



# PRECISION MARINE NAVIGATION

Information Infrastructure for the New Blue Economy



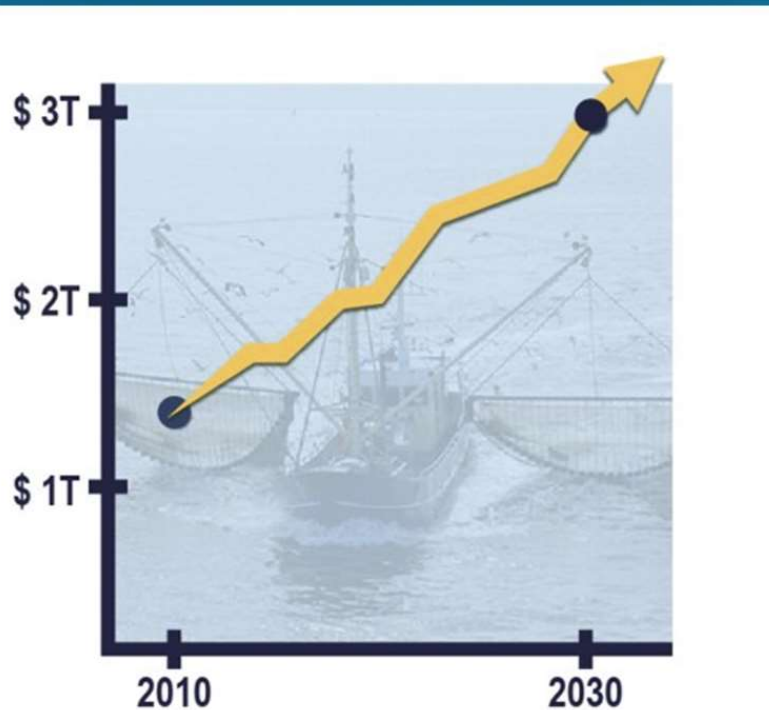
**What is precision  
marine  
navigation?**

**...the ability of a vessel to safely and efficiently  
navigate within the U.S. EEZ and operate in close  
proximity to the seafloor, bridges, narrow  
channels, or other marine hazards.**



