



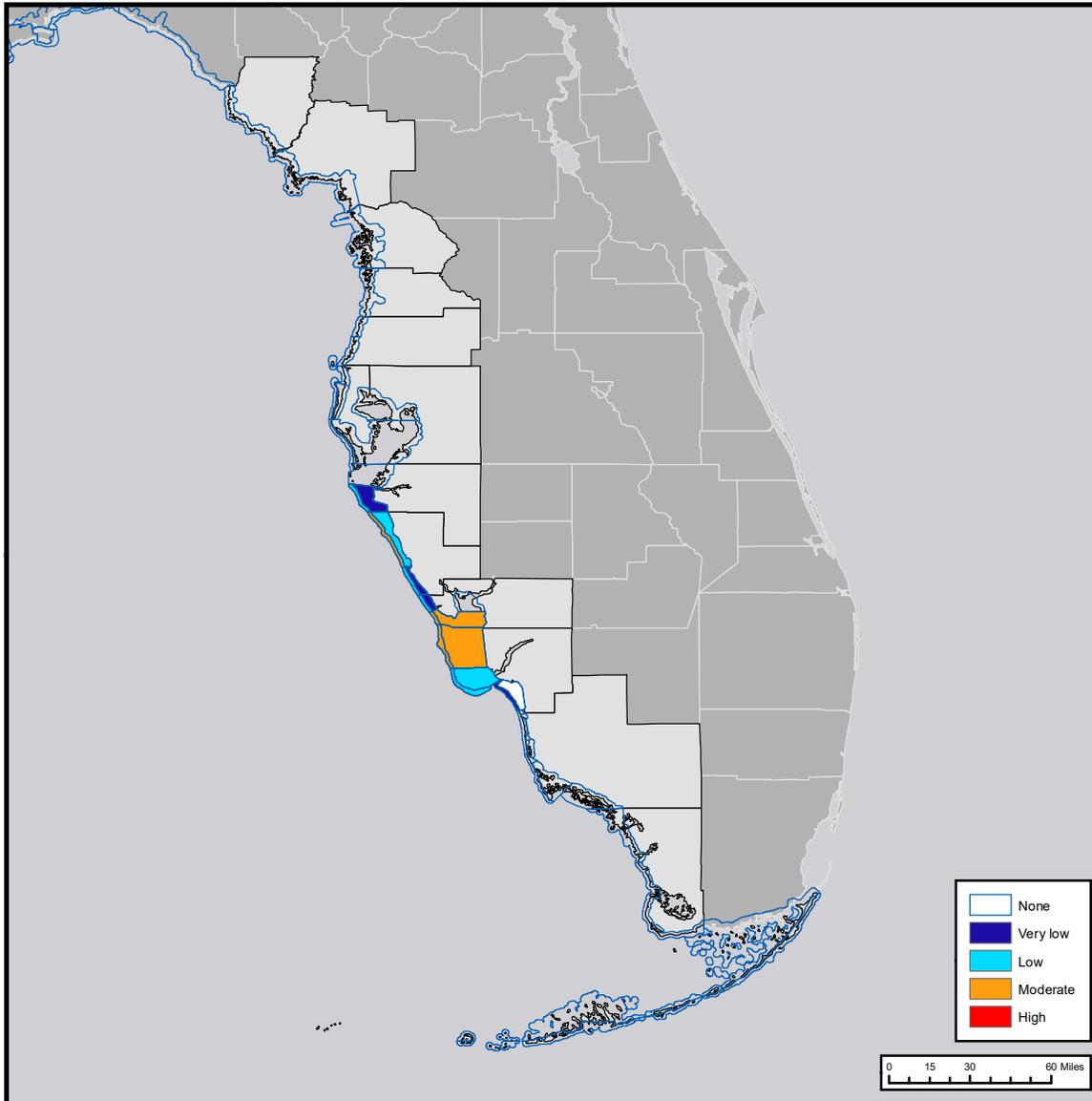
# Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
 NOAA National Ocean Service  
 NOAA Satellite and Information Service  
 NOAA National Weather Service

## Region: Southwest Florida



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## Conditions Report

Not present to high concentrations of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Florida red tide) are present along- and offshore portions of southwest Florida, and not present in the Florida Keys. *K. brevis* concentrations are patchy in nature and levels of respiratory irritation will vary locally based upon nearby bloom concentrations, ocean currents, and wind speed and direction.

