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# Hurricane Hilary

Through Monday (8/21)

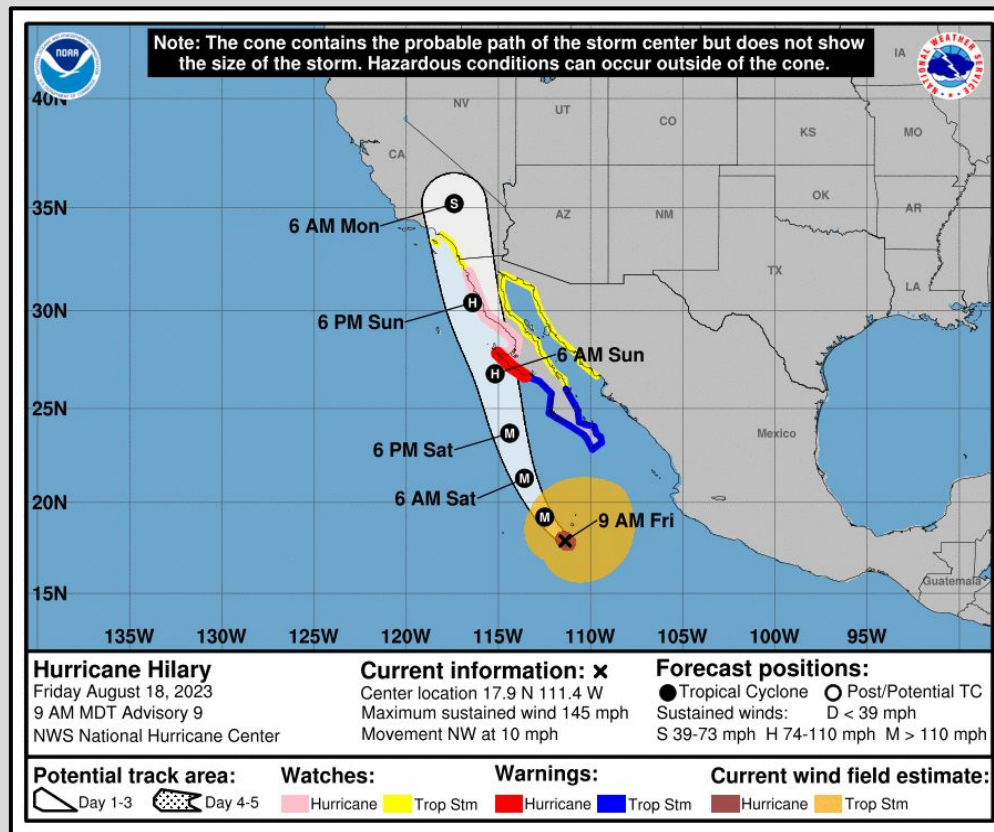
## KEY MESSAGES:

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- At 900 AM MDT (1500 UTC), the eye of Hurricane Hilary was located near latitude 17.9 North, longitude 111.4 West. Hilary was moving toward the northwest near 9 knots. A turn toward the north-northwest is expected today and tonight, followed by a faster motion toward the north Saturday night and Sunday.
- On the forecast track, the center of Hilary will move close to the west coast of the Baja California peninsula over the weekend and reach southern California by Sunday night.
- Maximum sustained winds remain near 125 knots with higher gusts. Hilary is a category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Fluctuations in intensity are likely over the next day or so.
- Weakening is expected to begin by Saturday, but Hilary will still be a hurricane when it approaches the west coast of the Baja California peninsula Saturday night and Sunday.

# Outlook for the Pacific Ocean

From 30N to 50N E of 133W



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National Hurricane Center Forecast for Hurricane Hilary Issued 9 AM MDT / 15 UTC August 18



