





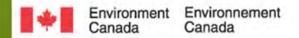
# Hurricanes in Canada

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- Introduction to Tropical Cyclones
- Historic Storms in Canada
- Summary of the 2010 Hurricane Season
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- Canadian Hurricane Centre Product changes for 2011





# What is a Tropical Cyclone?

A tropical cyclone is a non-frontal (no cold part of the storm) low-pressure system over tropical or sub-tropical waters with organized thunderstorm activity and definite surface wind circulation

<u>Tropical Cyclones are driven</u> by heat in ocean

Extratropical or "regular" storm is driven by the difference in air temperature

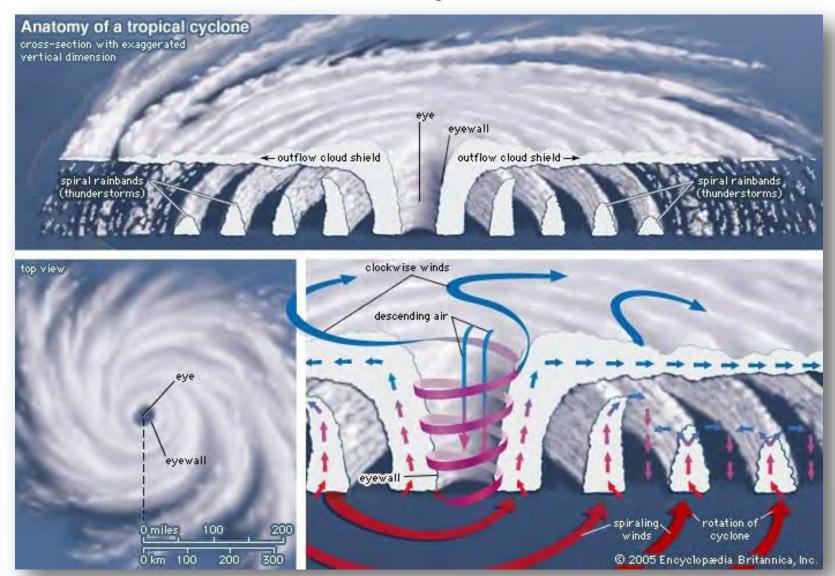
A "hurricane" is a regionally specific name for a strong "tropical cyclone".

**Hurricane Earl - 2010** 





# What is a Tropical Cyclone?





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# How to build a tropical cyclone

#### **Mechanical**

#### **Thermodynamic**

1) A pre-existing disturbance



4) Warm sea-surface temperatures (usually at least 26°C)



 Location several degrees north of the equator (spin)



5) Unstable atmosphere (temperature goes down as you go up)



 Little change in wind speed and/or direction with height (no wind shear)



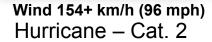
6) High atmospheric moisture content (relative humidity)





# Stages of Development

**Tropical Disturbance** Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Hurricane – Cat. 1 Wind 63+ km/h (39 mph) Wind 37+ km/h (23 mph) Wind < 37 km/h (23 mph) Wind 119+ km/h (74 mph)

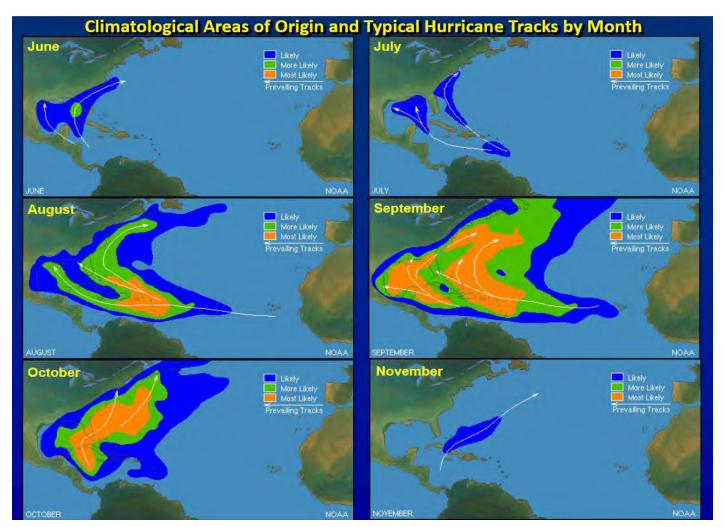


Wind 178+ km/h (111 mph) Wind 211+ km/h (131 mph) Wind > 251 km/h (156 mph) Hurricane — Cat 3 Hurricane — Cat. 4 Hurricane — Cat. 5