Health information, from the Florida Department of Health and other agencies, is available at [https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx\\_health.html](https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx_health.html). For recent, local observations and data check Mote Marine Laboratory Daily Beach Conditions (<http://visitbeaches.org>) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Red Tide Status (<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>).

### Recently Reported Impacts (Listed by County):

**Respiratory irritation:** Sarasota and Lee  
**Dead fish:** Sarasota and Lee  
**Discolored water:** None

### Definition of respiratory irritation levels.

| RESPIRATORY IRRITATION LEVEL | AFFECTED POPULATION |                               |                       |                                |                                   |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                              | NONE                | CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITION | SENSITIVE TO RED TIDE | GENERAL PUBLIC (MILD SYMPTOMS) | GENERAL PUBLIC (INTENSE SYMPTOMS) |
| None                         | X                   |                               |                       |                                |                                   |
| Very low                     |                     | X                             |                       |                                |                                   |
| Low                          |                     | X                             | X                     |                                |                                   |
| Moderate                     |                     | X                             | X                     | X                              |                                   |
| High                         |                     | X                             | X                     | X                              | X                                 |

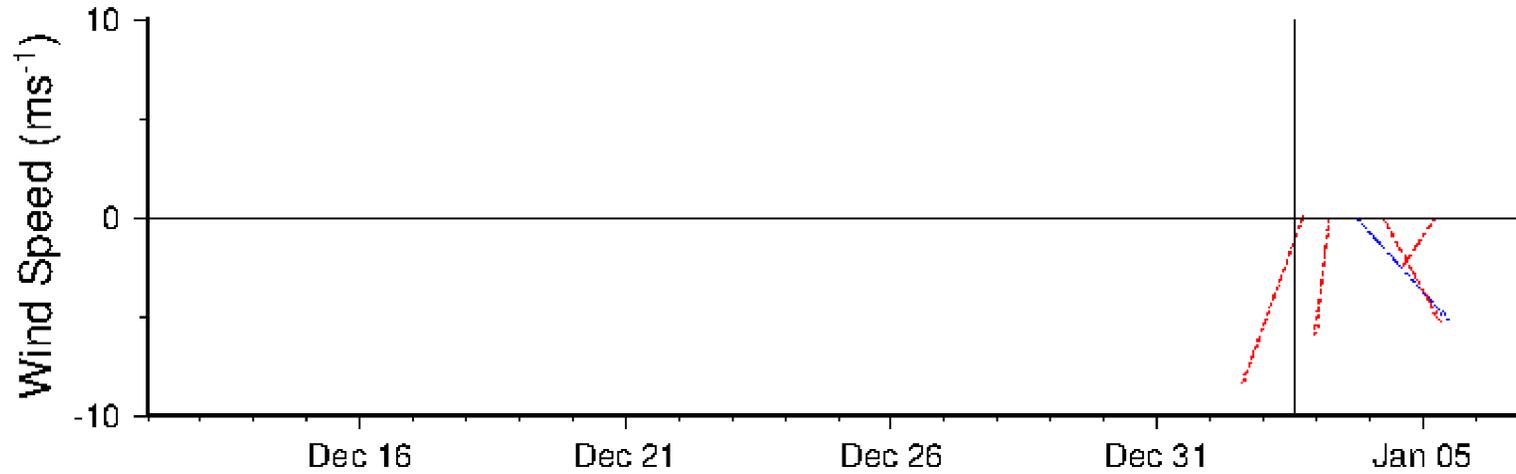
In the map above, the highest level of potential respiratory irritation forecast is displayed as a layer for each day from 01-02-18 to 01-04-18. See next page for a table of the respiratory irritation forecasts.

