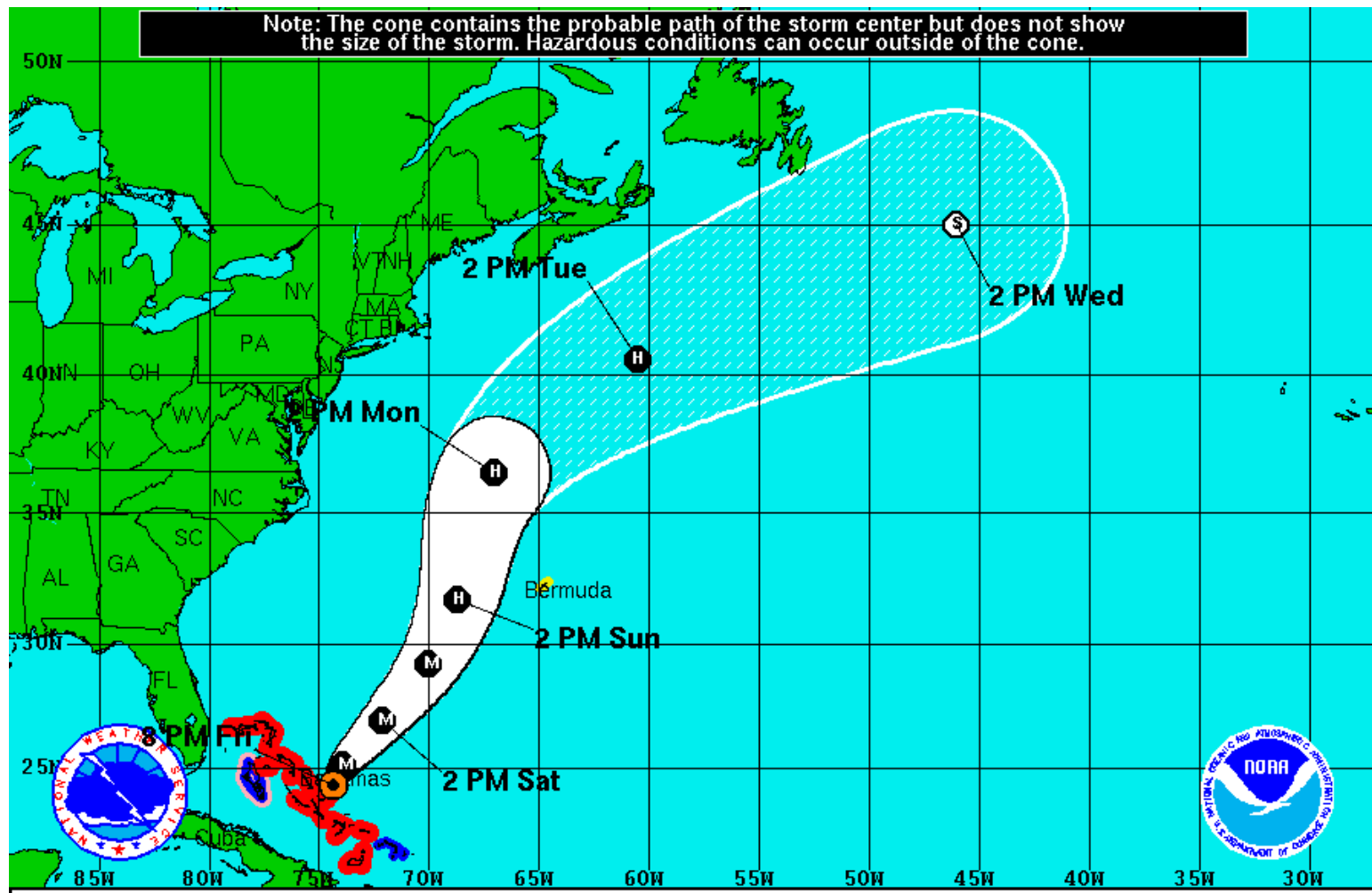
Previous models had suggested the hurricane could make landfall over the mid-Atlantic states and pivot toward New England. But recent model runs have led forecasters to shift the expected track much farther east.

The National Hurricane Center, in a forecast discussion Friday afternoon, said “the direct threat of hurricane conditions to land areas is diminishing significantly.”

Forecasters warned, however, that even if Joaquin steams off the coast, “swells from a hurricane moving even far offshore of the U.S. east coast can still cause life-threatening surf and rip-current conditions.”

Joaquin was downgraded from a Category 4 storm to a Category 3 on Friday.

Here’s a look at the National Weather Service’s [latest projections](#) as of Friday morning.



<p><b>Hurricane Joaquin</b>                  Friday October 2, 2015                  8 PM EDT Intermediate Advisory 20A                  NWS National Hurricane Center</p>	<p><b>Current Information:</b> ●                  Center Location 24.3 N 74.3 W                  Max Sustained Wind 125 mph                  Movement NE at 7 mph</p>	<p><b>Forecast Positions:</b>                  ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post-Tropical                  Sustained Winds: D &lt; 39 mph                  S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M &gt; 110mph</p>
<p><b>Potential Track Area:</b>                  ▭ Day 1-3 ▭ Day 4-5</p>	<p><b>Watches:</b>                  ■ Hurricane ■ Trop.Storm</p>	<p><b>Warnings:</b>                  ■ Hurricane ■ Trop.Storm</p>

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