

# May 23, 2021 WC-ARES Net Training:

## Favorite Season of the Year – Hurricane Season

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In case you have missed the news, we are approaching our favorite season of the year.... Hurricane season. In fact, we have already had our first Tropical Storm in the Pacific, Andres, and ANA, the first named storm in the Atlantic. According to CSU, we are going to have a “busier than normal Hurricane Season”, again.

According to CSU in the Atlantic, we will have 17 Named Storms (average is 12.1), 8 Hurricanes (average 6.4) and 4 major hurricanes (average 2.7).

As for Texas-

75% chance of being impacted by a tropical Storm (39-73 MPH winds) Compared to 58%

49% of a hurricane (74+ MPH Winds) compared to 35%

21% of major hurricane (Winds 111+) compared to 14%

Just to remind you of the Record year that was 2020:

30 Named Storms

11 US Landfalls

8 impacts on Gulf Coast- Mostly LA.

So what does that mean, well it means we may get a hurricane and we may not. Yea, I know, not much help but such is the life of predicting weather.

So what can we do about it? Well the answer to that is plenty.

Have you checked your antennas for wear and tear and possible leaks? Have you expanded your power needs since February? I mean by getting more battery backup or solar panels? Have you reprogrammed your radios? We have had a few changes over the last few months. You got Vera up and running (that's what I need to do) or Winlink the old fashion way.

As for yourself and your family, have you refilled the propane tanks since February? We may not need heaters, but how about battery powered fans? So you can sleep. Have you restocked the pantry with the non-perishables? How about water storage, again in case the electricity goes out.

So there you have it. It may rain and it may not, but will you be ready if it does?

Some of us (including me) got caught flat footed to a certain extent in February. Are we any better off than then?

I hope so.

This concludes the training for tonight. Please hold me short time in regards to the remainder of the net.

This is W5DMD- back to Net control.