# The Maritime Economy

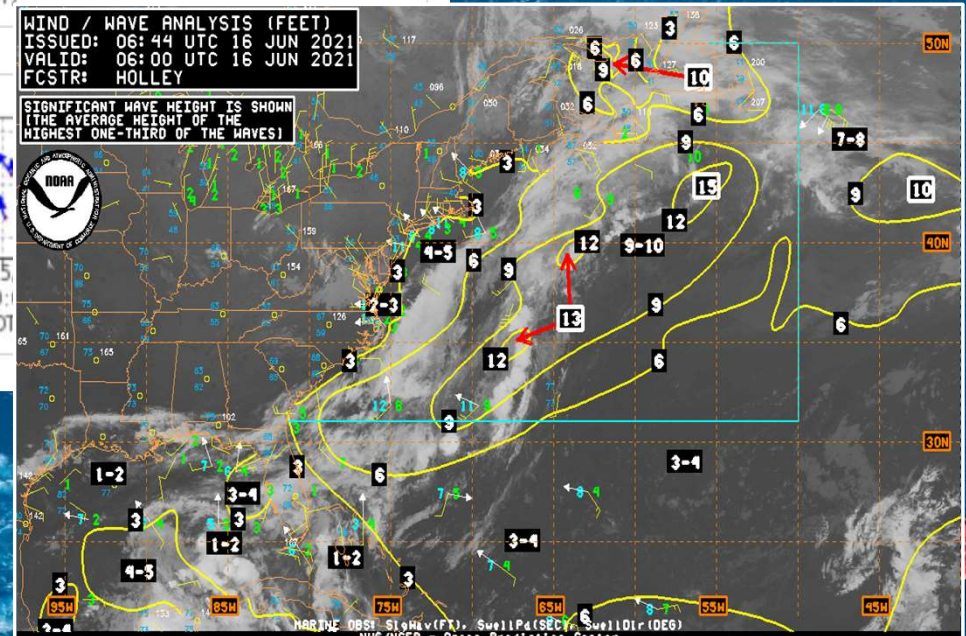
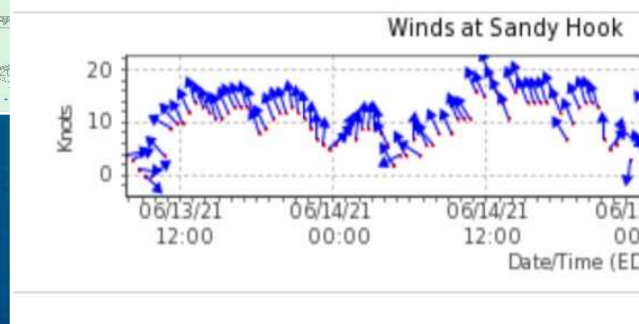
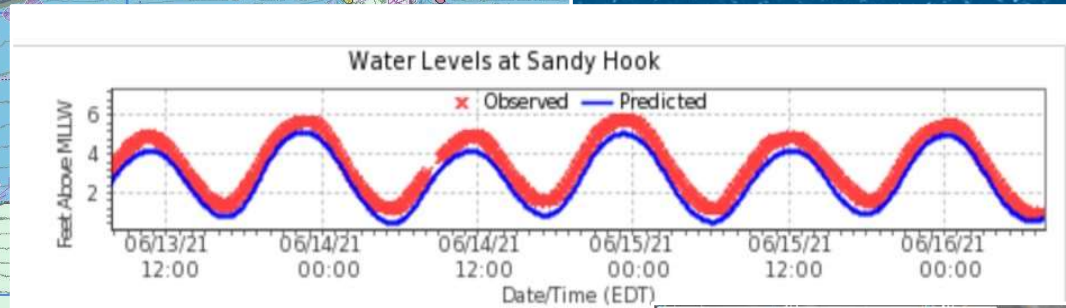
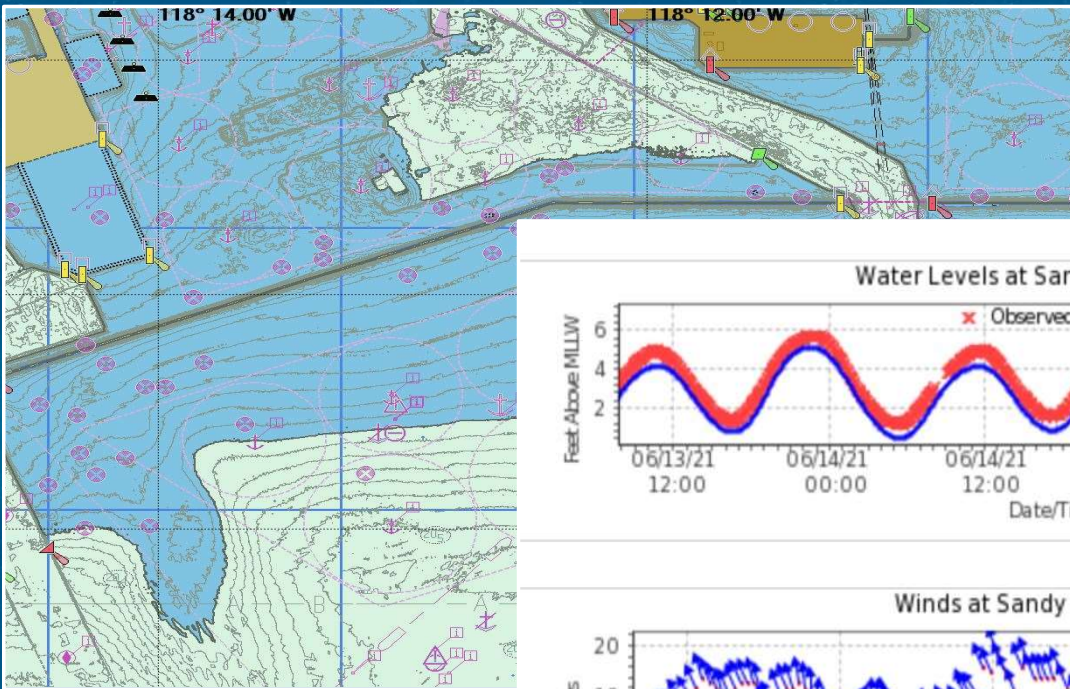
## Projected Global Growth by 2030



Source: OECD (2016) *The Ocean Economy in 2030*



# NOAA's Navigation Products



# Navigation Data Challenges

Difficult to access and process NOAA's navigation data, due to:

