

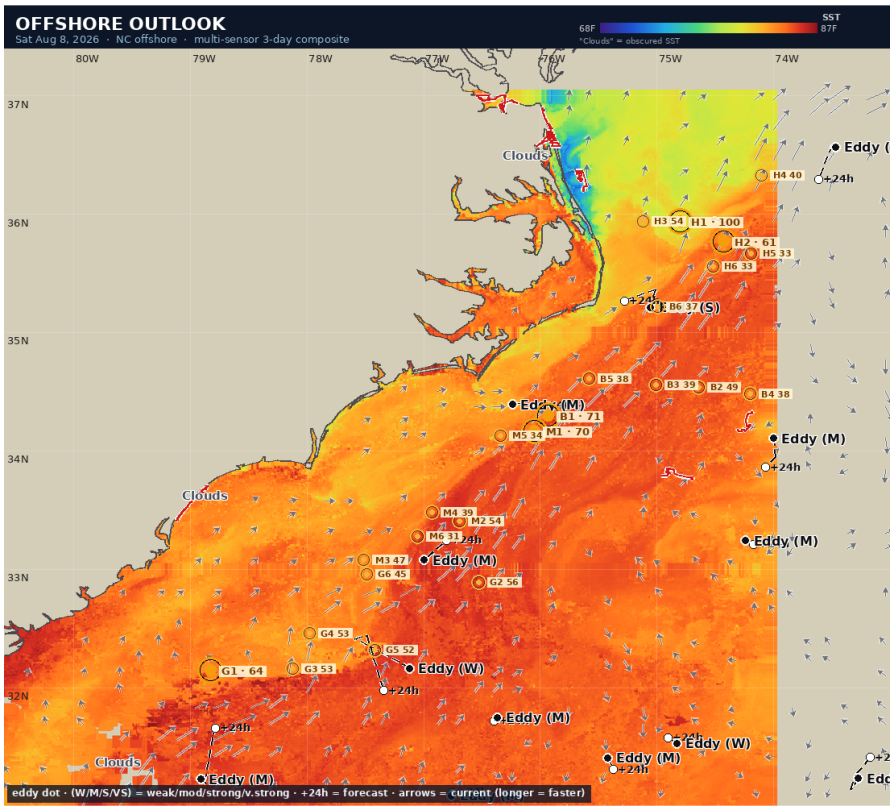


BLUEWATER VISION

Offshore Outlook

Saturday, August 8, 2026 · North Carolina offshore

Gulf Stream Blue dominates (98%); 24 convergence spots; 13 tracked eddies w/ 3-day forecast; 8 strong+ temp breaks.



SST 68-87F (blue cool to red warm) · gold target = hot spot, ring = ranked spot — labeled "H1 · 67" = spot ID · points (IDs match the table on page 2) · black dot = eddy — (W/M/S/VS) = weak/moderate/strong/very strong · +24h = eddy forecast · gray arrows = surface currents (longer = faster) · red lines = temperature break fronts · "Clouds" = obscured SST

Today's Read

The Gulf Stream north wall runs from 32.0°N 79.1°W northeast to 33.0°N 77.2°W.

E-2026-07-187 (warm-core, strong) near 36.6°N 73.5°W, tracking NE at 0.14 kt.

E-2026-08-049 (cold-core, strong) near 35.2°N 75.1°W, tracking W at 0.48 kt.

8 significant temperature breaks marking the sharpest edges (0 very strong, 8 strong) — the SST gradient lines fish hold on.

Satellite coverage: 54% from today's satellite passes, 33% gap-filled from yesterday, 12% from 2–3 days back; 20 cloud-gap areas flagged where no clear pass came through in the 3-day window.