| State Name | County Region  | Tue 01/02 | Wed 01/03 | Thu 01/04 |  |  |  |  |
|------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
|            |  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | DIXIE County-Gulf Coast                              |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | LEVY County-Gulf Coast                               |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | CITRUS County-Gulf Coast                             |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | HERNANDO County-Gulf Coast                           |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern PASCO County-Gulf Coast                     |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern PASCO County-Gulf Coast                     |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern PINELLAS County-Gulf Coast                  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern PINELLAS County-Bay Regions                 |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern PINELLAS County, Upper Bay Area-Bay Regions |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern PINELLAS County-Gulf Coast                  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern PINELLAS County-Bay Regions                 |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | PINELLAS and Northern MANATEE County-Bay Regions     |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | South MANATEE County-Gulf Coast                      | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |
|            | South MANATEE County-Bay Regions                     | very low  | very low  | very low  |  |  |  |  |
|            | North SARASOTA County-Gulf Coast                     | moderate  | moderate  | moderate  |  |  |  |  |
|            | North SARASOTA County-Bay Regions                    | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern SARASOTA County-Gulf Coast                  | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern SARASOTA County-Bay Regions                 | very low  | very low  | very low  |  |  |  |  |
|            | North CHARLOTTE County-Gulf Coast                    | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |
|            | North CHARLOTTE County-Bay Regions                   | very low  | very low  | very low  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern CHARLOTTE County-Gulf Coast                 | moderate  | moderate  | moderate  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern CHARLOTTE County-Bay Regions                | moderate  | moderate  | moderate  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Upper CHARLOTTE Harbor-Bay Regions                   |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern LEE County-Gulf Coast                       | moderate  | moderate  | moderate  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern LEE County-Bay Regions                      | moderate  | moderate  | moderate  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Central LEE County-Gulf Coast                        | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |

