



Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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Analysis

The *Microcystis* cyanobacteria bloom continues to decline in the western basin of Lake Erie. Observed winds (9/16-18) this week caused mixing, further reducing surface concentrations. In recent satellite imagery (9/18), *Microcystis* concentrations remain detectable in Maumee Bay, in patches along the Michigan and Ohio coastlines, and along Pelee Island. Measured toxin concentrations are below the detection limit in most of the sampling locations, and below the recreational threshold throughout the bloom extent. The persistent cyanobacteria bloom in Sandusky Bay continues.

Forecasts

Winds (5-16 kn) forecast today through Sunday (9/19-22) will promote mixing and northeastward transport of remaining surface *Microcystis* concentrations. -Davis, Keeney

Additional Resources

To find a safe place for recreation, visit the Ohio DOH "BeachGuard" site: <http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/beachguardpublic/>
Ohio EPA's site on harmful algal blooms: <http://epa.ohio.gov/HAB-Algae>
NOAA's GLERL provides additional HAB data here: http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/HABs_and_Hypoxia

The images below are "GeoPDF". Please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xReTC> for instructions on viewing longitude and latitude.

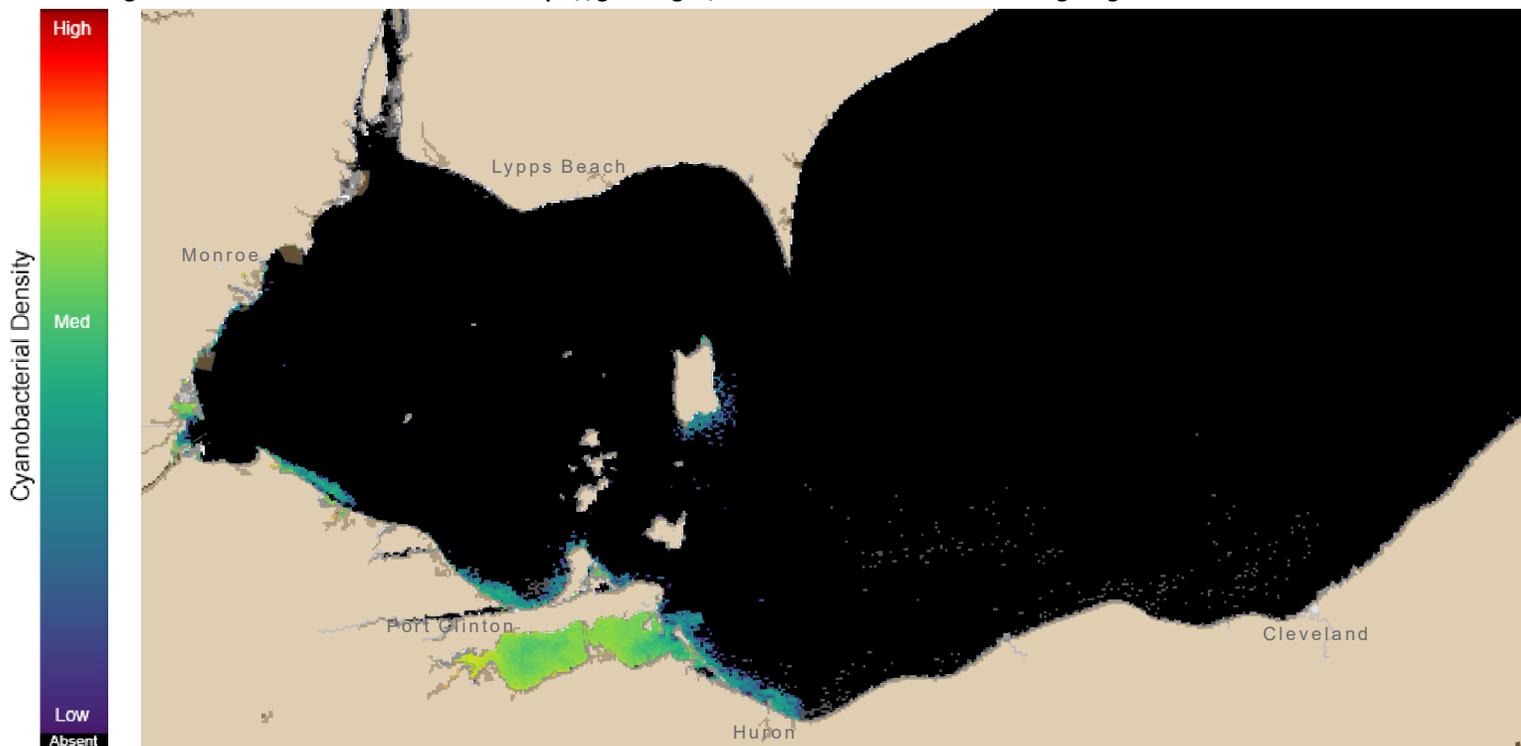
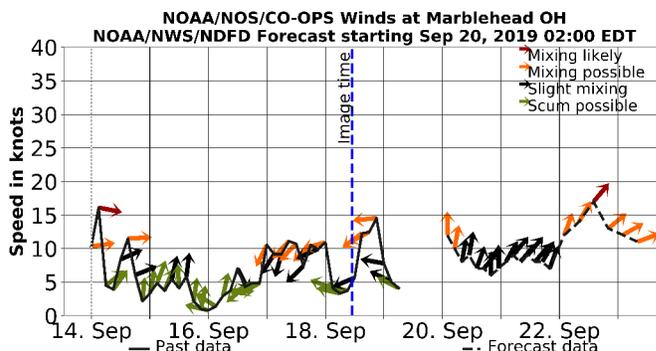