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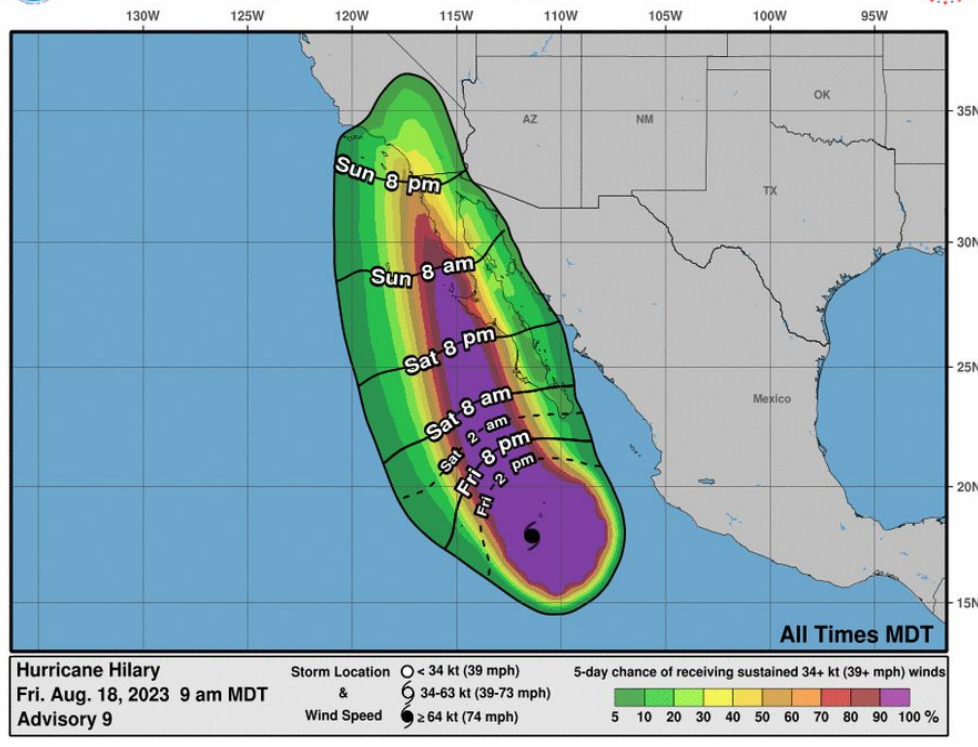
- Hilary is expected to weaken to a tropical storm by Sunday afternoon before it reaches southern California.
- Hurricane conditions are expected within portions of the hurricane warning area along the west-central coast of the Baja California Peninsula on Sunday and are possible in the Hurricane Watch area.
- Tropical storm conditions are possible on Sunday in portions of southern California where a Tropical Storm Watch has been issued.
- Large swells from Hilary will spread northward along the coast of southwestern Mexico and the Baja California Peninsula. These swells will reach the Gulf of California and northern portions of the Baja California Peninsula later this weekend.

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## Most Likely Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



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- Maximum seas with Hilary will be around 30 to 40 feet, possibly to 45 feet, off of central and southern Baja California. Maximum seas will still be around 20 feet off of northern Baja California.
- Seas should subside below 12 feet by Monday night.
- Winds and seas will be higher in and near any thunderstorms.
- Keep abreast of the latest in the tropics and high seas marine weather information at [hurricanes.gov](https://hurricanes.gov) and [ocean.weather.gov](https://ocean.weather.gov). The next briefing will be an update on Saturday, August 19, by 9 AM PDT / 1600 UTC.



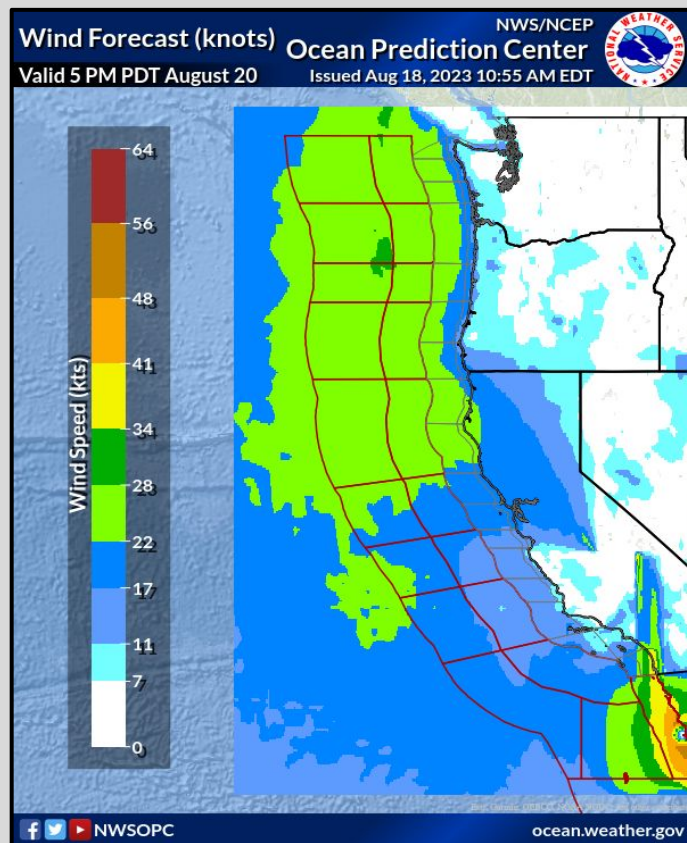
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Wind Forecast (knots) Valid 5 PM PDT Sunday, August 20 / 00 UTC August 21