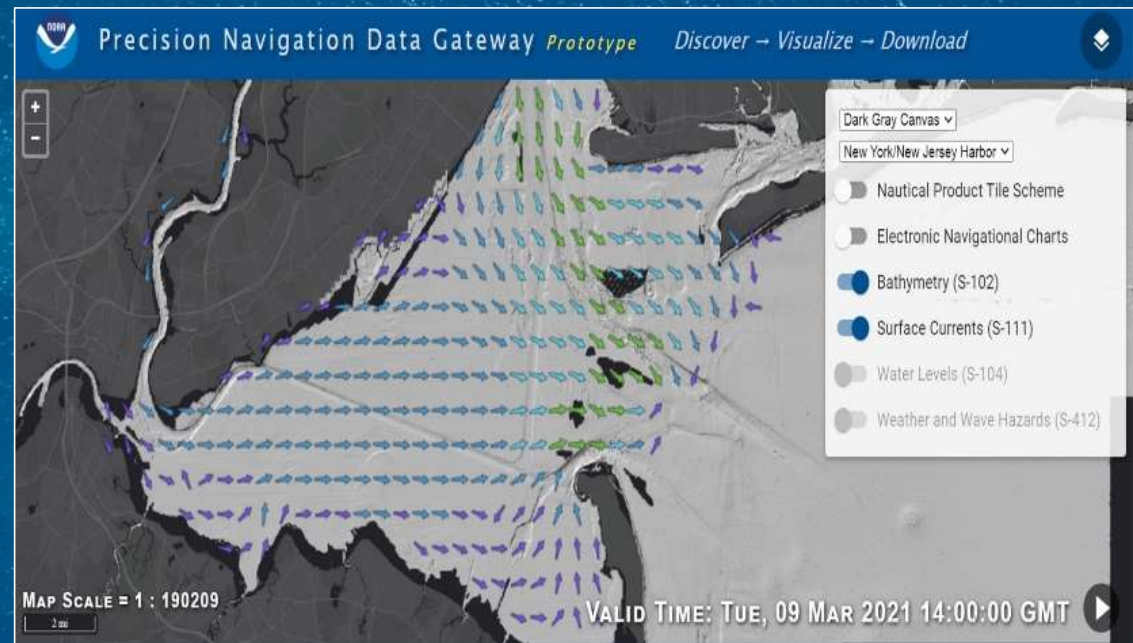
- ❑ Multiple devices and systems required to access the data
- ❑ Datasets spread across various websites and data servers
- ❑ Datasets are encoded in different formats that are not navigation standards

The collage displays three distinct NOAA web portals. The top interface is the National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) website, featuring a search bar, a 'Storm Special' alert for tropical storms, and a 'Ship Observations Report' table with columns for ship ID, hour, latitude, longitude, and various sensor readings. The middle interface is the nowCOAST portal, which includes a 'Chart Locator' and a map of the Gulf of Mexico with various data overlays. The bottom interface is the Ocean Prediction Center website, showing a 'Water Levels at Galveston Bay Entrance' graph with observed and predicted data, and a 'Weather Analysis & Forecasts' map with pressure systems and wind vectors.



# Precision Marine Navigation Program

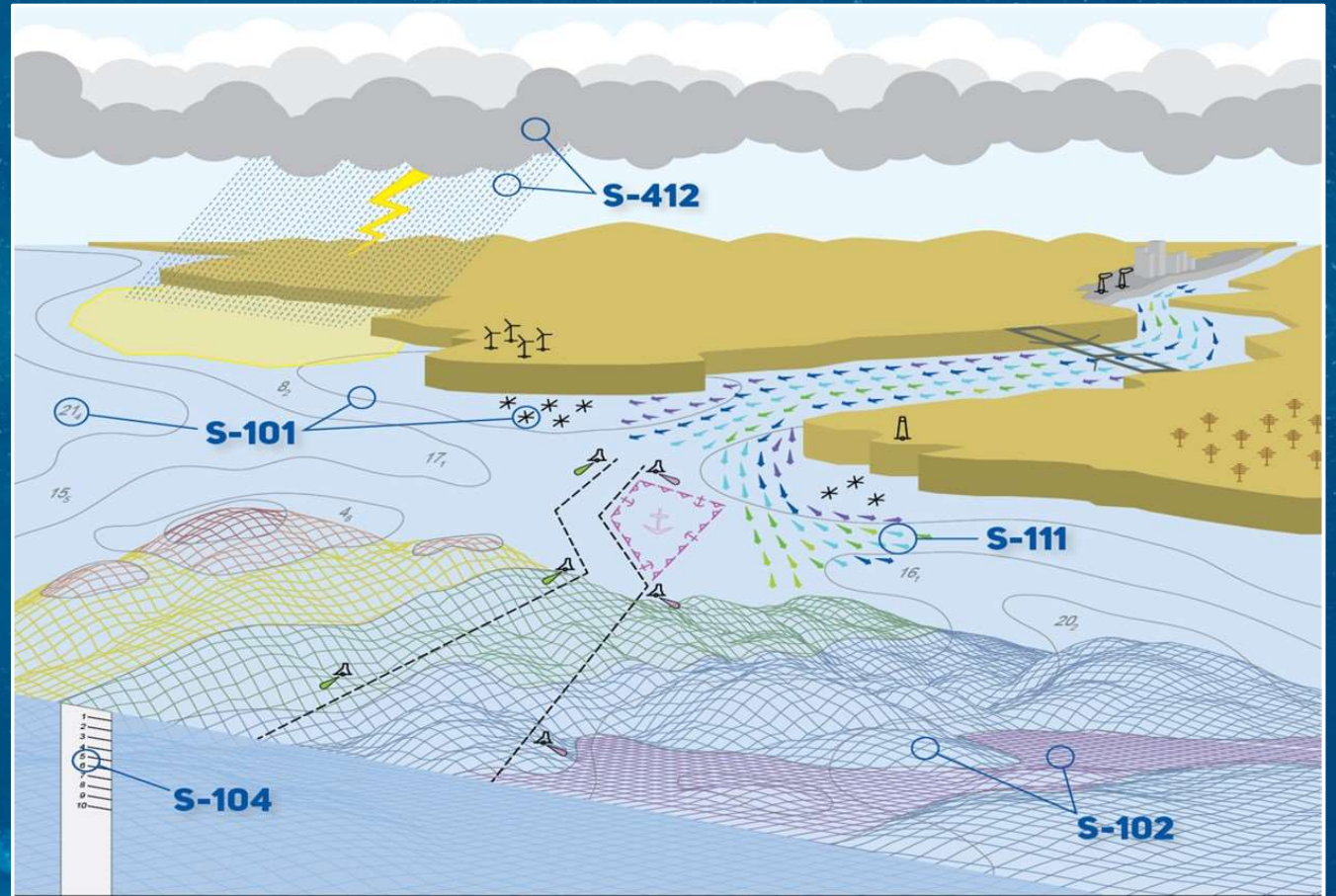
- ❑ Leveraging International Standards (S-100)
- ❑ Precision Marine Navigation Data and Dissemination Services
- ❑ Machine to Machine capability
- ❑ [Marinenavigation.noaa.gov](http://Marinenavigation.noaa.gov) Website



