

August 16, 2020 WC-ARES Net Training: NOAA Predictions

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In case you don't know, or haven't heard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or NOAA has raised its forecast for the number of hurricanes that are possible this year. The predictions now state we have a 60% chance of having a higher than normal season. A 30% chance of having a normal season and an only a 10% chance of have a below normal season.

The hurricane season goes from June 1 to November 30th. As of right now, they are predicting 13-19 named storms, 6-10 hurricane's and 3-6 Major hurricanes. Well, true to form, the first named storm was on May 14. To date we have had 1 Tropical Depressions, and 11 named storms that included two hurricanes. These two hurricanes were not big ones as they were both category ones.

But at least Isaias made up for it as being a real pain. Many people on the upper east coast were out of power for almost 2 weeks. My point is, we are already at the bottom end of their predictions and we still have 2 and a half months to go. On top of that, hurricanes don't obey calendar as proven by Tropical Storm Arthur this year which showed up on May 19 over two weeks before the season was even to begin.

Now I can run down the rabbit hole of getting prepared for hurricanes in our area, but it all boils down to basically two things. Flooding and Power outage. We do flooding every year, so have your food and medicines and pets supplied and taken care of. We don't normally have too much power outage issues here, but it has been known to get as long as two or three days. So, if you have a generator, and it hasn't been started in a while, not may be that time. One to run a few fans and keep your refrigerator and freezer running at least for a couple hours a day might save you a lot of money and keep you a little more comfortable. Remember, September is still a hot month around here and October aint no picnic.

That concludes the training for this evening. Please put me down for short time in respect to the remainder of the net.