

NOAA GREAT LAKES OCEAN SERVICES UPDATE CO-OPS

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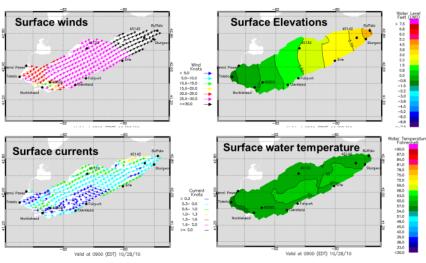


Overview of Services in the Great Lakes

- NWLON/Water Levels
- Currents
- PORTS®
- Website Update
- Nowcast/Forecast Models





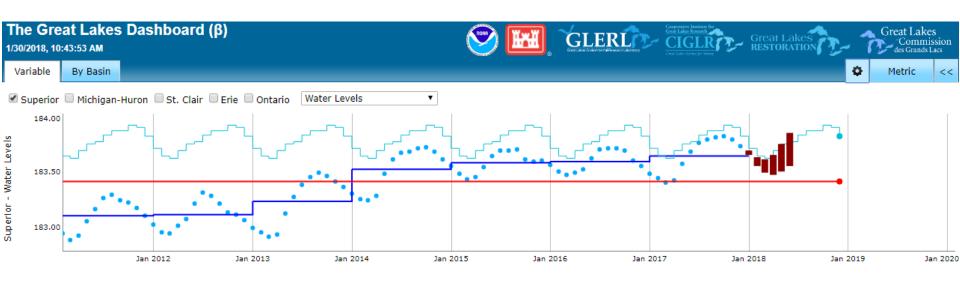


U.S. Great Lakes Water Level Station Network



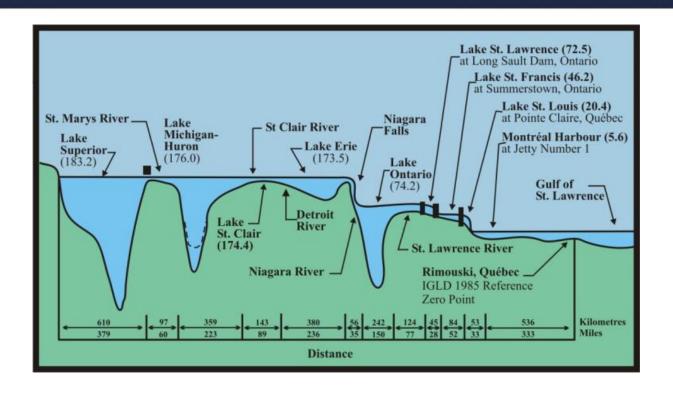


Lake Superior High Waters





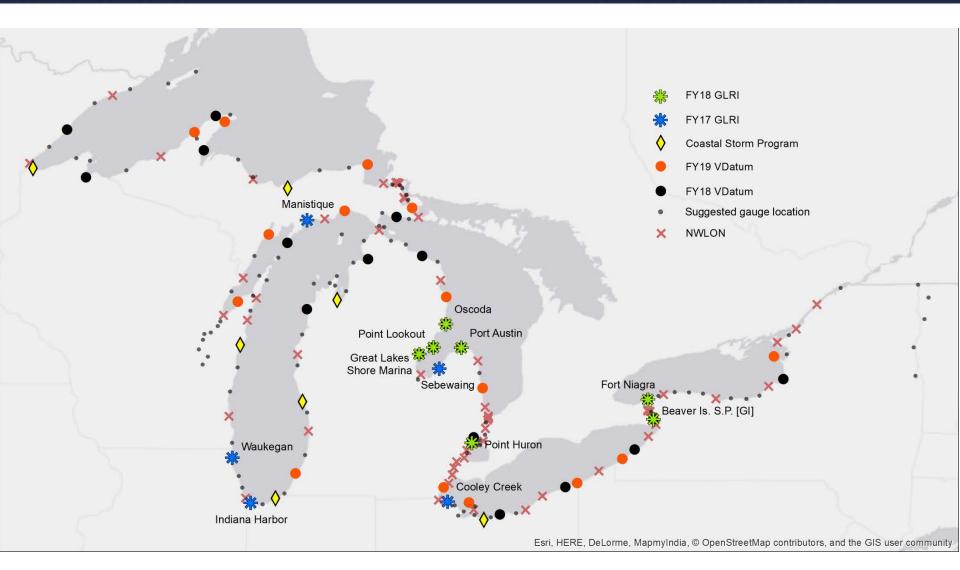
International Great Lakes Datum Update



- IGLD 55 replaced USLS 1935 and CGVD 28
- IGLD 85 updated IGLD 55 due to isostatic rebound
- IGLD to be updated again in 2020 with release in 2025
 - Coordinating Committee Outreach website: http://www.greatlakescc.org