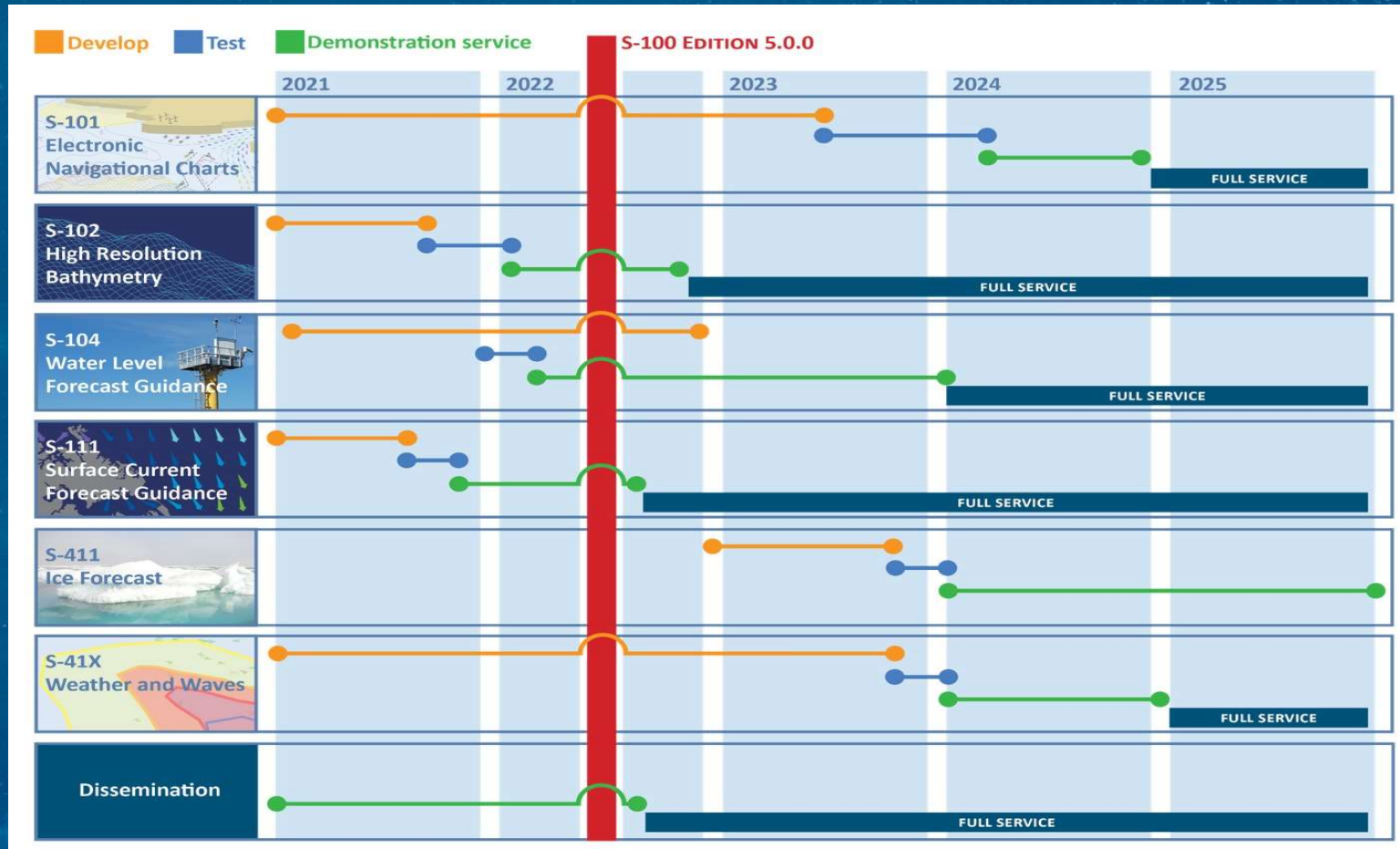
# S-100 Data Framework

## S-100 Data Products

- S-101: Electronic Navigational Charts
- S-102: Bathymetric Surface
- S-104: Water Level Information for Surface Navigation
- S-111: Surface Currents
- S-41X: Weather Overlays