Figure 1. Cyanobacterial Index from modified Copernicus Sentinel 3 data collected 18 September, 2019 at 11:35 EST. Grey indicates clouds or missing data. The estimated threshold for cyanobacteria detection is 20,000 cells/mL.



Figure 2. Cyanobacterial Index from modified Copernicus Sentinel 3 data collected 18 September, 2019 at 11:35.



Wind speed and direction from Marblehead, OH. Blooms mix through the water column at wind speeds greater than 15 knots (or 7.7 m/s).

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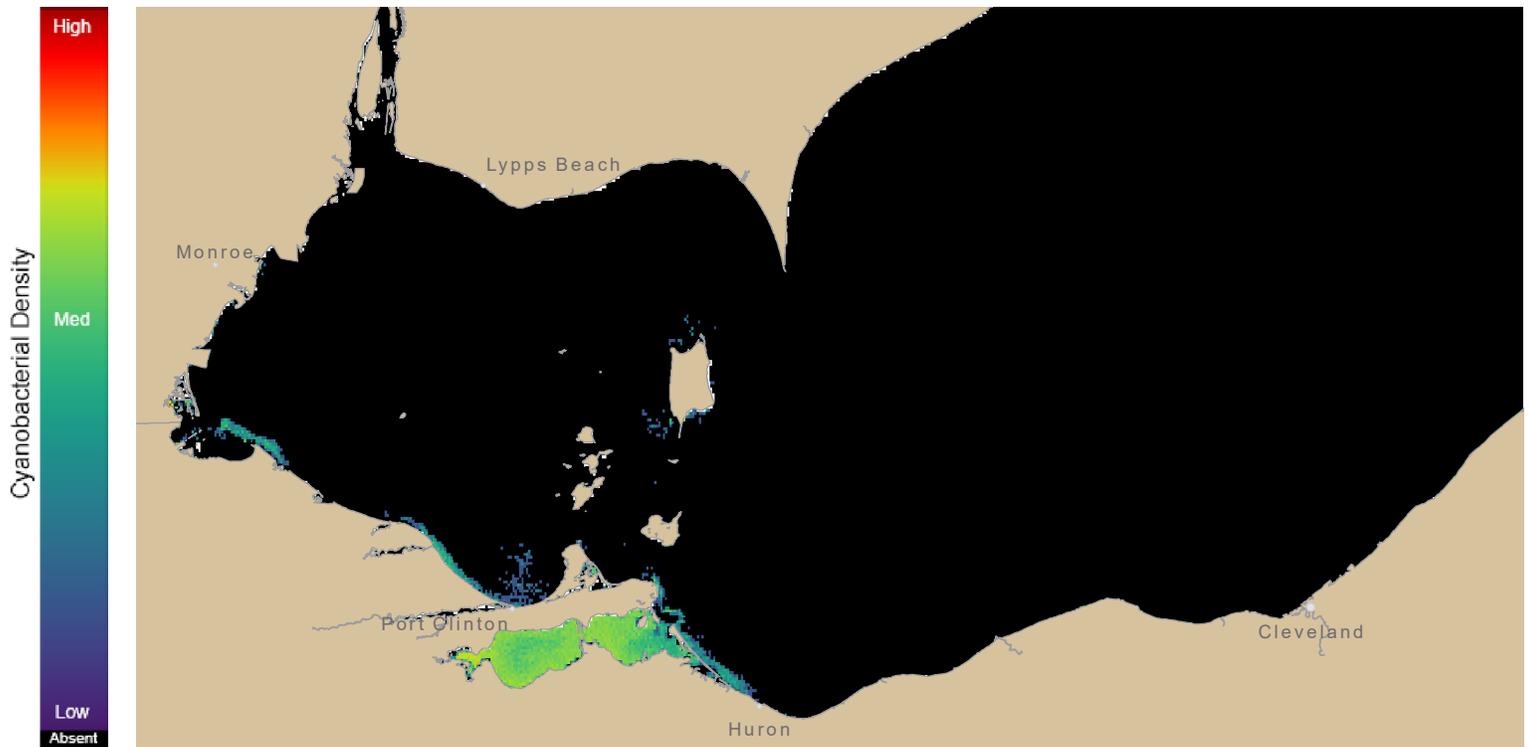


Figure 3. Nowcast position of bloom for 19 September, 2019 using LEOFS modelled currents to move the bloom from the 18 September,