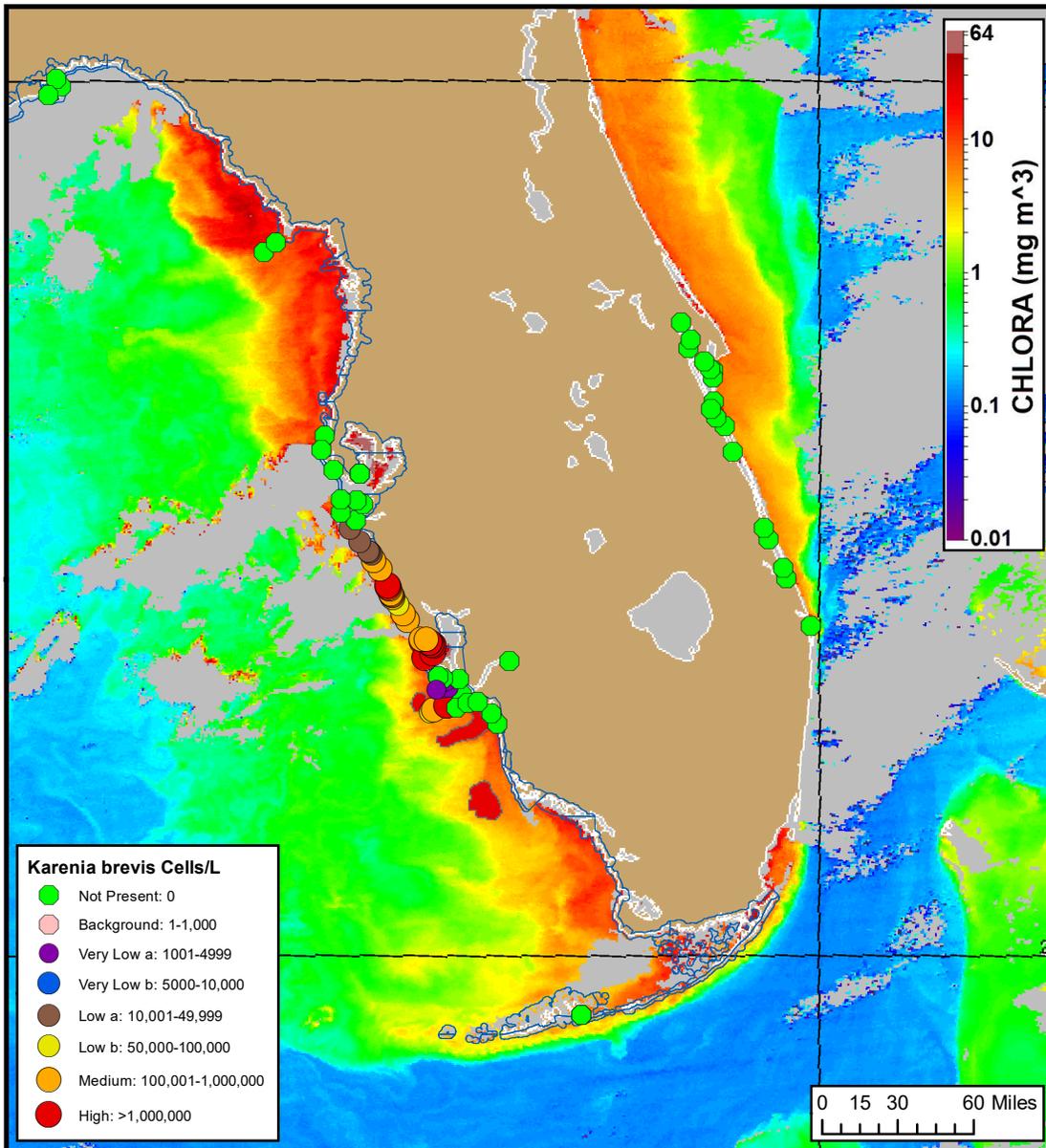
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|            |                                     |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Central LEE County-Bay Regions      | low       | low       | low       |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern LEE County-Gulf Coast      | very low  | very low  | very low  |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern LEE County-Bay Regions     | none      | none      | none      |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern COLLIER County-Gulf Coast  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern COLLIER County-Bay Regions |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Central COLLIER County-Gulf Coast   |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Central COLLIER County-Bay Regions  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern COLLIER County-Gulf Coast  |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Northern MONROE County-Gulf Coast   |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | Southern MONROE County-Gulf Coast   |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | UPPER KEYS-Oceanside                |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | UPPER KEYS and FLORIDA BAY-Gulfside |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | MIDDLE KEYS-Oceanside               |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | MIDDLE KEYS-Gulfside                |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | LOWER KEYS-Oceanside                |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |
|            | LOWER KEYS-Gulfside                 |           |           |           |  |  |  |  |

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**Wind conditions from Venice Pier, FL**

Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). A text summary of the marine forecast by region is available from NWS at <https://go.usa.gov/xnx4y>.



## Analysis

### Summary of Recent Water Samples:

#### ***K. brevis* Cell Concentrations:**

**Range:** Background through High

**Date:** 12/23-12/28

**Source:** FWRI, MML, SCHD, CCPCD

### Imagery:

Recent ensemble imagery (MODIS Aqua, 12/31) is partially obscured, limiting analysis. Patches of elevated chlorophyll (2 to >20 µg/L) with the optical characteristics of *K. brevis* are present along- and offshore southwest Florida from Charlotte to Collier counties.