# PMN Rollout

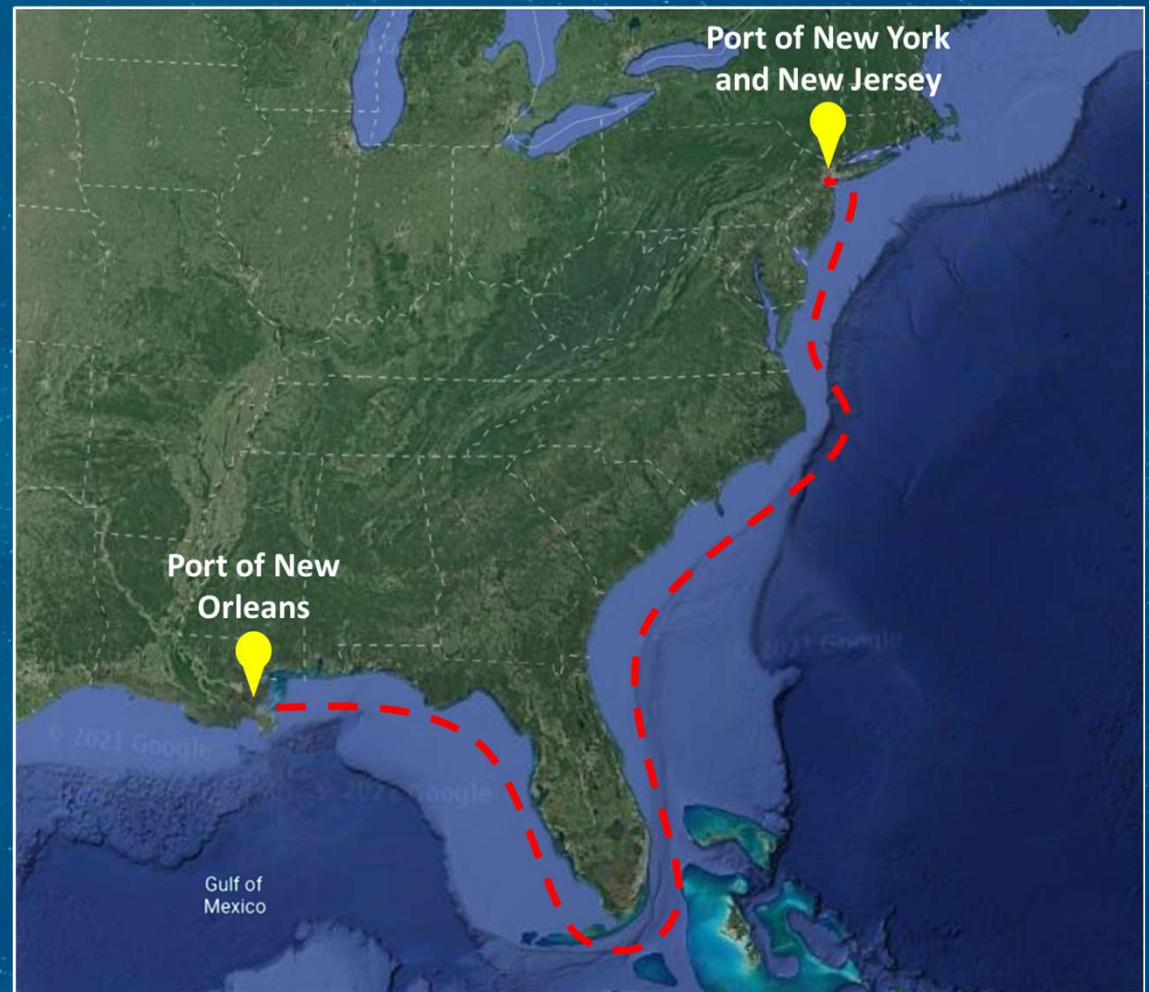




# Ship Transit from New Orleans to New York/New Jersey

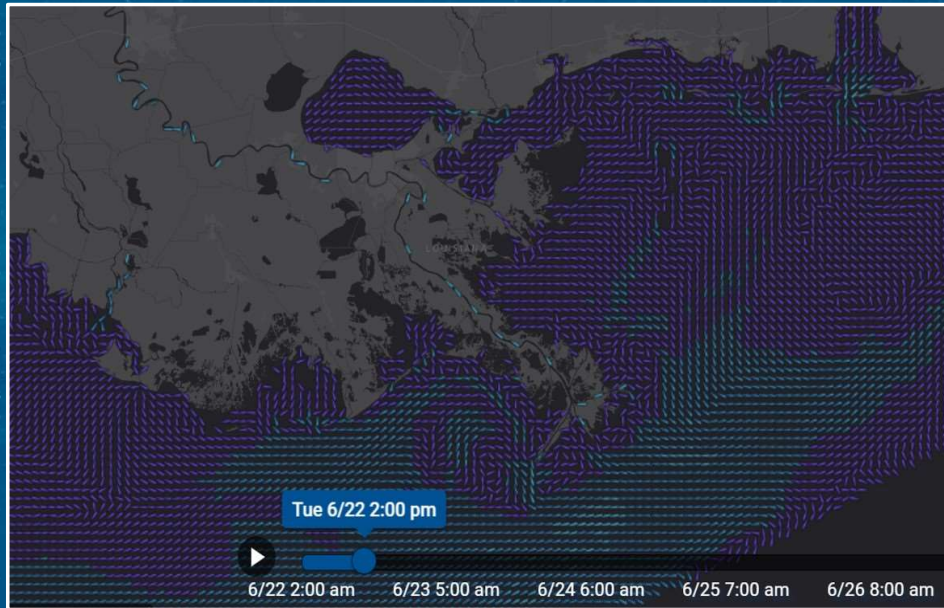
## Navigation Considerations:

- Depths/Bathymetry in channels