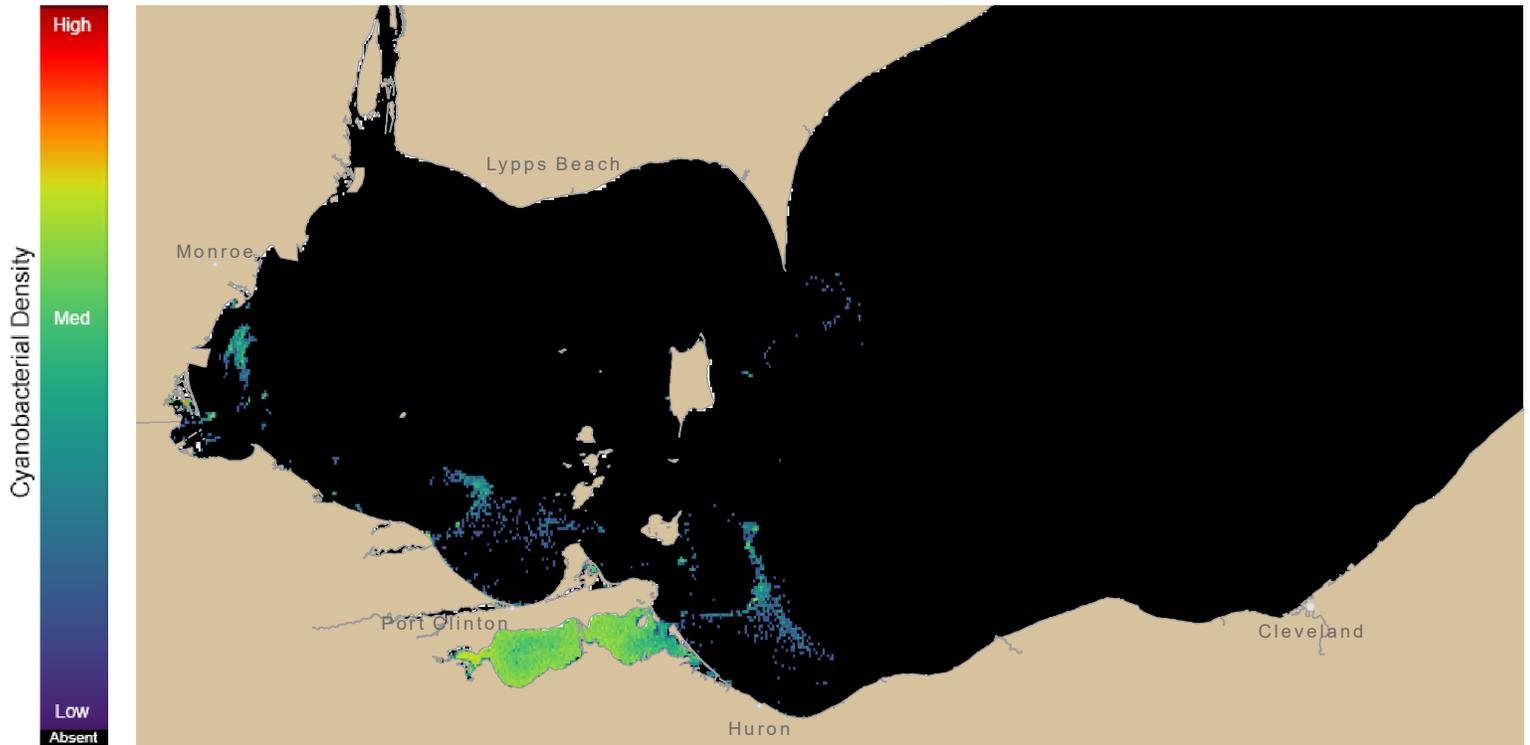
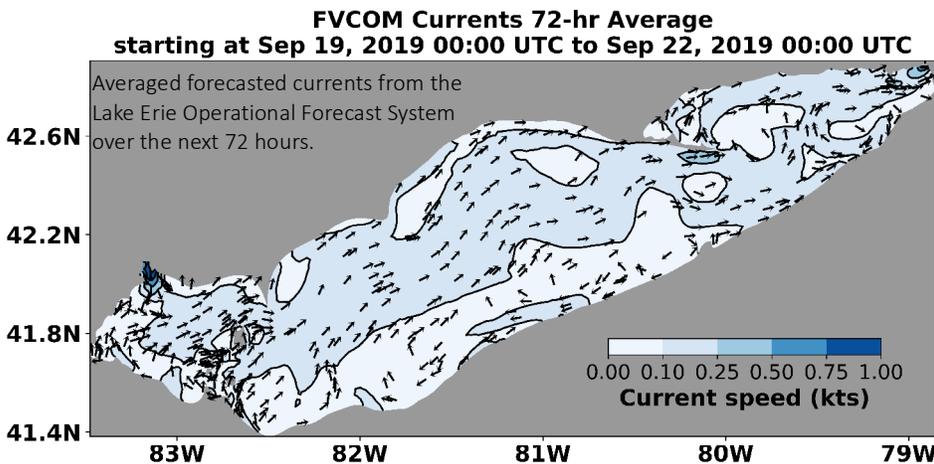


Figure 4. Forecast position of bloom for 22 September, 2019 using LEOFS modelled currents to move the bloom from the 18 September,



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