



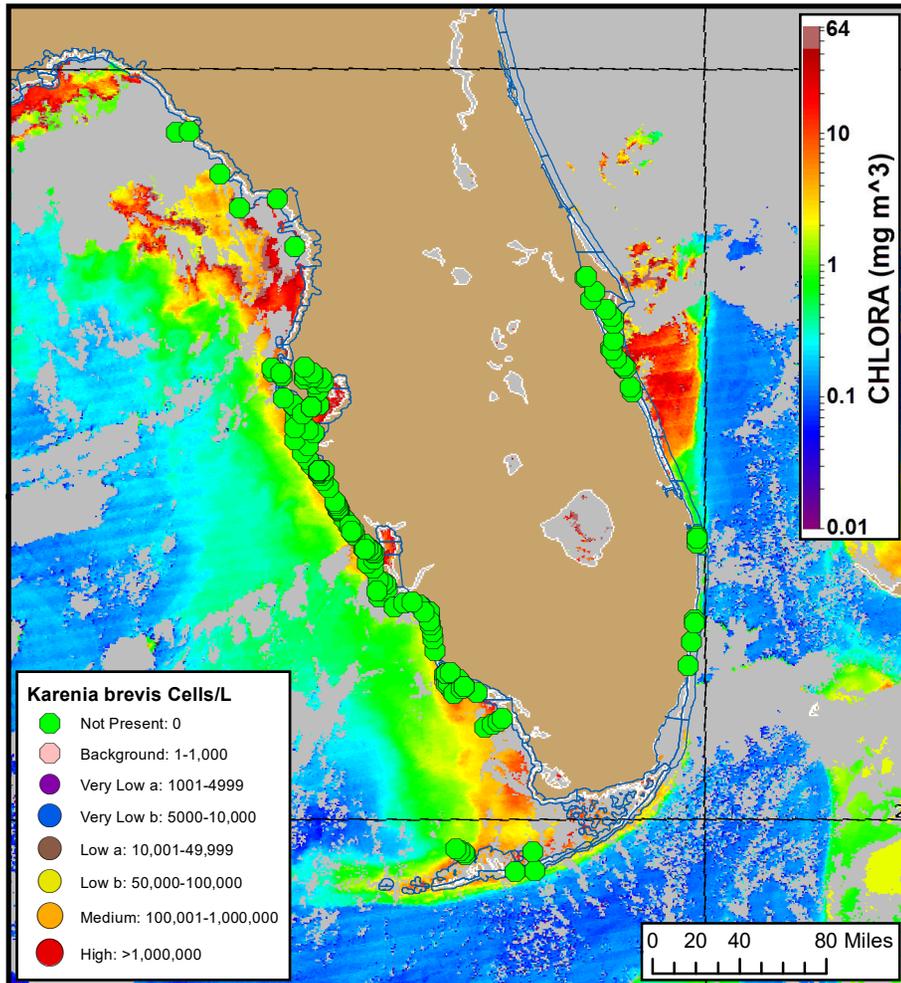
Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Monday, March 4, 2019
NOAA National Ocean Service
NOAA Satellite and Information Service
NOAA National Weather Service

Region: Southwest Florida



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MODIS Aqua satellite chlorophyll image (03/03/19) with possible *K. brevis* HAB areas shown by red polygon(s).

Conditions Report

There is currently no indication of *Karenia brevis* (commonly known as Florida red tide) along the coast of southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation is expected Monday, March 4 through Thursday, March 7.

Analysis

Imagery:

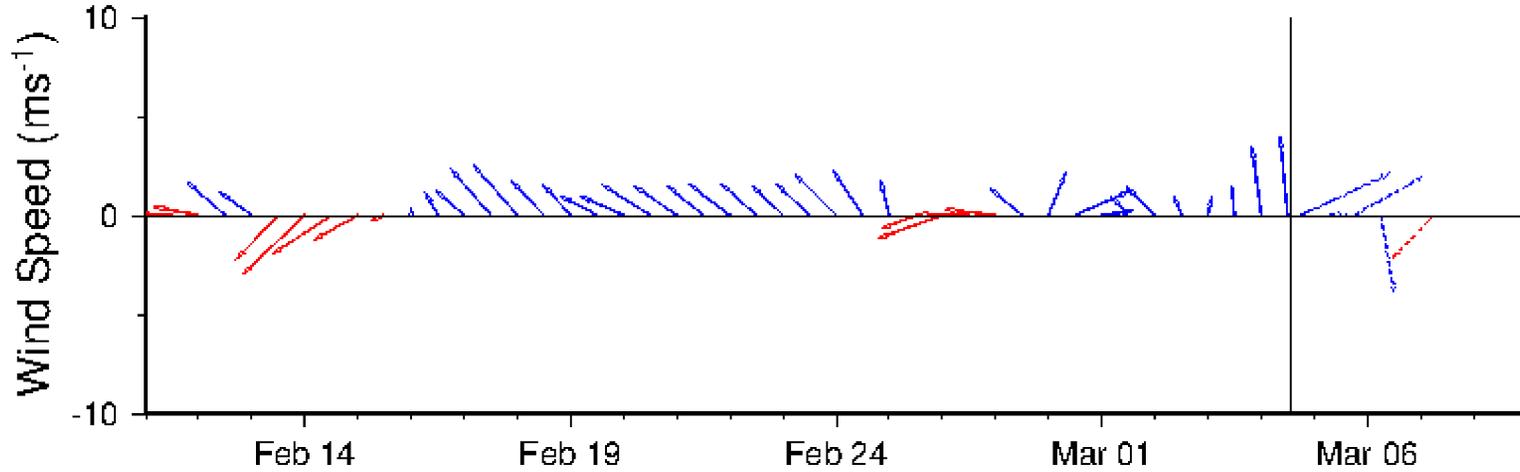
In recent ensemble imagery (MODIS Aqua, 3/3), patches of elevated chlorophyll (2 to 8 $\mu\text{g/L}$) with some of the optical characteristics of *K. brevis* are present alongshore southwest Florida from Collier to Monroe counties.

Forecasts:

Harmful algal bloom formation at the coast of southwest Florida is not expected today through Thursday, March 7.