- Surface current systems
- Water levels
- Waves and severe weather hazards
- Traffic and congestion (AIS)



# Pre-Voyage: Route Planning

S-111 12-hour Forecast (NOLA)



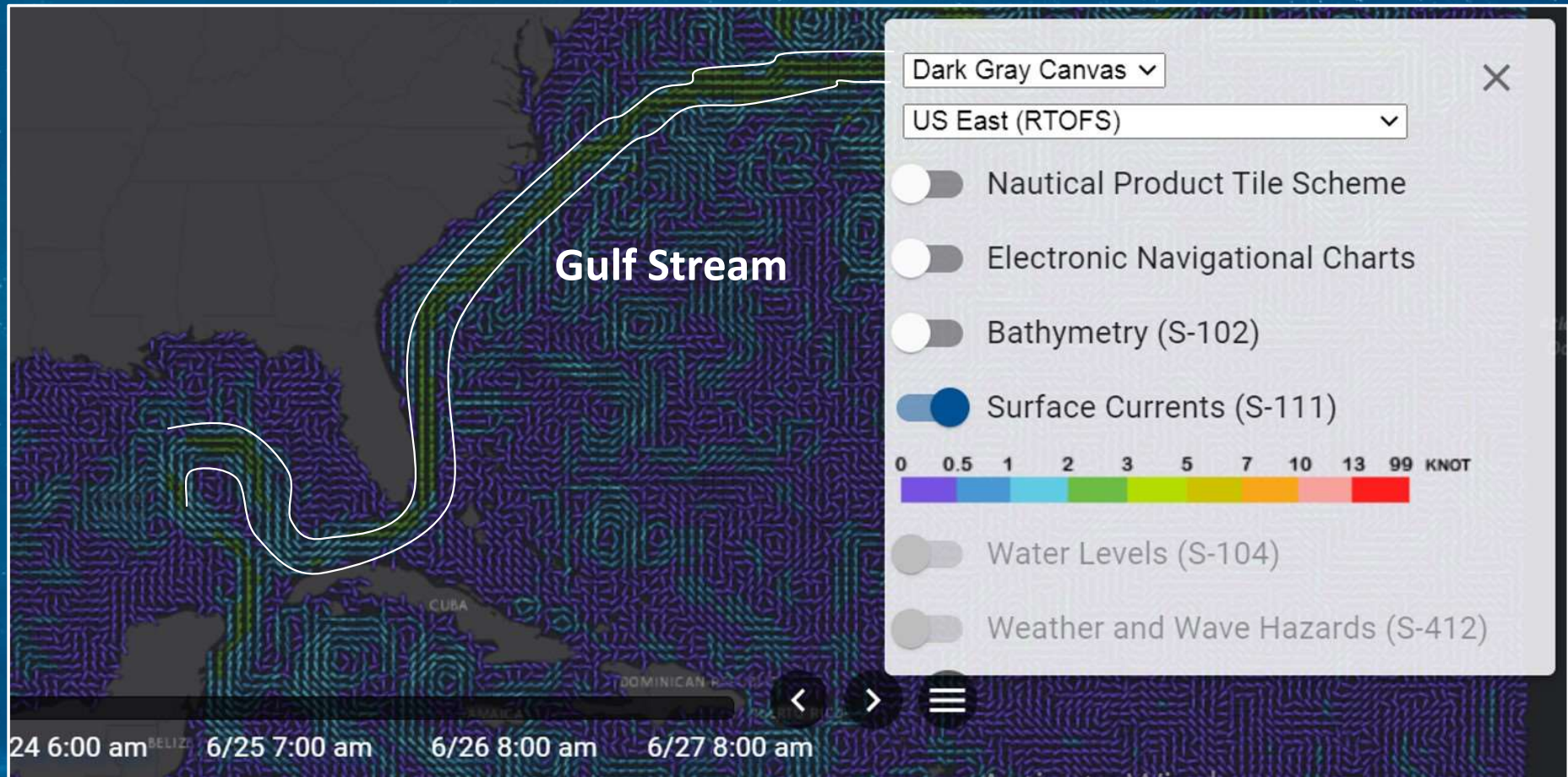
S-111 72-hour Forecast (NYC)



