

Operations/Chief Pilot's Working Group



- **Weather Reconnaissance Area (WRA)**
 - **History**
 - **Impacts**
 - **Way Forward**

- **Weather box expansion**

- **CPDLC**



Map Info

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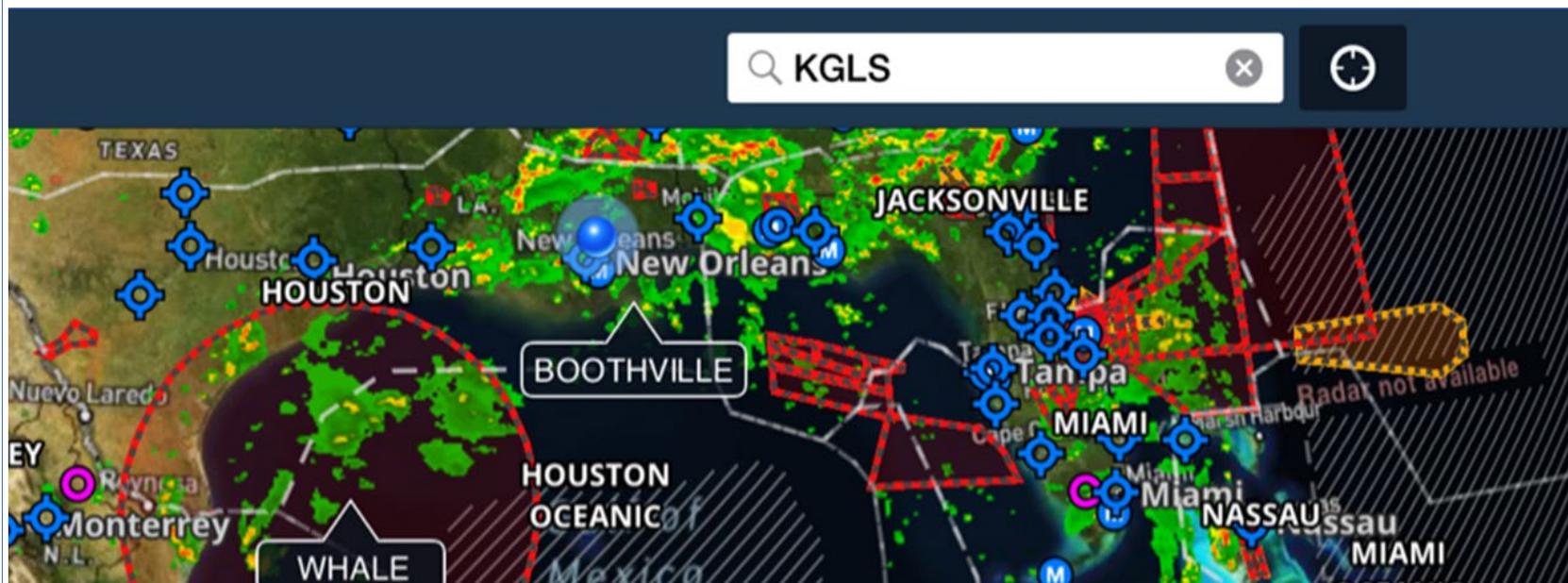
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(TROPICAL DEPRESSION L95) WX
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 AVOID THE WRA. IFR
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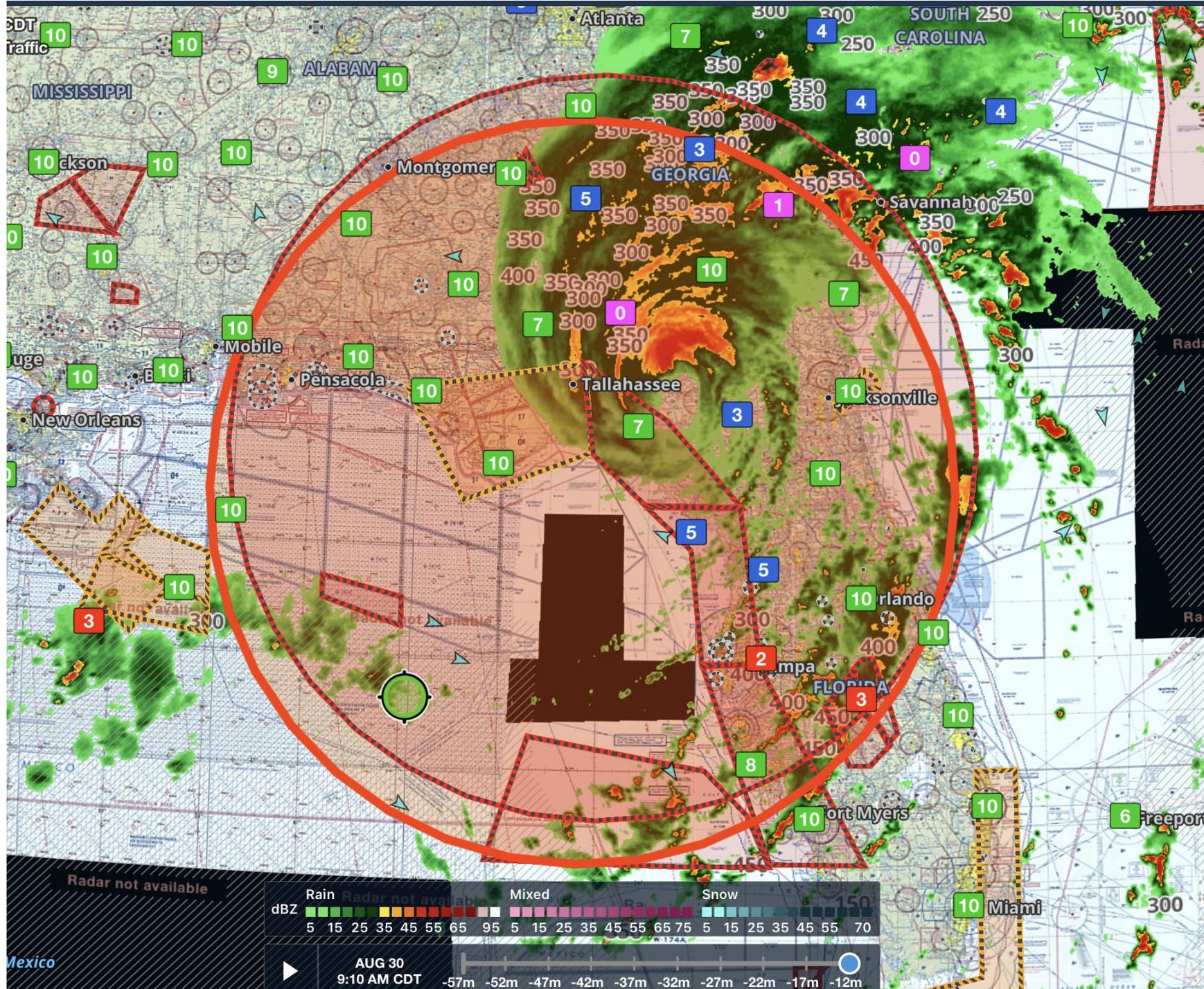
History

- National Hurricane Operations Plan (2013) – No mention of WRA
- Seems to first appear in NHOP in 2017
- Impacts to GOM offshore flights in 2022



GOM Operations Snapshot

- Average 20,000 POB offshore
 - Approximately 1,200 helidecks offshore (BSEE data)
 - FAR Part 135 Operators:
 - Bristow- 63 helicopters
 - Chevron- 14 helicopters
 - Metro Aviation- 5 helicopters
 - Panther Helicopters- 5 helicopters
 - PHI- 65 helicopters
 - Rotorcraft Leasing- 38 helicopters
 - Westwind Helicopters- 17 helicopters
- 207+ helicopters servicing the offshore energy market
- Daily average of 793 flights
- Number of crew change and life saving/SAR/medical transport missions occurring 24/7
 - US Coastguard
 - DoD (Army, Navy, Airforce)
 - FAR Part 91 General Aviation



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