# Areas of Origin and Typical Hurricane Tracks by Month

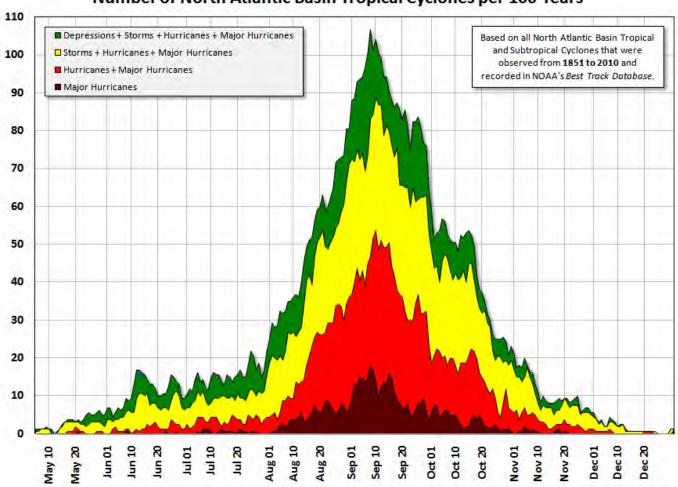






# **Tropical Cyclone Climatology**









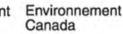








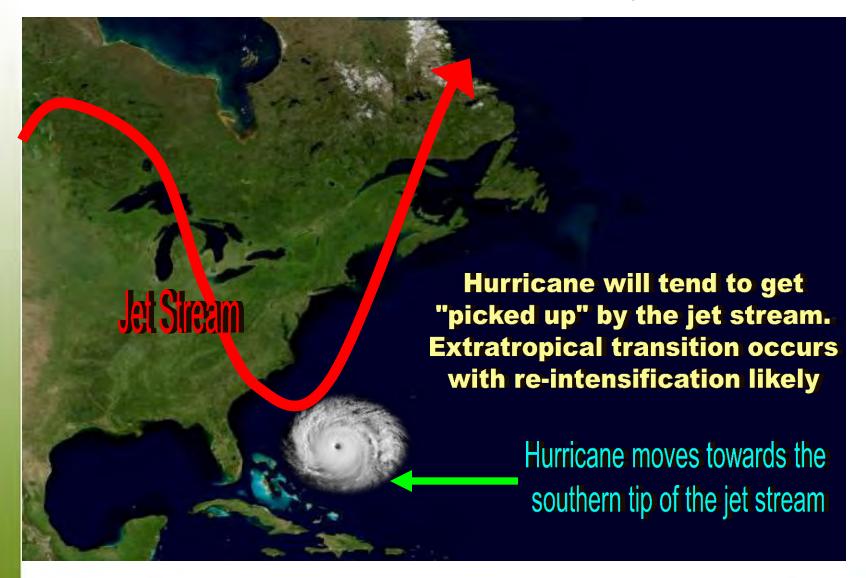








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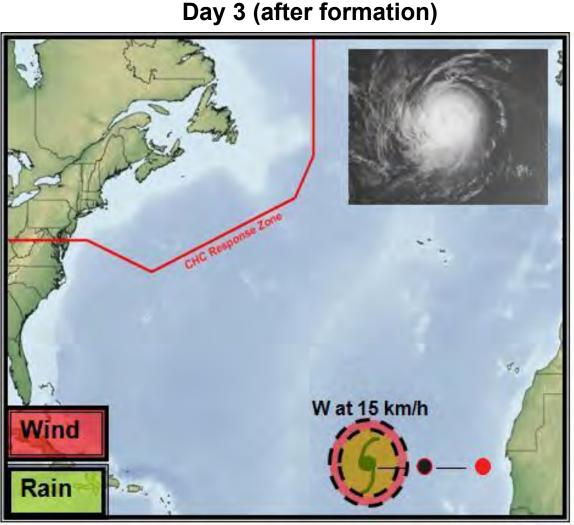






