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Mark Willis serves as Director of Forecasting for Surflin/Wavetrak, Inc. and is responsible for the operation and management of Surflin's meteorology team. He received his Bachelor's Degree in meteorology from FSU and Master's Degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mark served as Surflin's East Coast Forecast Manager in the early 2000's and then spent the better part of the next decade working for the National Weather Service. Mark was a forecaster for NWS field offices on the East and West Coasts, the National Hurricane Center, and ultimately became the NWS Eastern Region Marine Program Manager. Mark received the prestigious Isaac Cline Award in the NWS several times for managing Nearshore Wave Modeling Projects, Hurricane Programs, and for his involvement in outstanding Upper Air Observing Efforts. He also received the Joanne Simpson Mentorship Award from the American Meteorological Society in 2012. During his career, he has implemented several marine forecasting tools and policies into operations, and has authored several papers related to marine forecasting. When Mark isn't looking at weather charts, he enjoys spending time with his family, surfing, and FSU football.