Water Masses

Gulf Stream Blue (e79°F — warm Gulf Stream core — clearest, bluest water	98%
Blue (75–79°F) — blue offshore water along the stream edge	2%
Blended Blue (72–75°F) — blended water where the break sets up	0%
Blue-Green (68–72°F) — transition / shelf-edge water	0%

Hot Spots & Ranked Spots

ID	Zone / Tier	Position	Points	Drivers · Species
H1	Hatteras / Oregon In-let (HOT)	35.94N 74.80W	100/100	salinity front, eddy edge · 80.4F · Sailfish, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna, Wahoo, Blue Marlin
H1 — 35.94°N 74.80°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~80°F, lightly colored water, ~185 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with Mahi-Mahi a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26801 / Y 40821 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26801 · Y 40821 (approx)				
H2	Hatteras / Oregon In-let (HOT)	35.77N 74.43W	61/100	temp break, eddy edge · 84.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
H2 — 35.77°N 74.43°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~84°F, clean blue water, ~1109 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26707 / Y 40793 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26707 · Y 40793 (approx)				
H3	Hatteras / Oregon In-let (ranked)	35.94N 75.12W	54/100	salinity front, eddy edge · 82.1F · Sailfish, Mahi-Mahi, Blackfin Tuna, Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, White Marlin
H3 — 35.94°N 75.12°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~82°F, greener water, ~18 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with Mahi-Mahi a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26875 / Y 40763 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26875 · Y 40763 (approx)				
H4	Hatteras / Oregon In-let (ranked)	36.33N 74.10W	40/100	eddy edge · 82F · Sailfish, Blue Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna, Wahoo
H4 — 36.33°N 74.10°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~82°F, lightly colored water, ~1352 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with Blue Marlin a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26652 / Y 41161 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26652 · Y 41161 (approx)				
H5	Hatteras / Oregon In-let (ranked)	35.67N 74.19W	33/100	temp break · 84.7F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
H5 — 35.67°N 74.19°W. A defined temperature break — fish the warm side where the gradient is sharpest. Conditions: ~85°F, clean blue water, ~1467 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26649 / Y 40785 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26649 · Y 40785 (approx)				

H6	Hatteras / Oregon In- let (ranked)	35.56N 74.52W	33/100	eddy edge · 83.2F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
H6 — 35.56°N 74.52°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~83°F, clean blue water, ~1245 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26719 / Y 40663 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26719 · Y 40663 (approx)				
B1	Morehead / Beaufort (HOT)	34.30N 75.93W	71/100	temp break, eddy edge · 84.7F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
B1 — 34.30°N 75.93°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, lightly colored water, ~115 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26945 / Y 39708 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26945 · Y 39708 (approx)				
B2	Morehead / Beaufort (ranked)	34.54N 74.64W	49/100	temp break, eddy edge · 84.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
B2 — 34.54°N 74.64°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~84°F, clean blue water, ~1895 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26706 / Y 40146 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26706 · Y 40146 (approx)				
B3	Morehead / Beaufort (ranked)	34.56N 75.01W	39/100	temp break, eddy edge · 85F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish
B3 — 34.56°N 75.01°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, clean blue water, ~1647 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26780 / Y 40063 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26780 · Y 40063 (approx)				
B4	Morehead / Beaufort (ranked)	34.48N 74.20W	38/100	temp break, eddy edge · 84.9F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
B4 — 34.48°N 74.20°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, clean blue water, ~2029 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26616 / Y 40226 (μs, approx). LORAN 9960 · X 26616 · Y 40226 (approx)				

B5	Morehead / Beaufort (ranked)	34.61N 75.58W	38/100	eddy edge · 84.4F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
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B5 — 34.61°N 75.58°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is strong. Conditions: ~84°F, lightly colored water, ~155 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26896 / Y 39940 (μs, approx).

LORAN 9960 · X 26896 · Y 39940 (approx)

B6	Morehead / Beaufort (ranked)	35.22N 74.99W	37/100	temp break · 83.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
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B6 — 35.22°N 74.99°W. A defined temperature break — fish the warm side where the gradient is sharpest. Conditions: ~83°F, clean blue water, ~236 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26806 / Y 40385 (μs, approx).