# Tropical Cyclone Stages- Hurricane

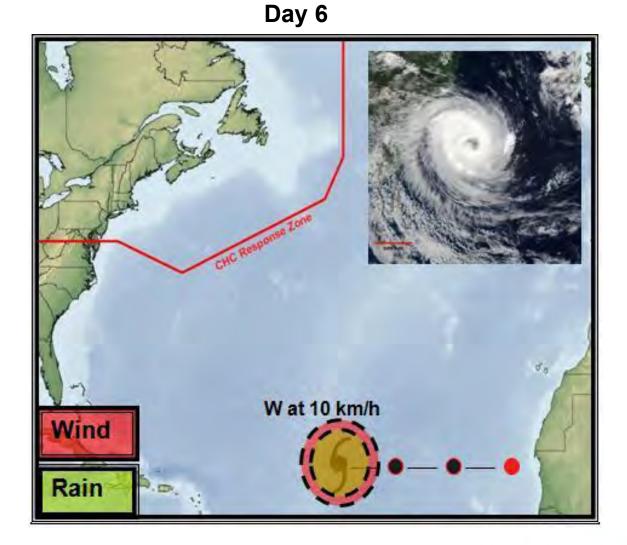
- Hurricane moves westward with the trade winds
- Rain and wind patters symmetric around the centre





# <u>Tropical Cyclone Stages – Category 2</u>

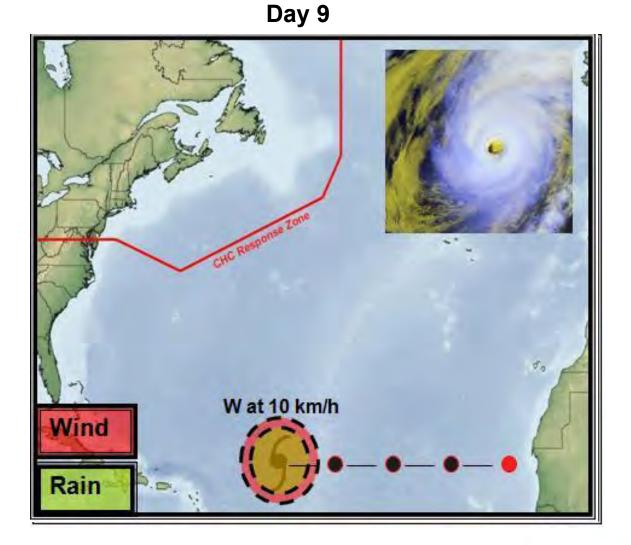
- Hurricane continues to move slowly westward with the trade winds
- Rain and wind patters symmetric around the centre

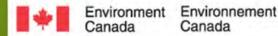




# **Tropical Cyclone Stages- Category 3**

- Hurricane continues to move slowly westward with the trade winds
- Rain and wind patters symmetric around the centre

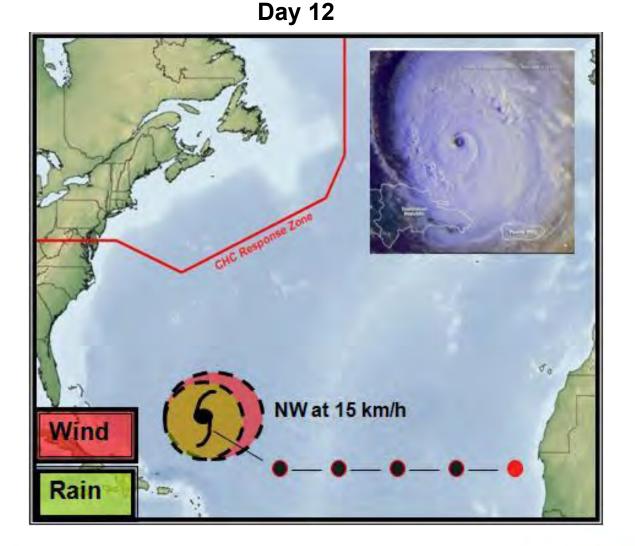






# Tropical Cyclone Stages- Category 4

- Hurricane begins to turn right and accelerate as it is influenced by the Bermuda High
- Rain and wind pattern symmetric around the centre but wind pattern begins to skew towards right of track

