



## WEATHER UPDATE

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### SPECIAL TROPICAL WEATHER DISCUSSION

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**KYLE TO COME NORTHWARD VERY LATE SATURDAY NIGHT OR MORE LIKELY DURING THE DAY SUNDAY AND WILL PASS CLOSE TO OR OVER THE ARM OF CAPE COD BEFORE SLAMMING EASTERN MAINE...**

**EVERYONE FROM EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS, EASTERN CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, COASTAL NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MUCH OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN MAINE WILL NEED TO CLOSELY MONITOR WEEKEND UPDATES...**

#### DISCUSSION:

Periods of wind swept rain and drizzle will continue to impact portions of the Northeastern U.S. over the next 48 hours with the main emphasis shifting into mainly New England, especially eastern New England. While there will be some relatively light rain/drizzle periods from now through early Sunday, the approach of what will eventually be Hurricane Kyle will lead to an enhancement of the heavy rain Saturday into Sunday. **The main weather story now will start shifting toward the possible impacts from Hurricane Kyle.** Kyle is located well southeast of Bermuda and is only a tropical storm strength at the moment. **I expect the storm to reach at least minimal hurricane status as it comes northward in the general direction of southeastern New England late Saturday night into Sunday.**

**As stated several times already, the current upper air pattern is about as conducive to a New England hurricane hit as it gets.** The only possible saving grace is that Kyle may be a bit too far east to be a direct hit west of the CT/RI border, as it starts to come northward. **But there is sufficient room for the center to come into or just east of the Cape Cod area and then make a solid landfall on Downeast Maine.** It is always very tough to forecast small west or east jogs as a hurricane races northward just of the East Coast. **Very small shifts in the northerly component can and often do make big differences in where or if a landfall takes place. If the high-pressure ridge offshore holds strong or actually intensifies a bit, Kyle could bend a bit to the west and come ashore near the CT/RI border.** If it comes directly north it would cross the arm of Cape Cod and then hit central and eastern coastal areas of Maine. But a slight eastward shift would allow it to just miss Cape Cod and with landfall on Nova Scotia.

**Right now I will indicate the area from New Bedford east to Chatham and north to Providencetown is of the most concern,** but it would take only minor shift to get it to come ashore close to the Newport, RI area. **If a landfall were to occur in these areas, it is likely it would be as a cat 1 hurricane.** Please monitor weekend updates and local National Weather Service statements.

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