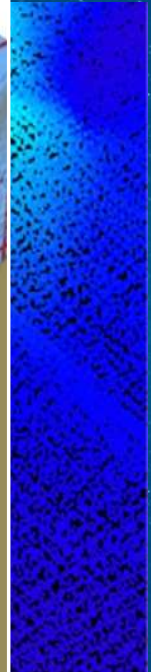
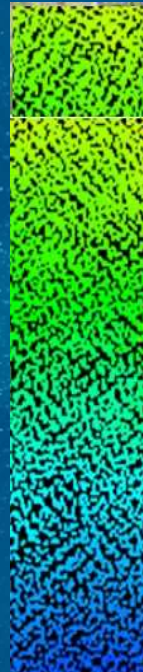
**S-111 surface current data enables route optimization;  
Fuel reductions = emissions reductions and cost savings**



# Pre-Voyage: Route Planning



# South of Baton Rouge, LA: S-102 Bathymetry

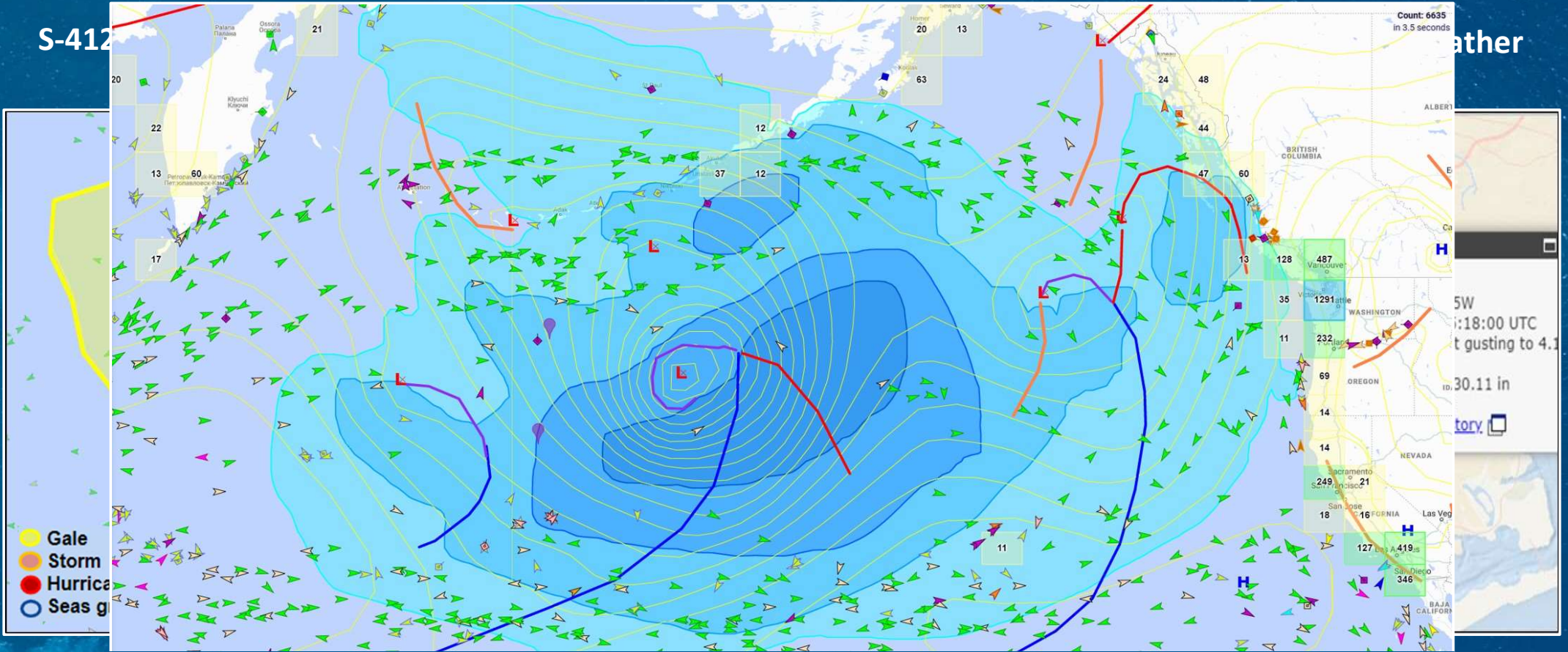


S-102 bathymetric information can increase safety and enable deeper drafts





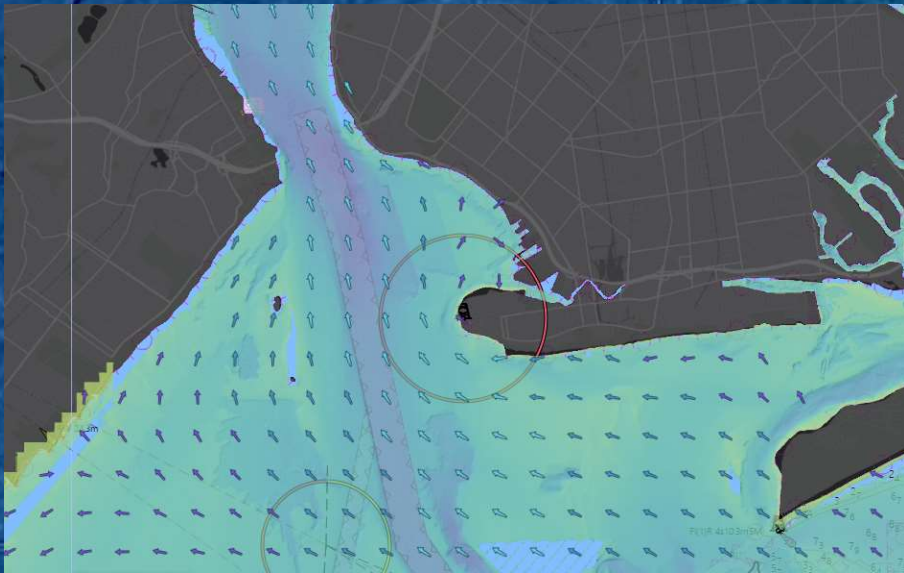
# At Sea: Waves and Weather



**S-41X will provide critical marine weather information to ensure safety at sea**



# Arriving at New York/New Jersey:



Using PMN services can improve efficiency and reduce congestion



# Benefits of Precision Marine Navigation

Making the marine navigation data more accessible can enhance the decision-making process, leading to increased efficiency...

