

DATE: 9/11/2024

RE: ACBL Customer Notification - Gulf of Mexico – Hurricane FRANCINE

VIA: Communication Sent Via email – **Condition Zulu (12 Hours)**

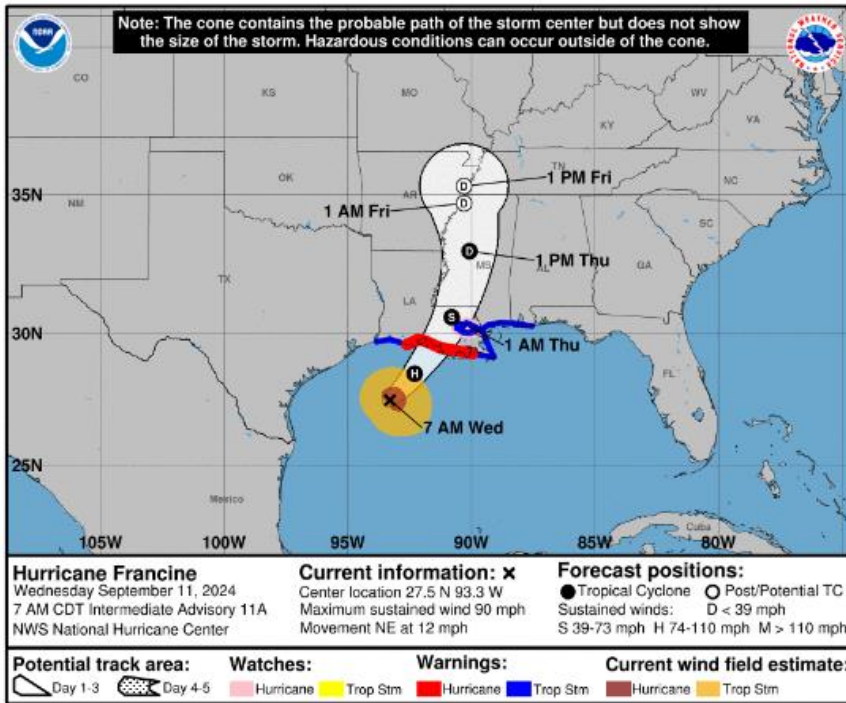
Dear ACBL Customer,

ACBL is making contingency plans for Hurricane FRANCINE with expected arrival into the Gulf of Mexico in the next 12 hours. Currently your company has barges on station or enroute to areas potentially impacted by the storm.

ACBL’s Hurricane Task Force is monitoring Hurricane FRANCINE and will notify customers of additional information and action plans as the storm progresses.

New Information:

Unfortunately, Hurricane Francine significantly intensified over the evening and sustained winds are now at 90 mph with the Ventusky website showing gusts of over 100 mph. Landfall prediction has not changed from last night and is expected to occur between Morgan City and Houma around 1300 CDT today. After landfall, the hurricane is expected to move between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. I expected that the forecast from Crown Weather Services will be accurate, and Hurricane Francine will be a Category II/III at the time of landfall (Category II = 96-110mph, Category III = 111-130mph). ACBL will continue tracking this storm closely and will send another update after landfall.



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