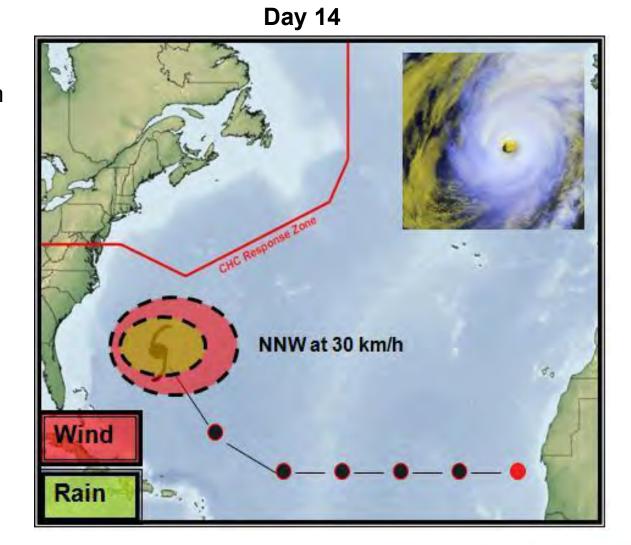






# **Tropical Cyclone Stages- Category 3**

- Hurricane continues to accelerate and turn towards the right
- Rain pattern symmetric but wind pattern begins to expand



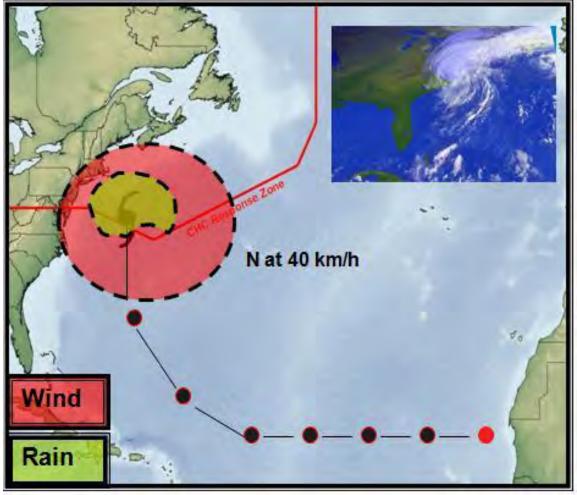




# **Tropical Cyclone Stages- Transition**

- Storm continues to accelerate and turn towards the right as the transition process is well underway
- Rain pattern gets eroded from the trailing half of the storm and wind pattern continues to expand – strongest winds on the right hand side of the track

