



Forecast for Singlehanded TransPac Race

Prepared on Jul 03 15:43z

By JD

Synopsis: Good morning. Please see the section on Tropical **STORMS** Agatha and Blas. Otherwise, an area of **HIGH PRESSURE** is located near 38N/154W, and has ridging SE'ward to 25N/135W. This **HIGH** and ridging will remain in place through the 06th. A thermal trough of **LOW PRESSURE** will also remain in place across interior California for the next 2-3 days.

Severe Weather Potential/Advisories: There is a small craft advisory through noon today west of San Francisco. Please monitor NOAA All Hazards Radio on your VHF for the latest official warnings and advisories from The National Weather Service.

Hedge Forecast: Note that for all grids, the highest winds and swells will be found in the n'r'n portions of each grid. We have **HIGH** confidence in the next 3 days for the grids due to the persistent weather pattern.

Conclusions: Tropical **STORM** Agatha is not a threat to the race. Grids AA and BB will see fresh to strong breezes through the 06th, with a few gusts to near gale, which will provide for plenty of wind on or near the beam for the next days. Moderate to fresh breezes are expected farther south in Grids II and HH, but still close to the beam which will provide for sufficient wind as well.

The main concern is in the very long range with respect to what is now **TROPICAL STORM** Blas. This system is rapidly strengthening, and will be a **HURRICANE** within the next 24 hours. The system will move WNW'ward through the 06th while strengthening into a major hurricane, then continues moving WNW'ward through the 08th while weakening as moves over cooler waters and encounters drier air. A general WNW'ward motion and slow weakening is likely by next weekend, but we will watch this very closely in case the system turns farther north, which could make it more of a concern for the racers. A sharp northward turn is unlikely (but can't be ruled out) due to the strength of the ridge to the north.

We will watch closely and continue to advise accordingly, thank you.

AT 03/15Z, **TROPICAL STORM** AGATHA WAS CENTERED NEAR 17.3N 123.6W (ABOUT 840NM WSW OF CABO SAN LUCAS), MOVING WNW'WARD AT 11KTS, WITH MAXWINDS 40- 50KTS. **GALE** RADIUS IS 030NM NW'RN QUADRANT, 60NM NE'RN QUADRANT, 030NM SE'RN QUADRANT, 0NM SW'RN QUADRANT. Most recent satellite imagery shows squalls diminishing in coverage around the circulation of **TROPICAL STORM** Agatha, with the majority of squalls on the w'r'n side of the circulation center. **TROPICAL STORM** Agatha is expected to continue tracking wnw'ward while gradually weakening over the next 24-48 hours as it encounters an unfavorable environment for development, before dissipating on the 07th.

Forecast Time (UTC)	Positions Lat / Lon	Max Winds (Knots)	Gale Radius (nm)			
			NE	SE	SW	NW
07/03 15z	17.3N 123.6W	40 Gust 50	040	030	000	030
07/04 00z	17.9N 125.3W	40 Gust 50	040	030	000	030
07/04 12z	18.5N 127.4W	35 Gust 45	040	030	000	030
07/05 00z	18.9N 129.4W	30 Gust 40	000	000	000	000
07/05 12z	19.2N 131.2W	25 Gust 35	000	000	000	000
07/06 12z	19.3N 134.7W	20 Gust 30	000	000	000	000



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the System.

AT 03/15Z, **TROPICAL STORM** BLAS WAS CENTERED NEAR 11.6N 110.3W (ABOUT 100NM NW OF CLIPPERTON ISLAND), MOVING WNW'WARD AT 11KTS, WITH MAXWINDS 50- 60KTS. **GALE** RADIUS IS 060NM N'RN SEMICIRCLE, 30NM SW'RN QUADRANT, 60NM SE'RN QUADRANT. Current satellite imagery shows squalls continuing to organize and persist around the circulation center of **TROPICAL STORM** Blas, with squalls continuing to develop along the n'r'n side of the circulation. This system is expected to continue gradually strengthening as it moves wnw'ward into an increasingly favorable environment for development, likely becoming a **HURRICANE** in the next 24-36 hours. **TROPICAL STORM** Blas is then expected to continue strengthening as it moves on a WNW'ward track across the East Pacific over the next 3-5 days.

