

Date:	Forcast Time:

Definitions of Select Weather Terms Used in the Canadian Marine Forecasts

Front: The interface or transition zone between air masses of different densities (temperature and humidity).

Ridge: Region of the atmosphere in which the pressure is high relative to the surrounding region at the same level.

Trough: An elongated area of relatively low atmospheric pressure.

Sea Breeze: Wind in coastal regions, blowing by day from a large water surface towards the land as a result of diurnal heating of the land surface.

Strong Wind Warning: an alert issued to advise mariners that marine wind speeds between 20 and 33 knots inclusive are occurring, or are expected to occur. The terminology for this alert replaces the "Small Craft Warning" which was previously issued for the same wind speed criteria.

Backing Wind: Counter-clockwise change of wind direction, in either hemisphere.

Veering: Clockwise change of wind direction, in either hemisphere

Wind direction: In meteorology, the wind is always given with the direction it is blowing from, using geographic (true) cardinal points.

Wind speeds (for Marine forecast only):

- Light (less than 12 knots)
- Moderate (12-19 knots)
- Strong (20-33 knots)
- Gales (34-47 knots)
- Storm force (48-63 knots)

Celsius / Fahrenheit conversion formula: $^{\circ}F = ^{\circ}C \times 9/5 + 32$

1°C	33.8 °F	6 °C	42.8 °F	11 °C	51.8 °F	16 °C	60.8 °F	21 °C	69.8 °F	26 °C	78.8 °F
2°C	35.6 °F	7 °C	44.6 °F	12 °C	53.6 °F	17 °C	62.6 °F	22 °C	71.6 °F	27 °C	80.6 °F
3 °C	37.4 °F	8 °C	46.4 °F	13 °C	55.4 °F	18 °C	64.4 °F	23 °C	73.4 °F	28 °C	82.4 °F
4°C	39.2 °F	9 °C	48.2 °F	14 °C	57.2 °F	19 °C	66.2 °F	24 °C	75.2 °F	29 °C	84.2 °F
5 °C	41.0 °F	10 °C	50.0 °F	15 °C	59.0 °F	20 °C	68.0 °F	25 °C	77.0 °F	30 °C	86.0 °F