

# **Live Updates: Hurricane Sally makes landfall in Alabama as Category 2 storm, 'life-threatening' flooding expected**

Hurricane Sally roared ashore the northern Gulf Coast early Wednesday morning, making landfall as the storm threatens to bring devastating flooding to the region.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) says Hurricane Sally made landfall at 4:45 a.m. CDT near Gulf Shores, Alabama as a Category 2 storm with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. The hurricane has left thousands without power near coastal areas of Alabama and the Florida Panhandle region.

"Catastrophic and life-threatening flooding likely along portions of the north-central Gulf Coast," the NHC said.

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In Gulf Shores, Ala., storm surge flows across Highway 182. Sally made landfall near Gulf Shores early Wednesday as a category 2 hurricane. <https://twitter.com/landon1988/status/1306163858906722304>

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National Hurricane Center@NHC\_Atlantic

Hurricane #Sally Advisory 21A: Hurricane-Force Winds Occurring in Pensacola Florida. Catastrophic and Life-Threatening Flooding Likely Along Portions Of the Northern Gulf Coast. <http://go.usa.gov/W3H>

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Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane, says the National Hurricane Center. <https://www.foxnews.com/us/best-way-to-prepare-for-a-storm-surge>

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As Hurricane Sally roared onto Alabama's Gulf Coast on Wednesday morning, some are anticipating the storm will have a costly impact. Damage from Sally is expected to reach \$2 billion to \$3 billion, according to Chuck Watson of Enki Research, which tracks tropical storms and models the cost of their damage. Read more on Fox Business: <https://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/hurricane-sally-landfall-oil-fields-fuel-demand>

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Hurricane Sally's slow movement is going to be a "prolonged water event" along the Gulf Coast. Some places could see up to 30 inches of rainfall, according to Fox News Senior Meteorologist Janice Dean. Watch more here, including on where other storms in the Atlantic Ocean are located. <https://video.foxnews.com/v/6191335519001#sp=show-clips>

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Some of the worst impacts from Hurricane Sally on Wednesday morning were in Pensacola, Fla. Video posted to Twitter showed heavy rain and streets covered with water. "Starting to get pieces from various buildings come off. Insane gusts," @Weathermansam77 tweeted. <https://twitter.com/Weathermansam77/status/1306195218316824576>

