

WIND WARNING IMPROVEMENTS FOR TASMANIA

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The Bureau of Meteorology is upgrading its forecast system to provide more detailed forecasts across Australia.

From June 2011, mariners in Tasmania will see wind warnings issued for today and tomorrow including a separate statewide overview of the current warnings.

The wind warnings will state which day is affected and will be included in the Coastal Waters forecasts.

By including the wind warnings in the forecasts there will no longer be a need to issue separate wind warnings. A new statewide summary will show all the Coastal Waters and Local Waters affected by wind warnings for that day and the following day.

Example of Coastal Waters Forecast

Coastal Waters Forecast for Tasmania Southeast Coast: Tasman Island to South East Cape

Forecast issued at 5:05 am EDT on Tuesday 25 January 2011 for the period until midnight EDT Thursday 27 January 2011.

Wind warnings issued for today and tomorrow

Forecasts will be updated every 6 hours whenever a wind warning is current

Warning Summary at issue time

Strong wind warning during Tuesday and Wednesday for Southeast Coast.

Weather Situation

A weakening cold front will approach western Bass Strait later on Tuesday before drifting across Tasmania early Wednesday. Another weak cold front will move over Tasmania on Thursday before a high pressure system lingers around Bass Strait on Friday

Coastal Waters forecasts will include wind warnings

Forecast for Tuesday until midnight

Strong wind warning during Tuesday for Southeast Coast.

Winds Mainly north to northwest 10 to 20 knots, reaching 25 to possibly 30 knots about the south late. Inshore afternoon sea breezes.

Seas 1 to 2 metres.

Swell 1 Southeasterly about 1.5 metres tending easterly 1.5 metres late this evening.

Swell 2 Northeasterly 0.5 metres.

Wednesday 26 January

Strong wind warning during Wednesday for Southeast Coast.

Winds West to northwest 15 to 25 knots, possibly 30 knots about the south, tending west to southwest at 10 to 20 knots during the morning then easing to 5 to 15 knots in the afternoon. Becoming variable in the afternoon and evening with inshore sea breezes.

Seas 1 to 2 metres.

Swell Southwest to 2 metres.

The next routine forecast will be issued at 4:50 pm EST Tuesday.