LORAN 9960 · X 26806 · Y 40385 (approx)

M1	Masonboro / Cape Fear (HOT)	34.17N 76.05W	70/100	temp break, eddy edge · 84.7F · Sailfish, Blue Marlin, White Marlin
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M1 — 34.17°N 76.05°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, lightly colored water, ~128 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with Blue Marlin a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 26960 / Y 39621 (μs, approx).

LORAN 9960 · X 26960 · Y 39621 (approx)

M2	Masonboro / Cape Fear (ranked)	33.41N 76.69W	54/100	temp break, eddy edge · 85.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish
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M2 — 33.41°N 76.69°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, clean blue water, ~223 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 44991 / Z 59178 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 44991 · Z 59178 · also LORAN 9960 · X 27029 · Y 39221 (approx)

M3	Masonboro / Cape Fear (ranked)	33.08N 77.51W	47/100	eddy edge · 83.5F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
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M3 — 33.08°N 77.51°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~84°F, ~107 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 45055 / Z 59395 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 45055 · Z 59395

M4	Masonboro / Cape Fear (ranked)	33.48N 76.93W	39/100	eddy edge · 84F · Sailfish, White Marlin, Blue Marlin
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M4 — 33.48°N 76.93°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~84°F, ~77 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with White Marlin a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 45047 / Z 59166 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 45047 · Z 59166 · also LORAN 9960 · X 27074 · Y 39171 (approx)

M5	Masonboro / Cape Fear (ranked)	34.13N 76.34W	34/100	temp break, eddy edge · 81.8F · Sailfish, Mahi-Mahi, Blackfin Tuna, Wahoo, White Marlin, Yellowfin Tuna
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M5 — 34.13°N 76.34°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~82°F, lightly colored water, ~22 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Sailfish, with Mahi-Mahi a secondary shot. LORAN 9960: X 27011 / Y 39521 (μs, approx).

LORAN 9960 · X 27011 · Y 39521 (approx)

M6	Masonboro / Cape Fear (ranked)	33.28N 77.05W	31/100	temp break · 84.5F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin
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M6 — 33.28°N 77.05°W. A defined temperature break — fish the warm side where the gradient is sharpest. Conditions: ~85°F, ~114 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 45021 / Z 59244 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 45021 · Z 59244

G1	South / Georgetown (HOT)	32.15N 78.83W	64/100	temp break, eddy edge · 85.6F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish
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G1 — 32.15°N 78.83°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~86°F, ~173 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 45085 / Z 60253 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 45085 · Z 60253

G2	South / Georgetown (ranked)	32.89N 76.53W	56/100	temp break, eddy edge · 85.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish
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G2 — 32.89°N 76.53°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~85°F, clean blue water, ~467 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 44841 / Z 59339 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 44841 · Z 59339 · also LORAN 9960 · X 26975 · Y 39190 (approx)

G3	South / Georgetown (ranked)	32.16N 78.12W	53/100	temp break, eddy edge · 83.3F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
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G3 — 32.16°N 78.12°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~83°F, ~259 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 44929 / Z 59977 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 44929 · Z 59977

G4	South / Georgetown (ranked)	32.46N 77.98W	53/100	temp break, eddy edge · 82.2F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
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G4 — 32.46°N 77.98°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is weak. Conditions: ~82°F, ~191 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 44986 / Z 59800 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 44986 · Z 59800

G5	South / Georgetown (ranked)	32.32N 77.42W	52/100	temp break, eddy edge · 83.4F · Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Sailfish, Wahoo, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna
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G5 — 32.32°N 77.42°W. A sharp temperature break is stacking on an eddy edge — a prime convergence where the rotating rim pins bait against the thermal edge. The eddy is weak. Conditions: ~83°F, clean blue water, ~355 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with White Marlin a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 44840 / Z 59706 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 44840 · Z 59706