- Optimizing routes for fuel savings and reduced CO2 emissions
- Reducing lightering offshore (Safety issue)
- Reducing port wait times

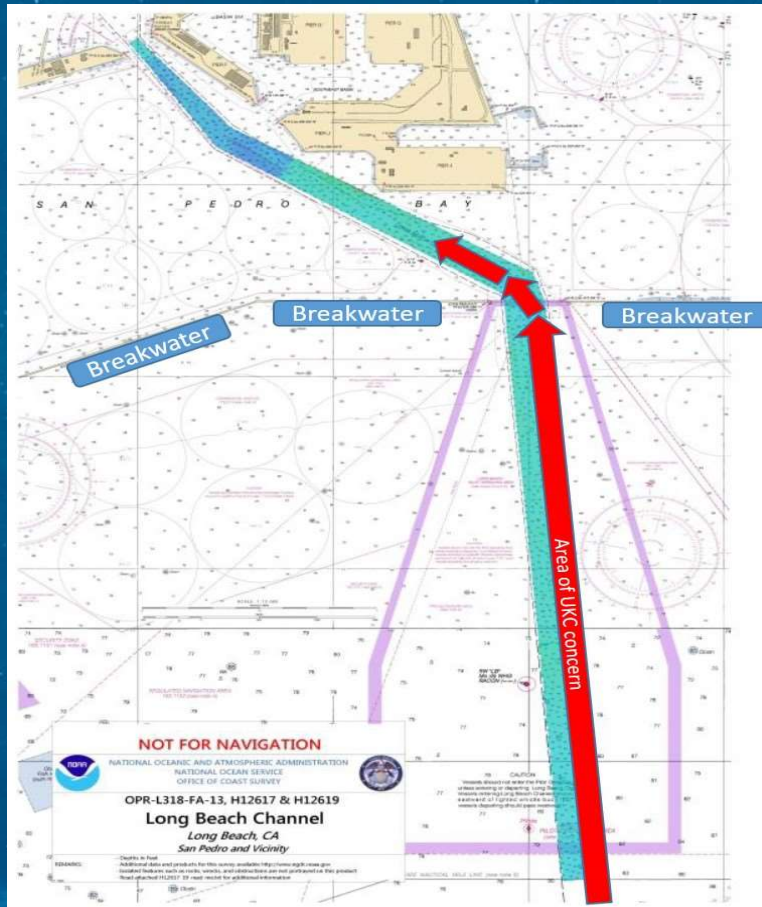
...and improved safety

- Reduced collisions, allisions, and groundings
- Avoiding hazardous weather conditions





# PMN Success Story



## Underkeel Clearance concerns in the Long Beach Channel:

- ❑ Dredged to 76' to allow tankers with 69' draft
- ❑ Long period swells necessitated draft limitation of 65'
- ❑ Forced offshore lightering

## New surveys allowed for S-102 data

- ❑ Draft increased to 69'
- ❑ Millions of dollars in savings



# Thank You!

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