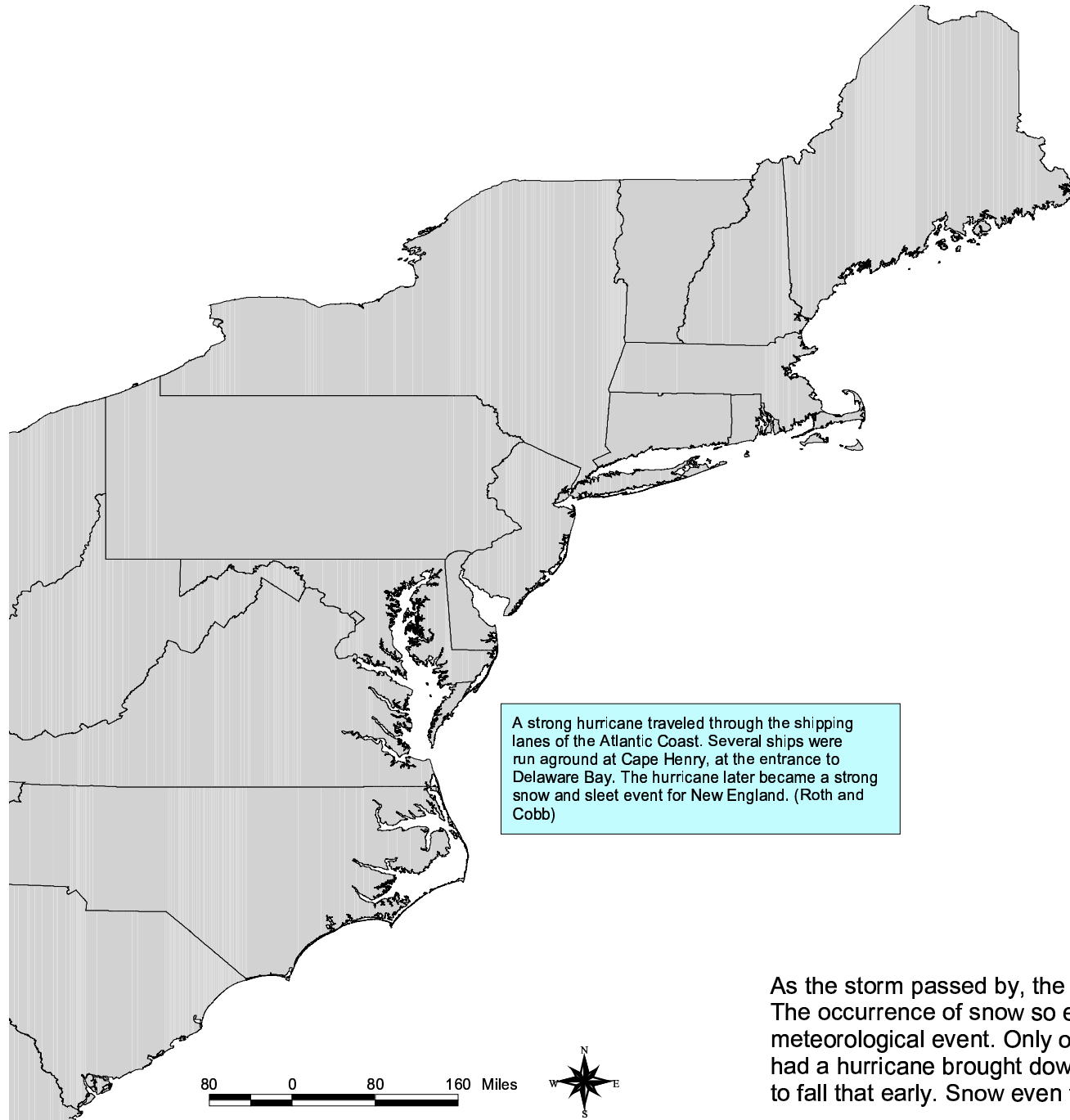


The Memorable October Gale of 1841 - Oct. 3-4 - Part 2



A strong hurricane traveled through the shipping lanes of the Atlantic Coast. Several ships were run aground at Cape Henry, at the entrance to Delaware Bay. The hurricane later became a strong snow and sleet event for New England. (Roth and Cobb)

As the storm passed by, the rain began to change over to snow. The occurrence of snow so early in the season was an outstanding meteorological event. Only once before in that century (Oct. 9, 1804) had a hurricane brought down enough cold air behind it to cause snow to fall that early. Snow even fell at the tidewater.