G6	South / Georgetown (ranked)	32.96N 77.49W	45/100	eddy edge · 83.6F · Blue Marlin, Sailfish, White Marlin, Mahi-Mahi, Yellowfin Tuna, Blackfin Tuna
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G6 — 32.96°N 77.49°W. Work the eddy edge: the rotating rim concentrates bait and the pelagics that hunt it. The eddy is moderate. Conditions: ~84°F, ~143 fathoms. Conditions set up best for Blue Marlin, with Sailfish a secondary shot. LORAN 7980: Y 45022 / Z 59443 (μs).

LORAN 7980 · Y 45022 · Z 59443

In Season Near the Spots

Blackfin Tuna · Blue Marlin · Mahi-Mahi · Sailfish · Wahoo · White Marlin · Yellowfin Tuna

Offshore Solunar Forecast — Saturday, August 8, 2026

Hatteras / Oregon Inlet

71/100 (excellent)

TODAY: SW 10-15 kt, seas 2-3 ft

TONIGHT: SW 10-15 kt, seas 2-3 ft

AMZ182 · 20-60 nm offshore · NOAA/NWS

Tides (Oregon Inlet Marina): H 3:53 AM ET 1ft · L 10:25 AM ET 0.3ft · H 5:00 PM ET 1.3ft · L 11:53 PM ET 0.5ft

Majors: 8:13 AM ET - 10:13 AM ET · 8:38 PM ET - 10:38 PM ET Minors: 12:52 AM ET - 1:52 AM ET · 4:34 PM ET - 5:34 PM ET

Sun: 6:16 AM ET – 8:01 PM ET · Moon: Waning Crescent

Morehead / Beaufort

81/100 (excellent)

TODAY: SW 10-15 kt, seas 3 ft

TONIGHT: VARIABLE 0-5 kt, seas 3 ft

AMZ186 · 20-60 nm offshore · NOAA/NWS

Tides (Beaufort Inlet): H 3:21 AM ET 2.6ft · L 9:28 AM ET -0.1ft · H 4:19 PM ET 4.1ft · L 11:00 PM ET 0.7ft

Majors: 8:18 AM ET - 10:18 AM ET · 8:43 PM ET - 10:43 PM ET Minors: 1:01 AM ET - 2:01 AM ET · 4:35 PM ET - 5:35 PM ET

Sun: 6:23 AM ET – 8:04 PM ET · Moon: Waning Crescent

Masonboro / Cape Fear

81/100 (excellent)

REST OF TONIGHT: SW 10 kt, seas 3 ft

SUN: W 5-10 kt, seas 3 ft

AMZ280 · 20-60 nm offshore · NOAA/NWS

Tides (Wrightsville Beach): H 3:16 AM ET 3.6ft · L 9:44 AM ET 0.2ft · H 4:05 PM ET 4.8ft · L 10:56 PM ET 0.6ft

Majors: 8:22 AM ET - 10:22 AM ET · 8:47 PM ET - 10:47 PM ET Minors: 1:07 AM ET - 2:07 AM ET · 4:38 PM ET - 5:38 PM ET

Sun: 6:28 AM ET – 8:07 PM ET · Moon: Waning Crescent

Georgetown / Winyah

81/100 (excellent)

REST OF TONIGHT: SW 10 kt, seas 3 ft

SUN: SW 5-10 kt, seas 3 ft

AMZ284 · 20-60 nm offshore · NOAA/NWS

Tides (Oyster Landing (North Inlet)): H 4:48 AM ET 4.2ft · L 10:51 AM ET 0.3ft · H 5:33 PM ET 5.4ft

Majors: 8:28 AM ET - 10:28 AM ET · 8:53 PM ET - 10:53 PM ET Minors: 1:16 AM ET - 2:16 AM ET · 4:39 PM ET - 5:39 PM ET