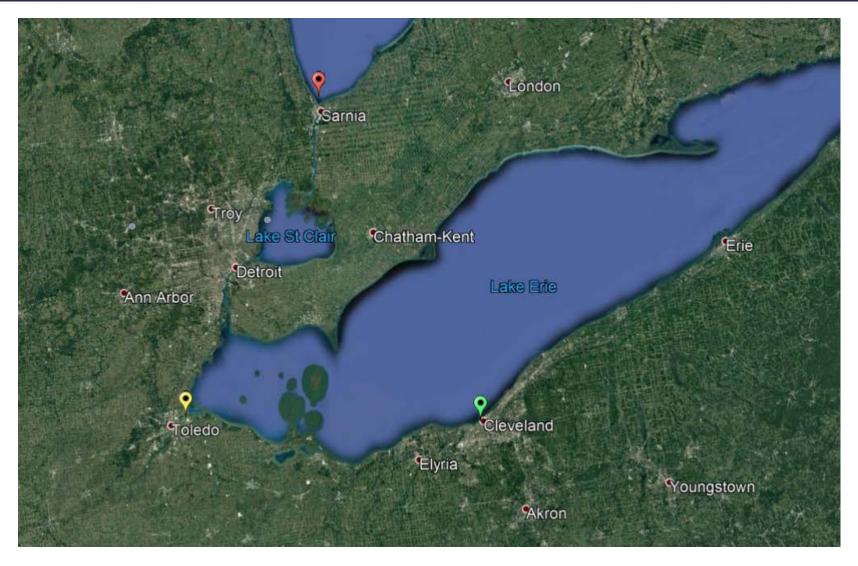


IGLD Seasonal Gauging



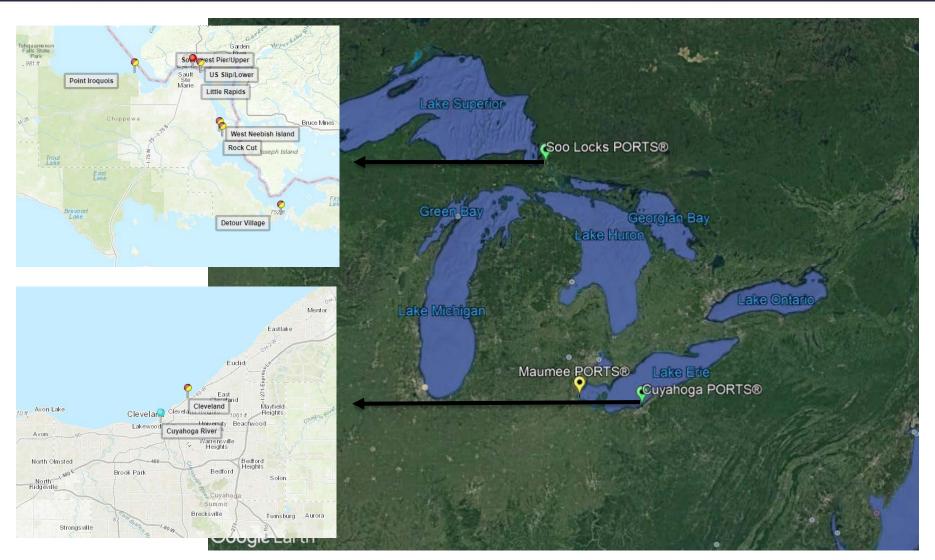


Great Lakes Current Meters





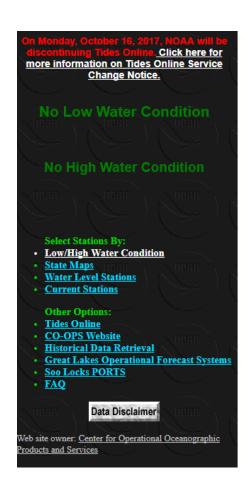
Great Lakes PORTS®

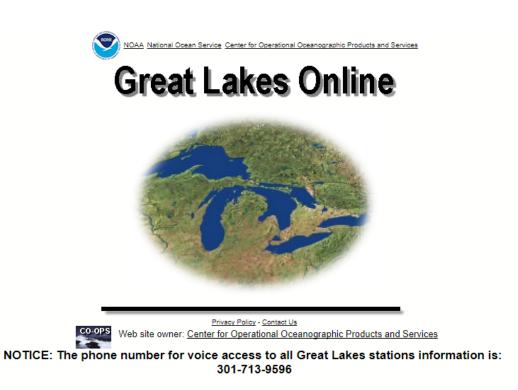




Website Changes

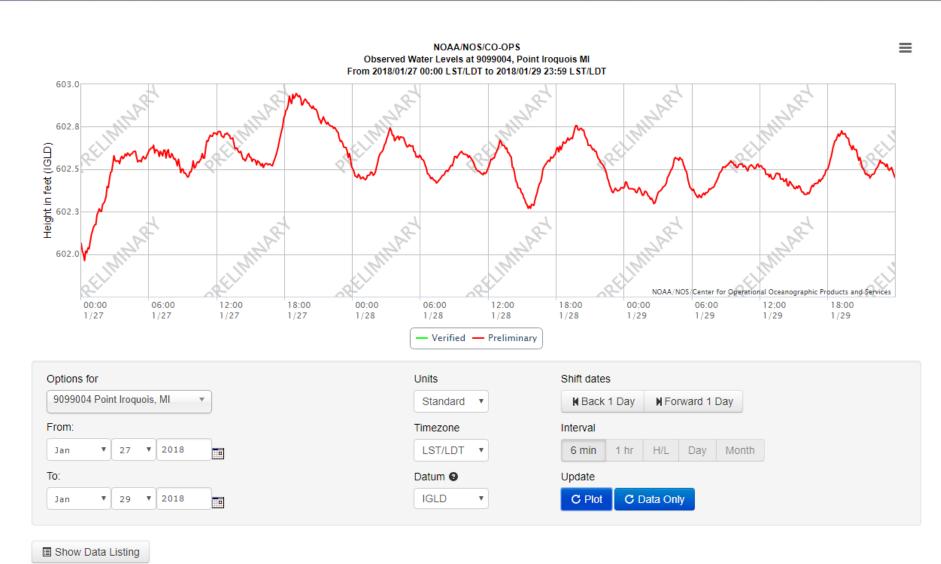
Streamlined web services







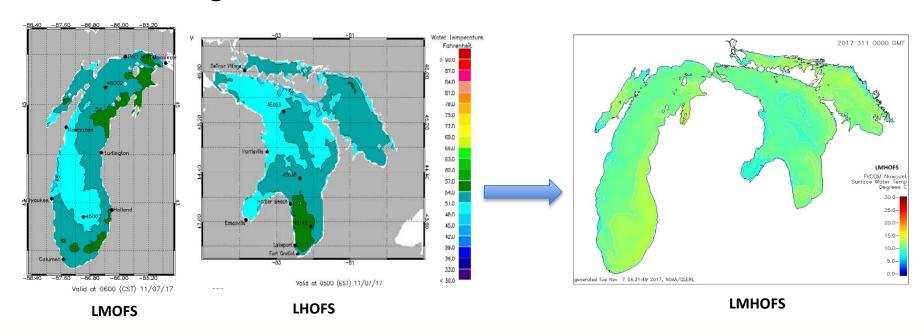
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Operational Forecast Systems

- NOAA upgraded Lake Erie OFS in Spring of 2016
 - Model provides higher resolution forecast guidance out to 120 hours of water levels, currents, and water temperature.
- Remaining lakes to be upgraded starting in 2019, starting with Lake Michigan/Lake Huron





Operational Forecast Systems

Lake Erie HAB forecast model – operational in FY17





Experimental Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory
4 August 2014, Bulletin 10

The microcystis bloom has intensified since last Thursday, and the area covered by medium to high concentrations (green to red) has increased. Calm winds have allowed the bloom to concentrate near surface; patches of scum were present in the areas of high concentration.

Today and Tuesday expect slight northeast transport (away from the Maumee Bay area). However, this pattern will change and light southward transport is expected through the end of the week. Mixing is expected to be weak.

The imagery shows the persistent bloom in Sandusky Bay is present.

There are no reported harmful algal blooms or suspicious features in the Eastern Basin at this time.