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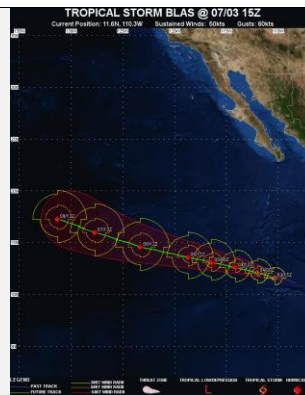
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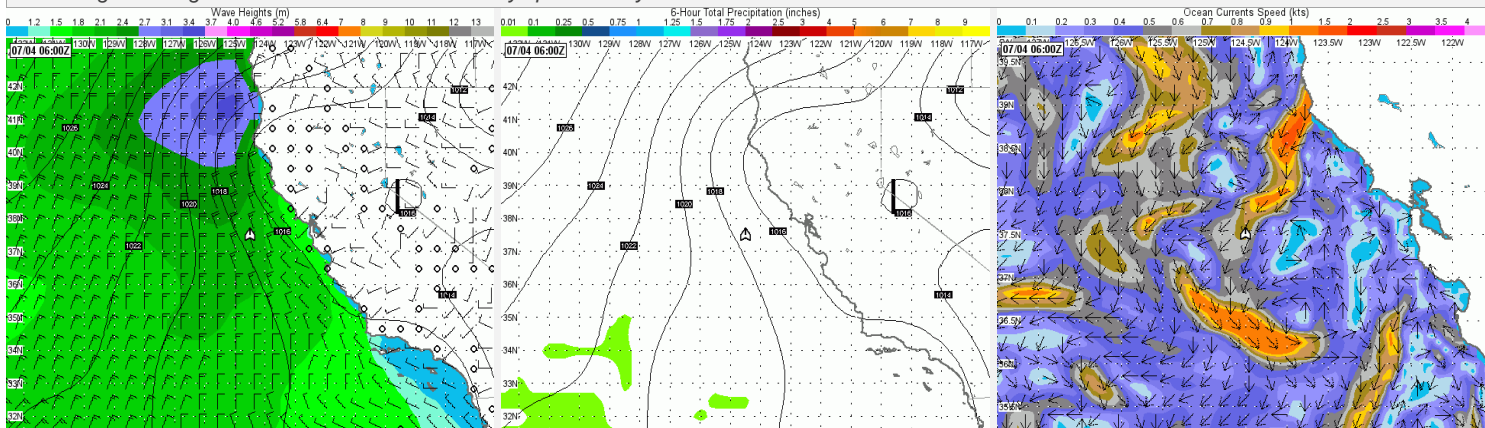
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Forecast Time (UTC)	Positions Lat / Lon	Max Winds (Knots)	Gale Radius (nm)			
			NE	SE	SW	NW
07/03 15z	11.6N 110.3W	50 Gust 60	060	040	020	060
07/04 00z	12.1N 112.0W	60 Gust 75	080	060	040	070
07/04 12z	12.6N 114.1W	75 Gust 90	100	080	060	090
07/05 00z	13.1N 116.4W	90 Gust 110	130	100	080	110
07/05 12z	13.6N 118.7W	100 Gust 120	140	120	090	120
07/06 12z	14.6N 123.3W	105 Gust 130	160	130	100	140
07/07 12z	16.0N 127.7W	95 Gust 115	160	130	100	140
07/08 12z	17.3N 131.3W	85 Gust 105	160	130	100	140



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Forecast for Area/Grid: AA

SunRise: 05:01 SunSet: 19:43 (ST)

Forecast Period	Wind Dir	Wind Spd (Knots)	Swell Dir	Seas Hght Swell Hght (Feet)	Per(sec) Viz (nm)	Sky Conditions / Advisory	Temp F / C	Currents Dir From/Knots
TODAY (Early MORN 12 GMT) (03/05LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	19-24 GUSTS 26	NW-N	3-5 8-10	2 7	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	56° / 13°	NNE @ 0.6
EVENING (00 GMT) (03/17LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	19-24 GUSTS 26	WNW-NNW	3-5 7-9	2 6	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	55° / 13°	NNE @ 0.9
TOM (04) (MORN 12 GMT) (04/05LT)	WNW-NNW (293 - 338)	19-24 GUSTS 30	WNW-NNW	4-6 10-12	2 11	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	56° / 13°	NNE @ 0.7
TOM EVENING (00 GMT) (04/17LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	23-28 GUSTS 33	NW-N	4-6 10-12	2 10	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	56° / 13°	NNE @ 0.8
TUE (05) (MORN 12 GMT) (05/05LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	23-28 GUSTS 33	NW-N	4-6 10-12	2 11	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS	56° / 13°	NNE @ 0.8
TUE EVENING (00 GMT) (05/17LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	22-27 GUSTS 32	NW-N	4-6 10-12	2 11	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	57° / 14°	NNE @ 0.9

Comments: *Wind/Seas HIGHER in SQUALLS

Forecast for Area/Grid: HH

SunRise: 05:14 SunSet: 19:29 (ST)

