

“Before going outdoors, you'll want to check the forecast for thunderstorms. If storms are in the forecast, you may want to consider postponing activities, to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation.”

“We find as marina patrol in our marina doing search and rescues, a lot of the major deaths and injuries that occur on vessels from people not watching the weather.”

To access NWS Forecasts, just type weather.gov in the address bar of your favorite web browser, then click on map nearest your location. This takes you to your local NWS Website, which contains the latest information for your

area.

“Once on the National Weather Service webpage, the latest forecast can be obtained by clicking on the map in the middle of the page. You are immediately taken to the 7 day forecast which can be viewed graphically at the top of the page or you can read the text down the left hand column. You can see here, the forecast for this weekend shows a 30% chance of rain.”

“To check for weather hazards for the upcoming week, click on the hazardous weather outlook. This is issued by 6am each morning and includes any threat of severe weather for the week ahead. It's important to check the hazardous weather outlook daily as the forecast

can change and often does. “

“During the day of your event, you'll want to monitor the latest radar trends, and remain alert to watches and warnings that may be issued for your area. You should also keep a NOAA Weather Radio handy and ensure your batteries are fresh. Finally you can sign up to receive weather alerts on your mobile device by registering at iNWS. “

“If you have any questions or concerns on how the weather may affect your outdoor event, don't hesitate to call your local NWS. The phone number to your local office can be found at the bottom of the homepage.“