Experimental Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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The area of highest concentration remains in the western basin. Some scum was seen west of the West Sister Island, in the area of the highest concentration, when winds calmed below 10 knots yesterday.

Scum formation is likely Friday, while stronger winds Thursday and over the weekend will promote mixing. The bloom will continue a slight eastern transport over the next few days.

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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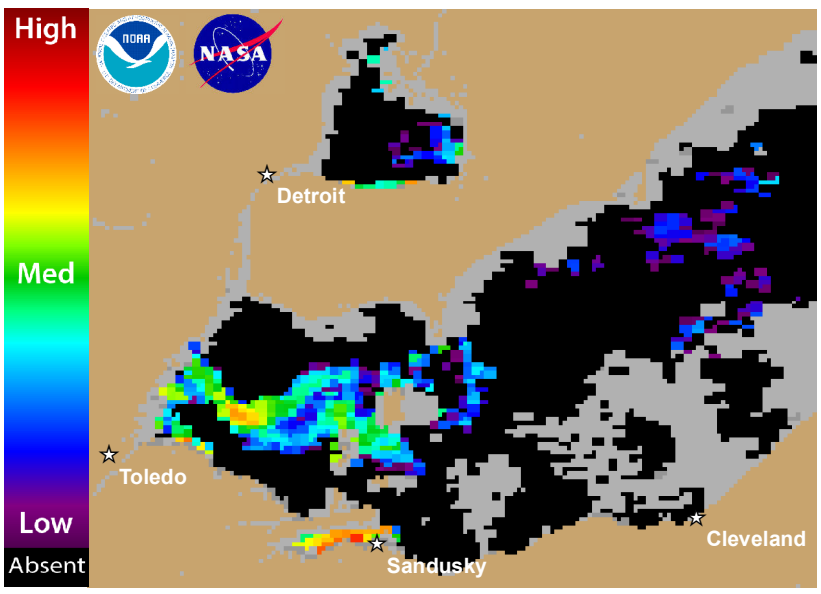


Figure 1. Cyanobacterial Index from NASA's MODIS-Aqua data collected 16 September 2014 at 1:35 pm. Grey indicates clouds or missing data. Black represents no cyanobacteria detected. Colored pixels indicate the presence of cyanobacteria. Cooler colors (blue and purple) indicate low concentrations and warmer colors (red, orange, and yellow) indicate high concentrations. The estimated threshold for cyanobacteria detection is 35,000 cells/mL.

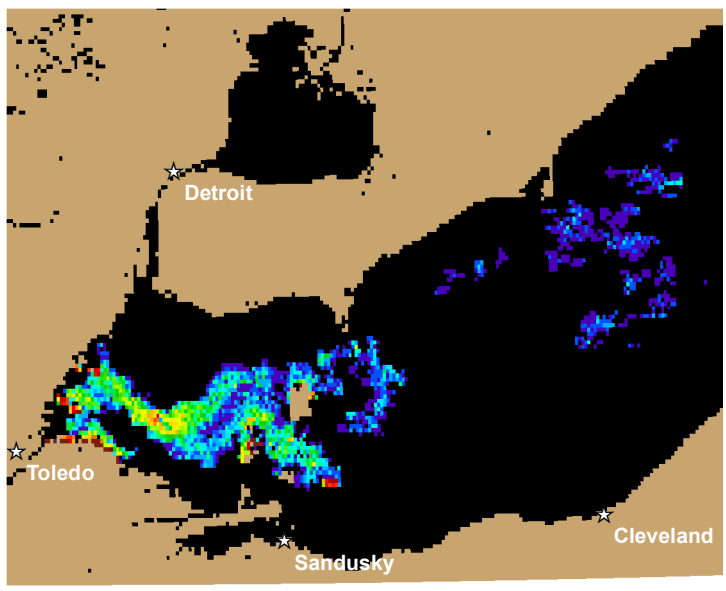


Figure 2. Nowcast position of bloom for 17 September 2014 using GLCFS modeled currents to move the bloom from the 16 September 2014 image.