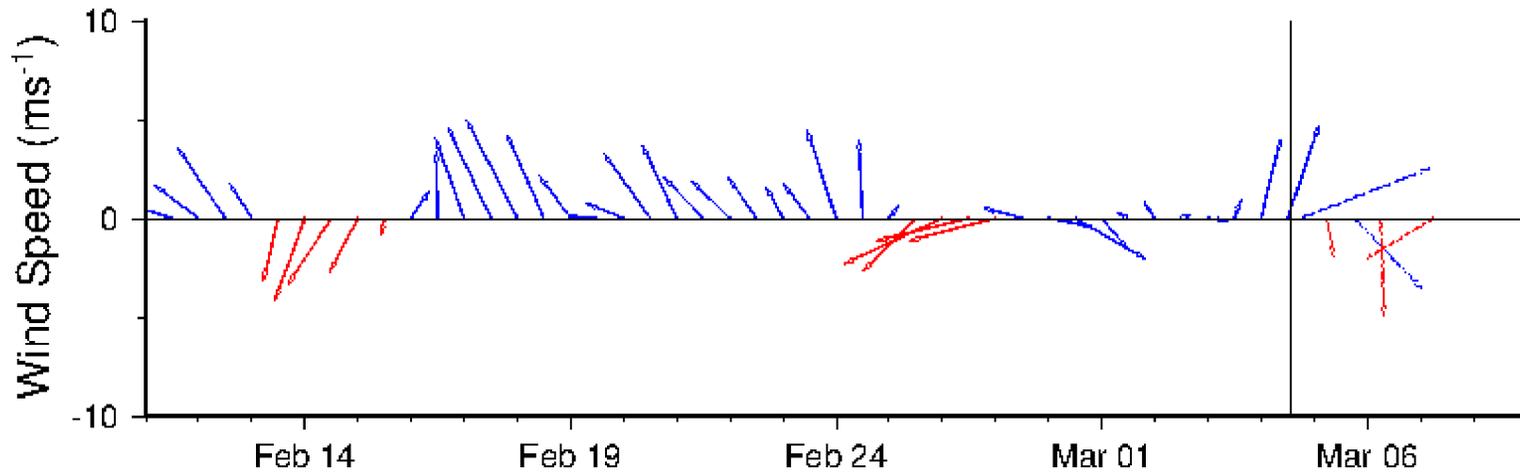
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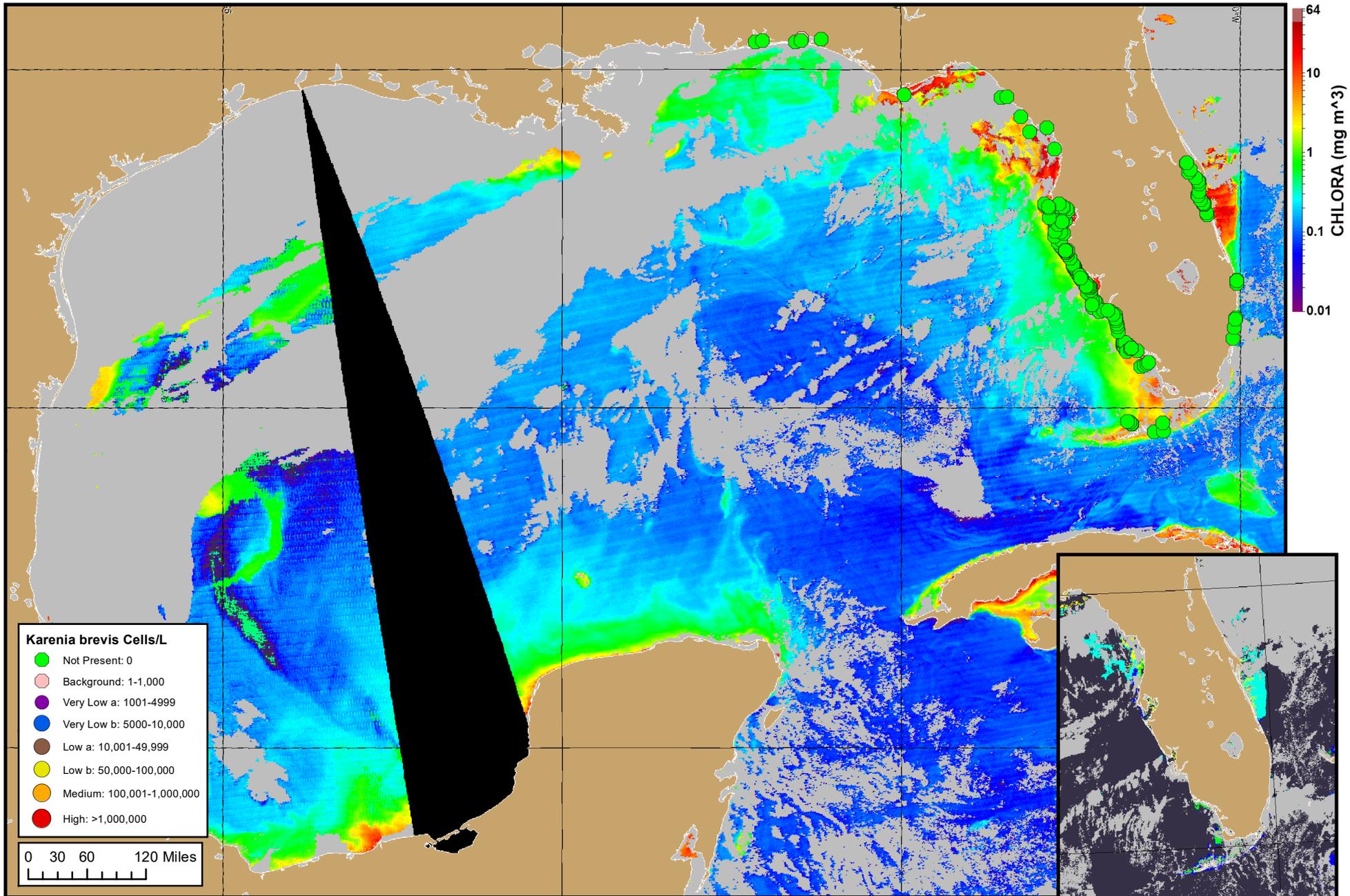
Wind conditions from Naples, FL



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>.

Wind conditions from Venice Pier, FL





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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).