Forecast Period	Wind Dir	Wind Spd (Knots)	Swell Dir	Seas Hght Swell Hght (Feet)	Per(sec) Viz (nm)	Sky Conditions / Advisory	Temp F / C	Currents Dir From/Knots
TODAY	NNW-NNE	13-18	NNW-N	2-3	7	CLOUDY	63° / 17°	SSW @ 0.2

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(Early MORN 12 GMT) (03/05LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	13-18	NW-N	2-3 6-8	5	ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS		
EVENING (00 GMT) (03/17LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	13-18	NW-N	2-3 6-8	7 7	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	63° / 17°	SSE @ 0.5
TOM (04) (MORN 12 GMT) (04/05LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	13-18 GUSTS 20	WNW-NNW	2-4 5-8	7 6	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	61° / 16°	SSE @ 0.1
TOM EVENING (00 GMT) (04/17LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	14-19 GUSTS 21	WNW-NNW	2-4 5-8	7 10	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	62° / 17°	SSW @ 0.3
TUE (05) (MORN 12 GMT) (05/05LT)	WNW-NNW (293 - 338)	14-19 GUSTS 21	WNW-NNW	2-4 5-8	7 8	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS	60° / 16°	SSE @ 0.3
TUE EVENING (00 GMT) (05/17LT)	NW-N (315 - 0)	14-19 GUSTS 21	NW-N	2-4 5-7	7 11	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	62° / 17°	ESE @ 0.1

Comments: *Wind/Seas HIGHER in SQUALLS

Forecast for Area/Grid: BB

SunRise: 05:21 SunSet: 20:03 (ST)

Forecast Period	Wind Dir	Wind Spd (Knots)	Swell Dir	Seas Hght Swell Hght	(Feet)	Per(sec) Viz (nm)	Sky Conditions / Advisory	Temp F / C	Currents Dir From/Knots
TODAY (Early MORN 12 GMT) (03/05LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	17-22 GUSTS 24	NW-N	3-5 6-9	6 5	6	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	62° / 17°	N @ 0.4
EVENING (00 GMT) (03/17LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	18-23 GUSTS 25	NW-N	3-5 6-9	6 10	6	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	61° / 16°	NNE @ 0.3
TOM (04) (MORN 12 GMT) (04/05LT)	NNW-NNE (338 - 23)	19-24 GUSTS 26	N-NE	3-5 7-10	6 9	6	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	60° / 16°	NNE @ 0.4
TOM EVENING (00 GMT) (04/17LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	19-24 GUSTS 26	N-NE	3-5 7-10	7 11	7	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	61° / 16°	NNE @ 0.3
TUE (05) (MORN 12 GMT) (05/05LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	19-24 GUSTS 26	N-NE	3-5 7-10	6 11	6	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS	61° / 16°	NNE @ 0.3
TUE EVENING (00 GMT) (05/17LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	18-23 GUSTS 25	N-NE	3-5 7-10	6 11	6	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS	61° / 16°	N @ 0.3

Comments: *Wind/Seas HIGHER in SQUALLS

Forecast for Area/Grid: II

SunRise: 05:34 SunSet: 19:49 (ST)

Forecast Period	Wind Dir	Wind Spd (Knots)	Swell Dir	Seas Hght Swell Hght	(Feet)	Per(sec) Viz (nm)	Sky Conditions / Advisory	Temp F / C	Currents Dir From/Knots
TODAY (Early MORN 12 GMT) (03/05LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	14-19 GUSTS 21	N-NE	2-4 7-9	7 9	7	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	64° / 18°	NW @ 0.1
EVENING (00 GMT) (03/17LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	14-19 GUSTS 21	N-NE	2-4 6-9	7 7	7	CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	64° / 18°	S / WEAK
TOM (04) (MORN 12 GMT) (04/05LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	14-19 GUSTS 21	N-NE	2-4 6-8	7 10	7	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	63° / 17°	W @ 0.1
TOM EVENING (00 GMT) (04/17LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	13-18 GUSTS 20	NNW-NNE	2-4 6-8	7 11	7	PARTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS/SQUALLS	64° / 18°	NW @ 0.1
TUE (05) (MORN 12 GMT) (05/05LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	13-18 GUSTS 20	NNW-NNE	2-4 6-9	7 9	7	MOSTLY CLOUDY ISOLATED SHWRS	63° / 17°	W @ 0.1
TUE EVENING (00 GMT) (05/17LT)	N-NE (0 - 45)	13-18 GUSTS 20	NNW-NNE	2-4 6-9	7 11	7	CLEAR	64° / 18°	NNW @ 0.1

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