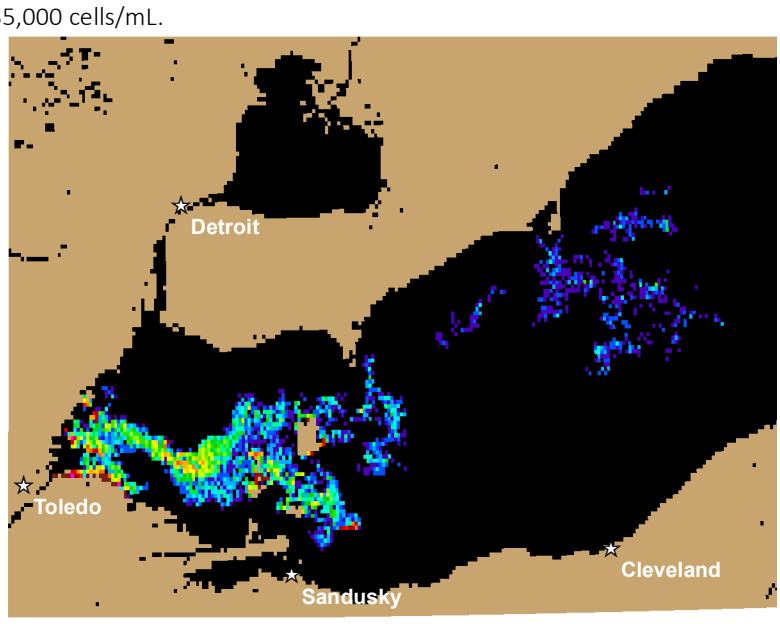
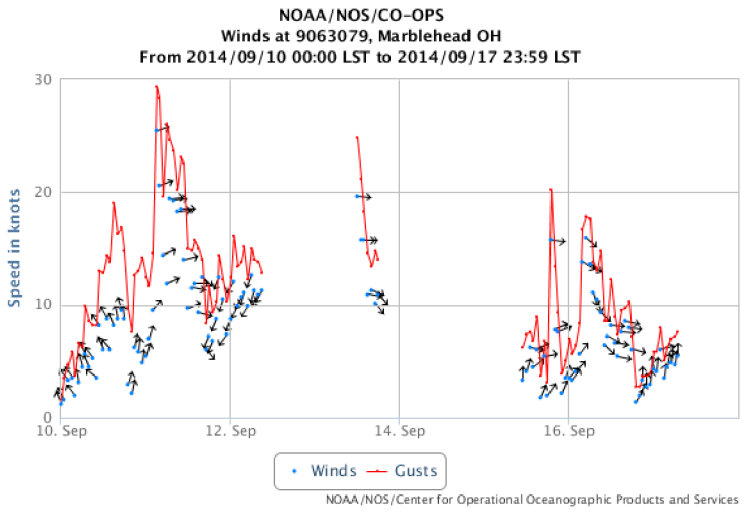
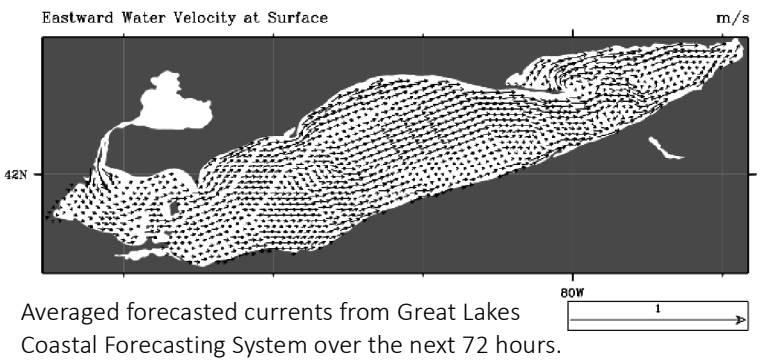


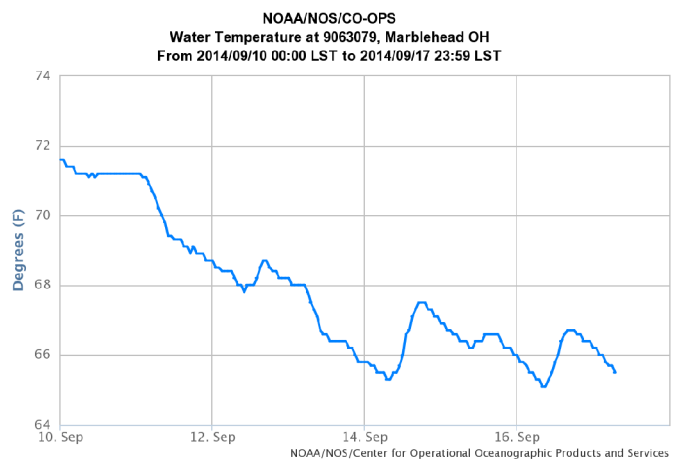
Figure 3. Forecast position of bloom for 20 September 2014 using GLCFS modeled currents to move the bloom from the 16 September 2014 image.



Wind Speed, Gusts and Direction from Marblehead, OH. From: NOAA/Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS). Note: 1 knot = 0.51444 m/s. Blooms mix through the water column at wind speeds greater than 7.7 m/sec (~ 15 knots).



Averaged forecasted currents from Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System over the next 72 hours.



Water Temperature from Marblehead, OH. From: NOAA/Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS).

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Wind forecasts derived from NOAA/National Weather Service in Cleveland.

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