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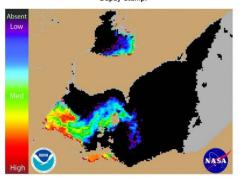


Figure 1. Cyanobacterial Index from NASA's MODIS-Aqua data collected 3 August 2014 at 1:10 pm. Grey indicates clouds or missing data. Black represents no cyanobacteria detected. Colored pixels indicate the presence of cyanobacteria. Cooler colors (blue and purple) indicate low concentrations and warmer colors (red, orange, and yellow) indicate high concentrations. The estimated threshold for cyanobacteria detection is 35.000 cells/mL.

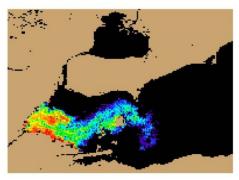


Figure 2. Nowcast position of bloom for 4 August 2014 using GLCFS modeled currents to move the bloom from the 3 August 2014 image.

NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS Winds at 9063079, Marblehead OH From 2014/07/28 00:00 LST to 2014/08/04 23:59 LST



Important Links

Links

- CO-OPS Tides and Currents Website: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/index.shtml
- Cuyahoga PORTS: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports/index.html?port=cy
- Soo Locks PORTS: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports/index.shtml?port=sl
- GLOFS: http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ofs/glofs.html
- Lake Erie HAB forecast: https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/lakeerie.html

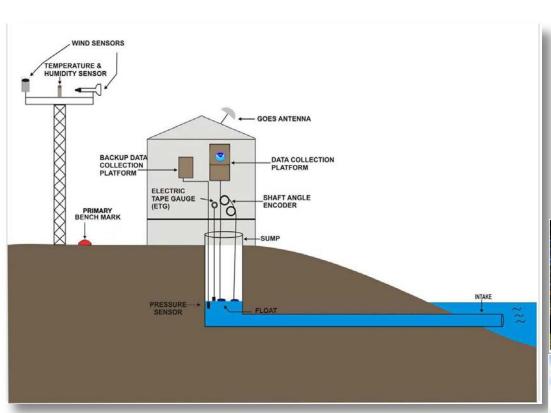


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Great Lakes Water Level Stations





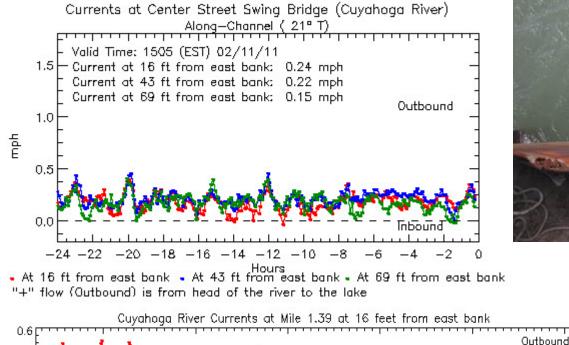




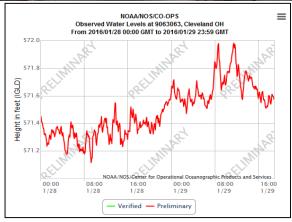


Cuyahoga PORTS®

Cuyahoga River, OH







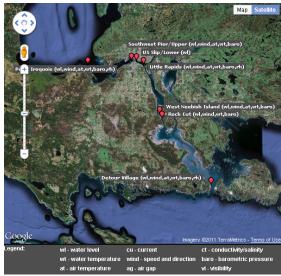
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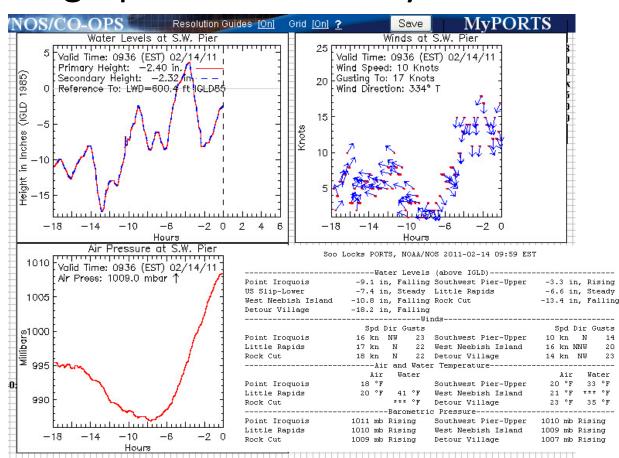


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http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/ports/index.html?port=sl



WL Forecast with Wind Event