Sun: 6:35 AM ET – 8:11 PM ET · Moon: Waning Crescent

Charleston / Edisto

81/100 (excellent)

REST OF TONIGHT: SW 10 kt, seas 3-4 ft

SUN: SW 5-10 kt, seas 3 ft

AMZ380 · 20-60 nm offshore · NOAA/NWS

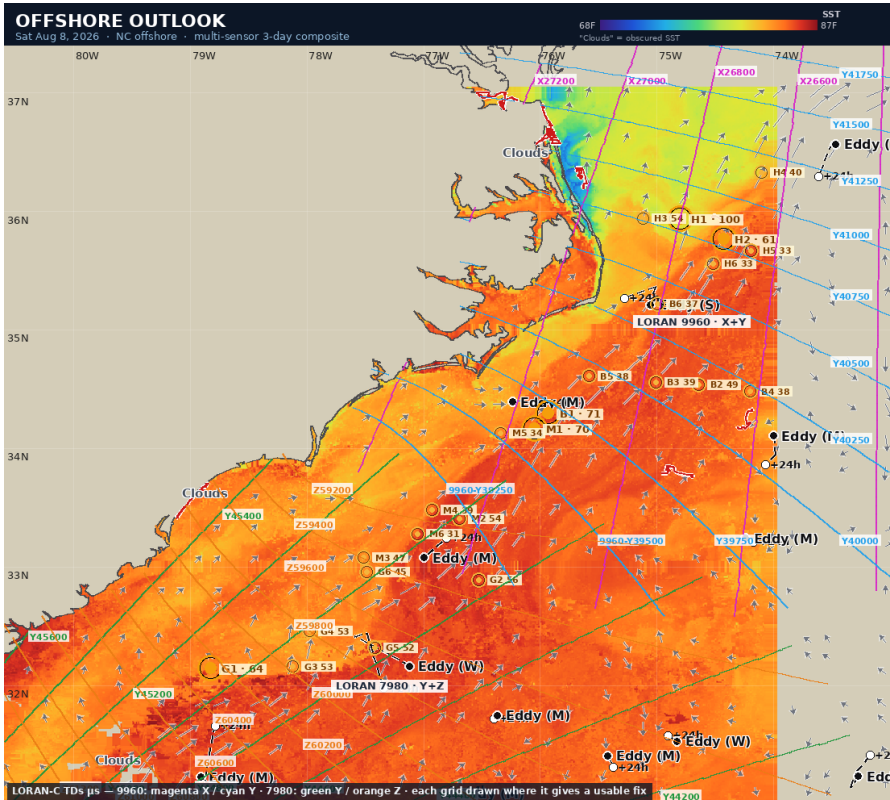
Tides (Charleston (Cooper River Ent.)): H 3:54 AM ET 4.7ft · L 10:12 AM ET 0ft · H 4:44 PM ET 6.1ft · L 11:21 PM ET 0.7ft

Majors: 8:31 AM ET - 10:31 AM ET · 8:56 PM ET - 10:56 PM ET Minors: 1:20 AM ET - 2:20 AM ET · 4:41 PM ET - 5:41 PM ET

Sun: 6:39 AM ET – 8:13 PM ET · Moon: Waning Crescent

Marine forecast: NOAA/NWS coastal waters forecast. Rating is a solunar planning aid, not a bite guarantee. For planning only. Not for navigation. Verify conditions before departure.

LORAN-C TD Chart · 9960 + 7980



9960 — magenta X, cyan Y (approximate TDs) — covers the waters north and east of Cape Fear; 7980 — green Y, orange Z, calibrated against published SC reef TDs — covers south and west. As on the legacy paper charts, each lattice is drawn only where it gives a usable fix, so the grids hand off along the signal geometry around Cape Fear and overlap where both work (Carolina Beach transmitted for both chains). TDs in microseconds. For planning only, not for navigation.