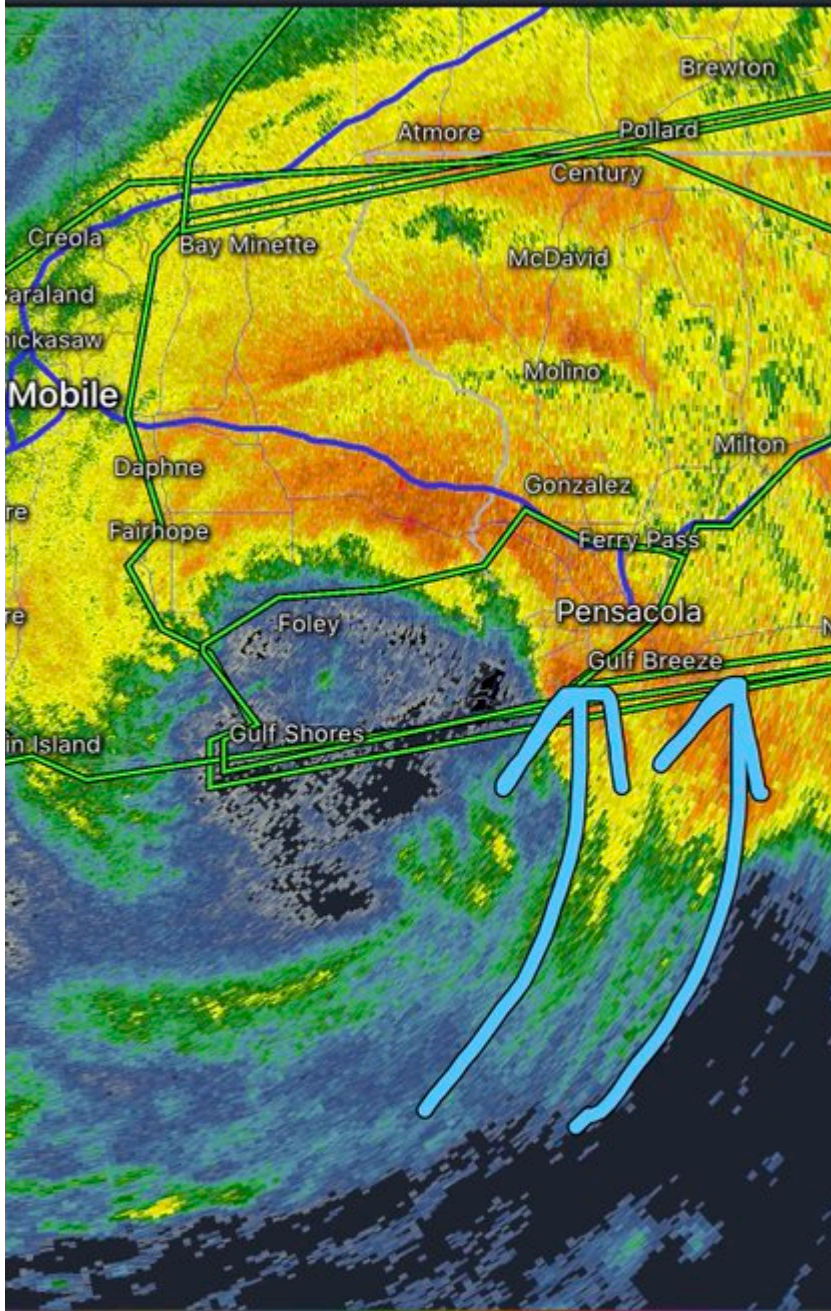
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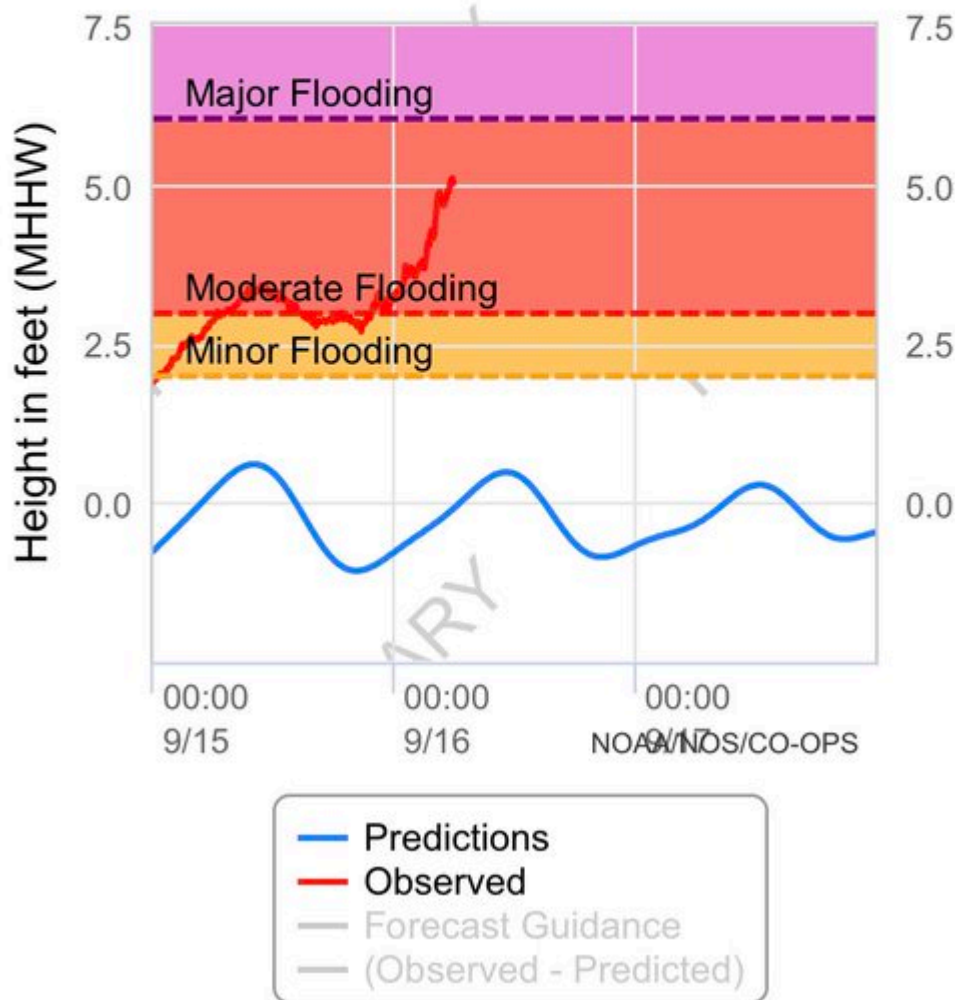


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**NOAA/NOS/CO-OPS**  
**Observed Water Levels**  
**Pensacola, FL (8729840)**  
**From 2020/09/15 00:00 LST/LDT**  
**to 2020/09/17 23:59 LST/LDT**