Day 16

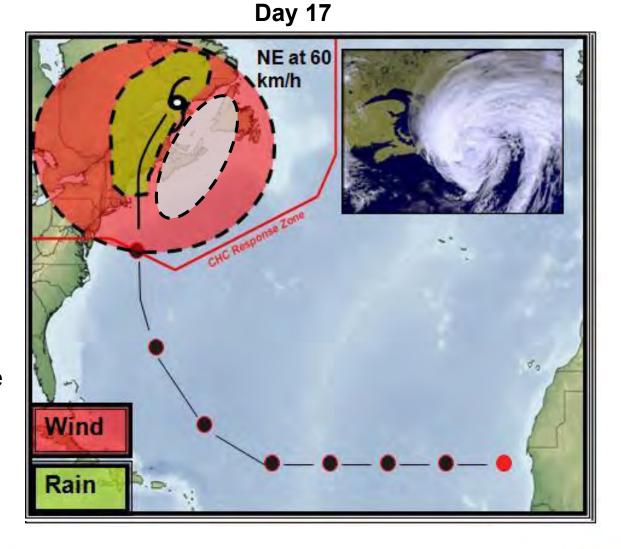






# Tropical Cyclone Stages- Post Tropical

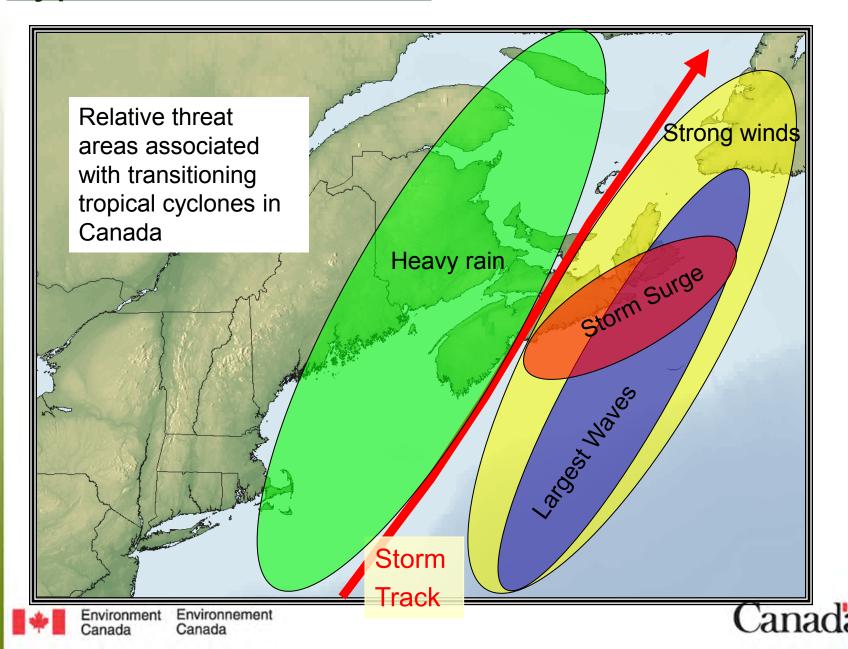
- Post-Tropical Storm continues to accelerate and turn towards the right
- Heaviest rain now shifted on the left of the track
- Wind pattern continues to expand – strongest winds on the right hand side of the track





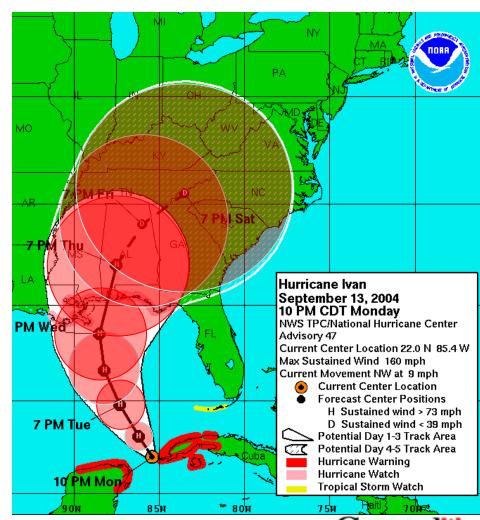


#### Typical Threat Areas



#### <u>Common Misconception – Track Forecast</u>

- Represents the probable track of the *center* of the tropical cyclone.
- Formed by connecting circles centered on each forecast point (at 12, 24, 36 h, etc.)
- Size of the circles determined so that, say, the actual storm position at 48 h will be within the 48-h circle 67% of the time.

