



Predicting Weather

Over the years we have learned that sailing weather is difficult to predict from home. We have tried using all the available apps, radar and other sources and found them only partially useful. We have found that the only place to decide on whether or not to go sailing is **at the lake at the time you want to go**. Nine times out of ten the decision is to go.

One cloudy evening we received a cancellation call from a client's caregiver who said they were not coming. When asked why, he said "Because I watch the weather and radar. I don't want my brother to get wet". Weather forecasts and radar are now very available and television meteorologists give excellent reports as violent storms are approaching. The result is that everyone has become a personal meteorologist. People become wary of any potential storm condition and generalize it over a wide area.

But our sailing area is relatively small. We watch weather radar and forecasting models very carefully. We see storms approach and watch as they go south of us or north of us or simply dissipate. Only rarely do they last and come straight at us. The only place you can know that is **at the lake at the time you want to go**.

Safety is our primary concern. We will not go sailing if the weather is questionable. We don't go far from our docks so we can be back in less than 10 minutes should the weather start to turn on us. We also have powerful motors on our boats in case things go to Hell in a handbasket.

As it happens on that evening, the clouds cleared away, a moderate wind came up and our client missed a perfect evening of sailing.

The conclusion is

- Please respect the time that our Volunteer Instructors have committed.
- Come to the lake at the appointed time and help make the decision there.
- You probably will not be disappointed.

We look forward to taking you on a wonderful sailing experience.

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