### Forecasts:

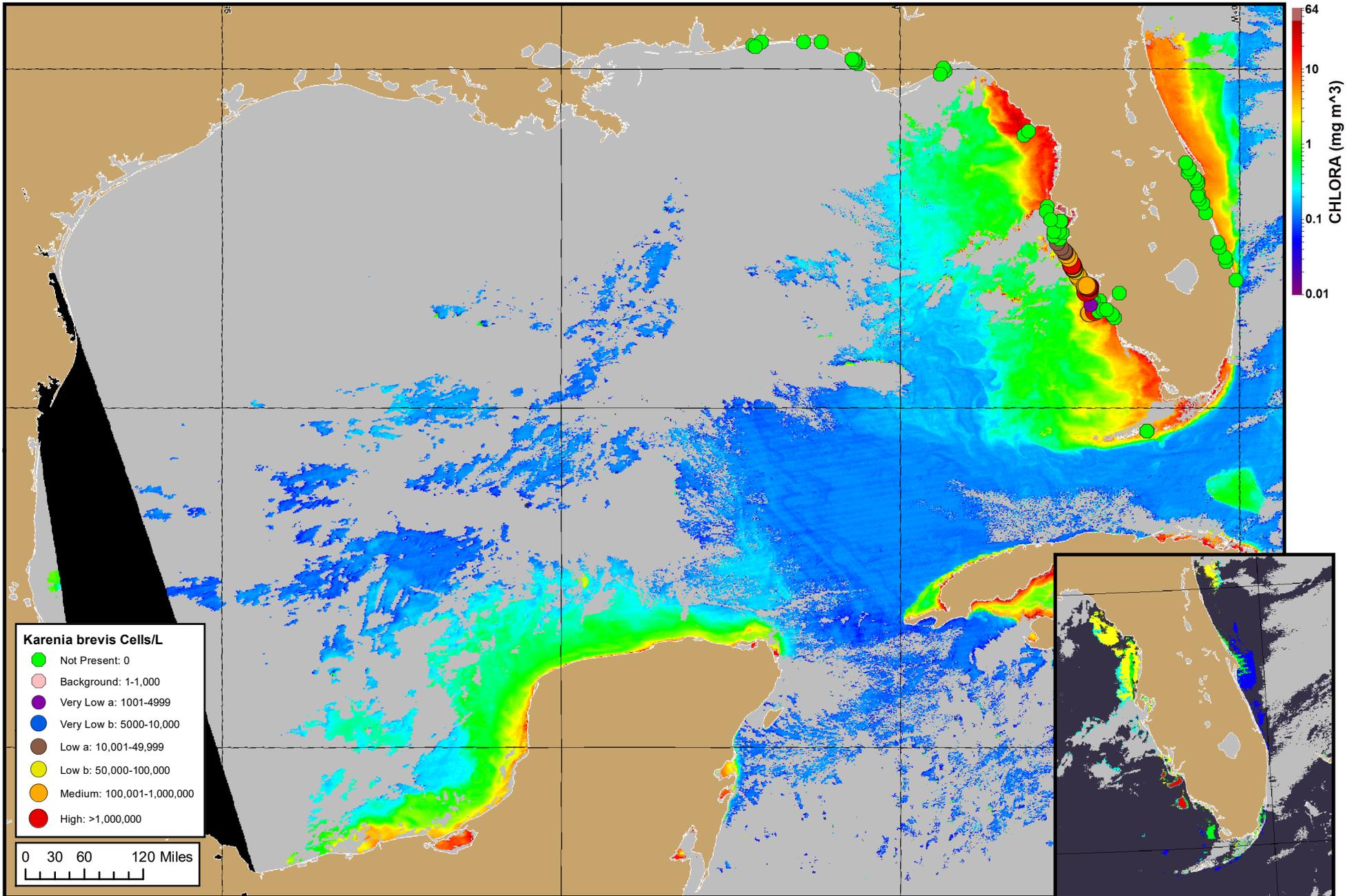
Forecasted winds Tuesday through Thursday may promote southerly transport of surface bloom concentrations.

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MODIS satellite chlorophyll image (12/31/17) with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).



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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 4 analysis for interpretation).