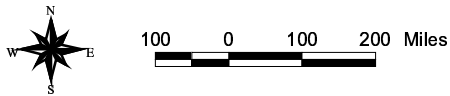
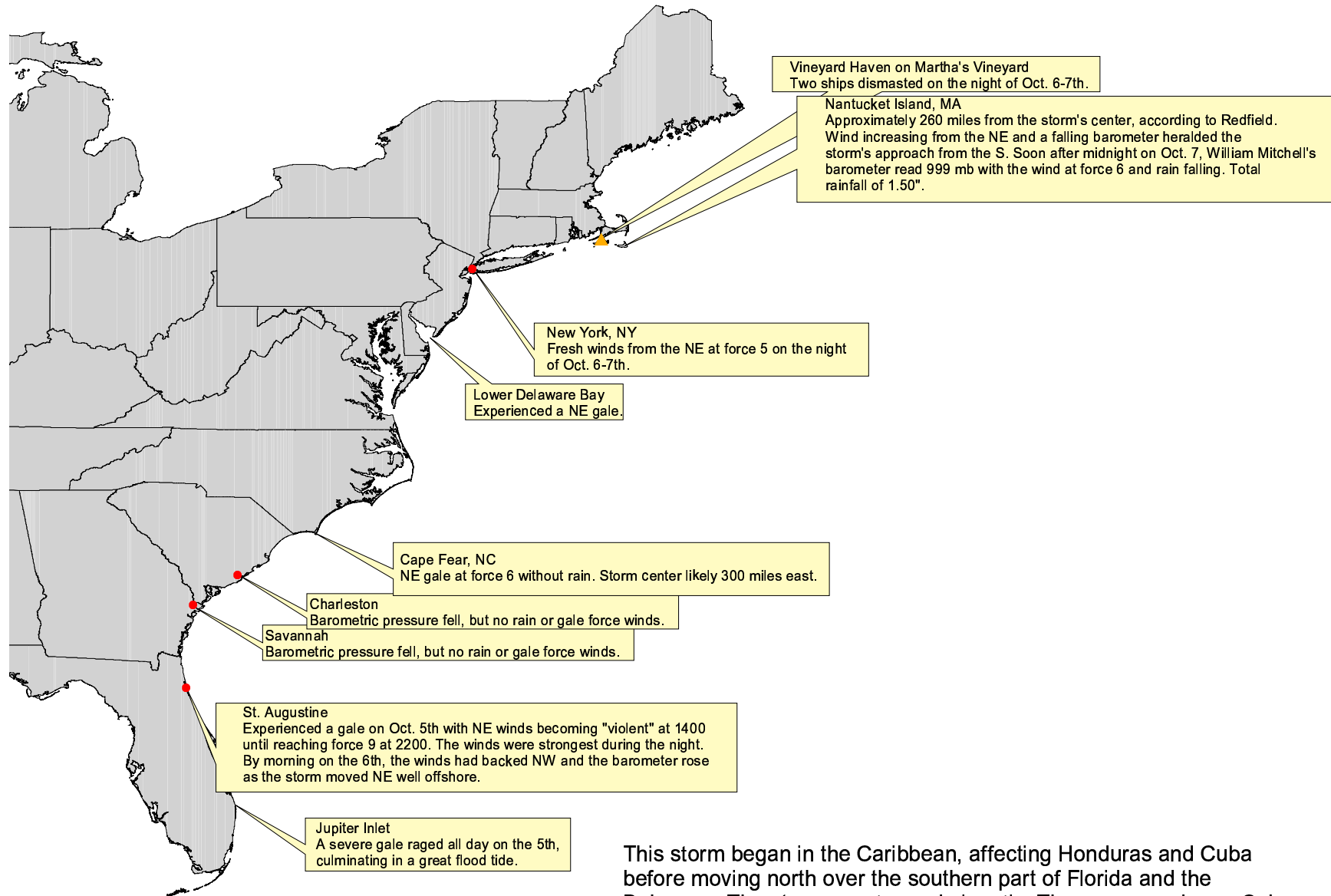


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This storm began in the Caribbean, affecting Honduras and Cuba before moving north over the southern part of Florida and the Bahamas. The storm was termed gigantic. The eye moved over Cuba about 85 miles east of Havana; Key West was approximately 85 miles to the west of the center, according to William Redfield. The hurricane moved up the Florida Straits, the center passing 90 miles W of Nassau and 100 miles E of Miami Beach. The storm moved NE offshore, eventually affecting the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Newfoundland.