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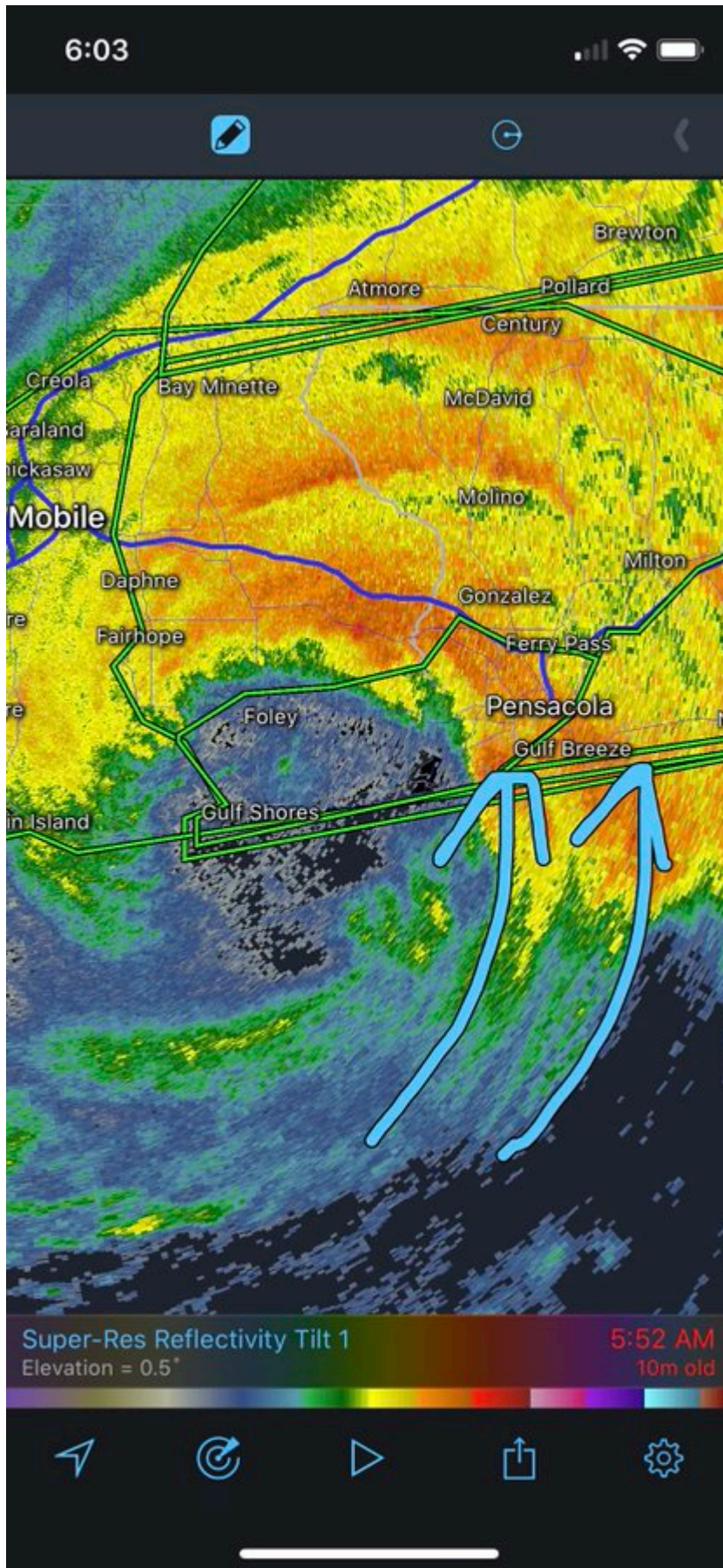
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Gusty winds and heavy rain are lashing Mobile, Ala. as Hurricane Sally moves inland. Fox News' Ashley Stromer reported the latest on "Fox & Friends." Watch here: <https://video.foxnews.com/v/6191326188001#sp=show-clips>

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The latest from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) on where Hurricane Sally is located. AS of 6 a.m. CDT the center of the storm is located right over Gulf Shores, Ala., moving north-northeast at 3 mph. "Hurricane-force winds spreading inland over southeastern Alabama and the western portion of the Florida Panhandle," the NHC said. "Catastrophic and life-threatening flooding likely along portions of the north-central Gulf Coast."

[https://twitter.com/NHC\\_Atlantic/status/1306188110737412097](https://twitter.com/NHC_Atlantic/status/1306188110737412097) (Edited)

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Here is the 6 AM CDT 9/16 update for #Sally: Hurricane-force winds spreading inland over southeastern Alabama and the western portion of the Florida Panhandle. Catastrophic and life-threatening flooding likely along portions of the north-central Gulf Coast.

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Hurricane Sally Tropical Cyclone Update  
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL192020  
600 AM CDT Wed Sep 16 2020

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PORTIONS OF THE NORTH-CENTRAL GULF COAST...

A sustained wind of 81 mph (130 km/h) and a gust to 99 mph (159  
km/h) has been reported at Dauphin Island, Alabama, within the past  
hour or so.

A sustained wind of 61 mph (98 km/h) and a gust to 86 mph (139  
km/h) has been observed at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, in  
Pensacola, Florida.

SUMMARY OF 600 AM CDT...1100 UTC...INFORMATION

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LOCATION...30.3N 87.7W  
ABOUT 0 MI...0 KM N OF GULF SHORES ALABAMA  
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...105 MPH...165 KM/H  
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NNE OR 020 DEGREES AT 3 MPH...5 KM/H  
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...965 MB...28.50 INCHES

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Forecaster Brown

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Damage can be seen to the interior of a home in Mobile as Hurricane Sally roared ashore early Wednesday in ALabama. Video posted to Twitter by Hill Robinson shows major damage to the interior of a home after the roof appeared to cave in. "All ok. Just a scrape and a bruise or two," Robinson said in a subsequent tweet. "Very blessed!" [https://twitter.com/hill\\_robinson/status/1306173116473802753](https://twitter.com/hill_robinson/status/1306173116473802753)

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