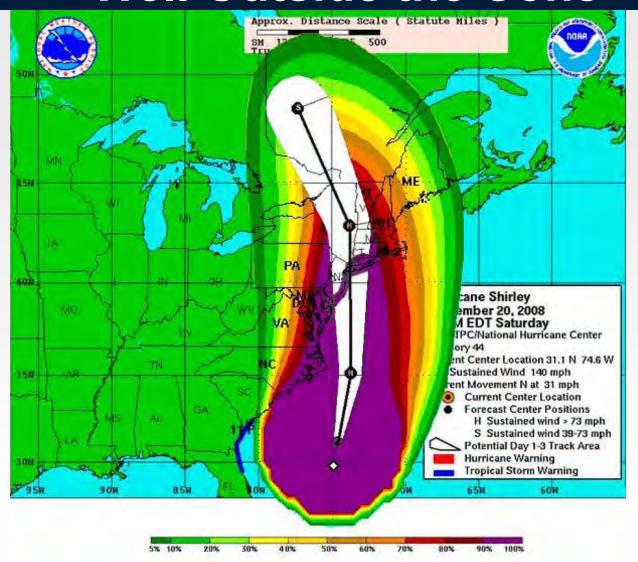




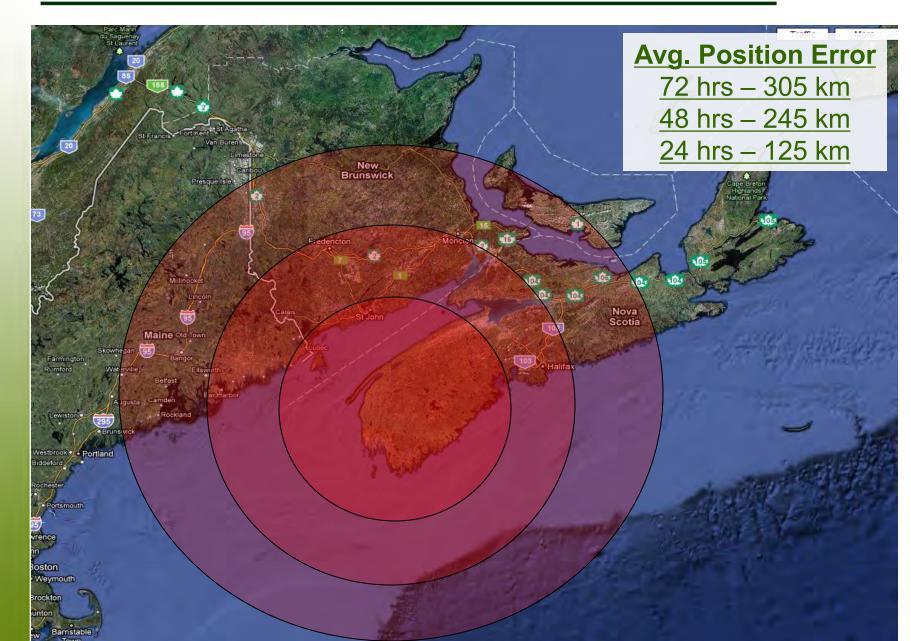




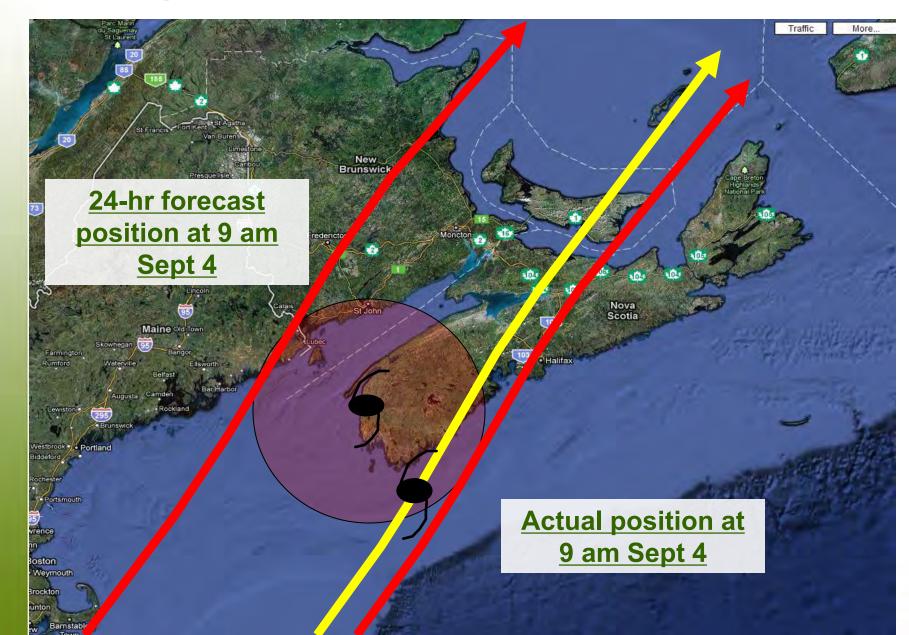
# Impacts can Occur Well Outside the Cone



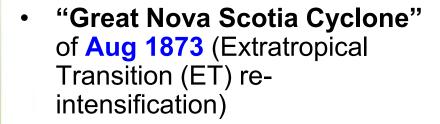
#### **Hurricane Position Forecast Errors**



# **Example: Hurricane Earl**



"Saxby Gale" of Oct 1869
 (Bay of Fundy surge flood)



 "Galveston Hurricane" of Sept 1900 – ET windstorm over SE'ern Canada with high winds (similar to lke (2008) overland windstorm in Ohio Valley)











 "Great August Gale" of 1927 (Nova Scotia) – similar to 1900 event – extreme right-of-track ET winds



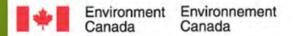
 Edna Sept 1954 – Nova Scotia – widespread forest blow-down











"Escuminac Disaster"
 June 1959 – ET re intensification/trough
 interaction



 Juan Sept 2003 – Nova Scotia cat-2 landfall, pre-ET, massive forest blow-down





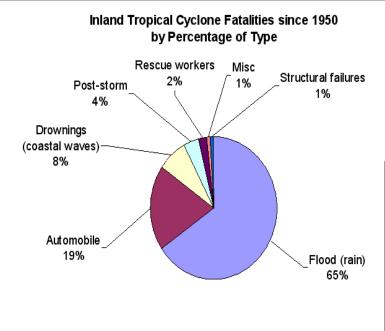


Igor Sept 2010 –
 Newfoundland strong cat-1,
 ET re-intensification, severe rainfall – numerous road/bridge washouts

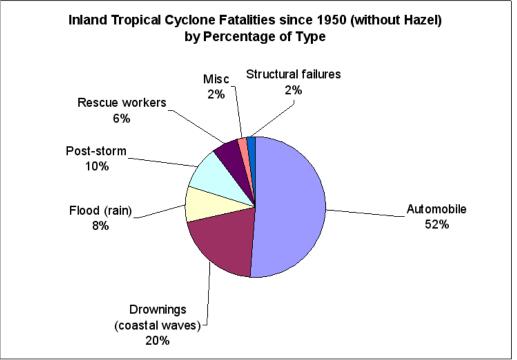


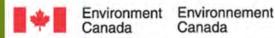


#### Tropical Cyclone Fatalities in Canada



•1954 "Hazel" caused 81 deaths most of which were due to drowning







#### Hurricane Season 2010 in Review

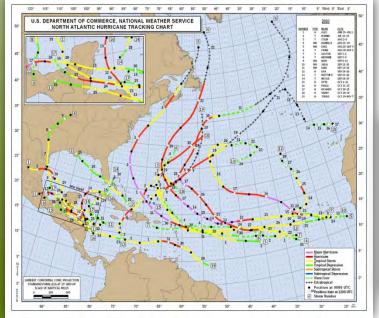
#### **Summary:**

19 Named Storms

12 Hurricanes

5 Major hurricanes

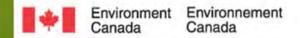




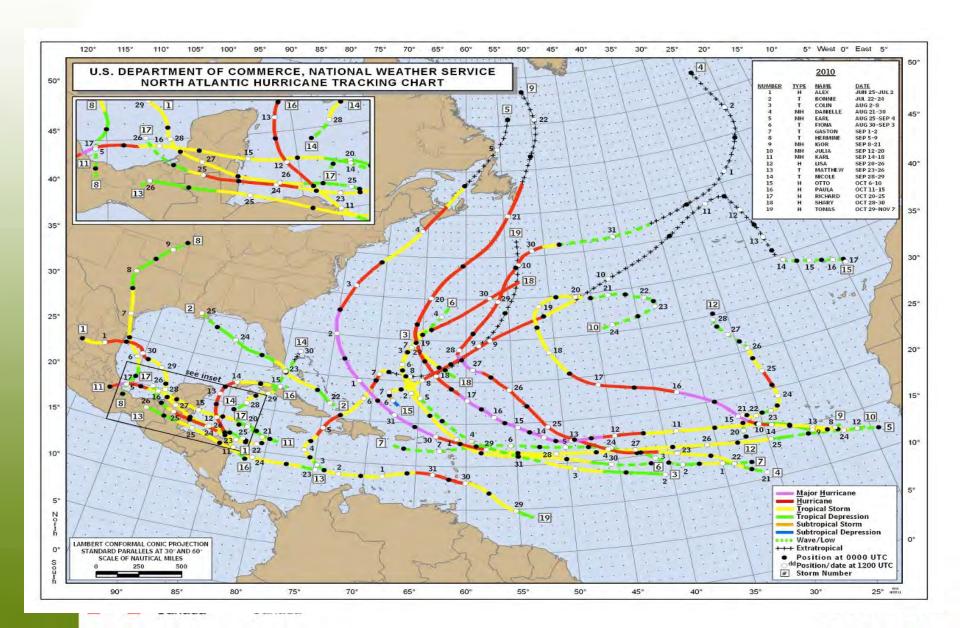


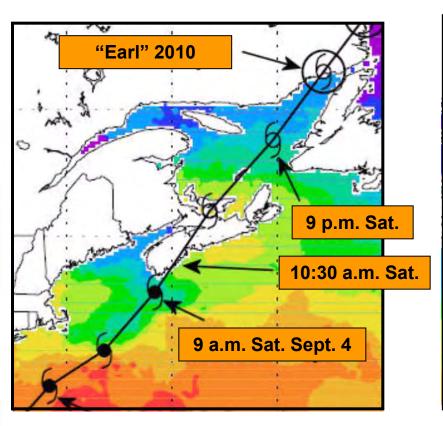
2010 Forecast	Named Storms (Avg. 9.6)	Hurricanes (Avg.5.9)	Cat. 3-5 Hurricanes (Avg. 2.3)
National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	14-23	8-14	3-7
Actual	19	12	5

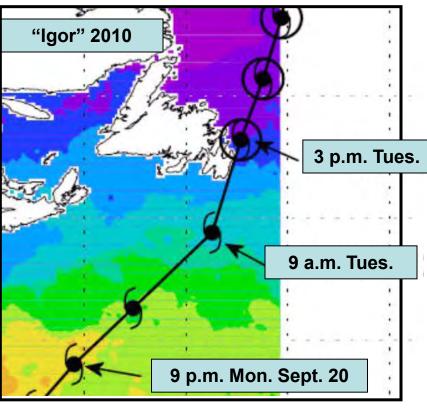
- CHC issued bulletins on 4 storms
- 3 storms entered CHC response zone
- 2 landfalling hurricanes in Canada

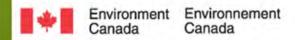














Hurricane Earl	Hurricane Igor	
September 4, 2010	September 21, 2010	
one of the largest and most clearly-defined hurricanes N.S. forecasters have seen in this region	the most damaging tropical cyclone to strike N.L. in modern era	
landfall as Category 1 hurricane causing high winds, significant waves, storm surges	landfall as Category 1 hurricane causing widespread damage and destruction near \$200 million	
	name has since been retired	

Other interesting facts about the 2010 Season

- One of the most active seasons on record
- First time since 1924 that Canada has had 2 landfalling hurricanes
- First time in a season with 10 or more named storms that the U.S. has not had a landfalling hurricane
- Fifth year in a row with no landfalling major hurricane in U.S.





2010 Hurricane Season in 4 minutes



http://www.nnvl.noaa.gov/MediaDetail.php?MediaID=595&MediaTypeID=2





# 2010 Season in Review - Hurricane Earl































### Hurricane Igor Summary





### Affected communities

As reported to the Department of Municipal Affairs

Adams Cove
Adeytown (LSD)
Baine Harbour
Bay de Verde
Bay L'argent
Beau Bois (LSD)
Boat Harbour
Bonavista
Brownsdale (LSD)
Burin
Canning's Cove (LSD)
Carbonear

Cavendish/Trinity Bay (LSD) Chance Cove Chapel Arm Clarenville Clarke's Beach Come By Chance

Dover

English Harbour East Epworth-Great Salmonier (LSD)

Fortune

Fox Cove/Mortier
Fox Harbour
Freshwater
Gambo
Gander
Garden Cove
Glovertown
Goobies (LSD)
Grand Bank
Grand Le Pierre
Harbour Grace

Harbour Mille - Little Harbour (LSD)

Hare Bay Heart's Content Heart's Delight Hickman's Harb

Hickman's Harbour (LSD) Hodge's Cove (LSD)

Holyrood Kings Cove Lamaline Lawn Lewin's Cove Lewisporte Little Catalina

Little St. Lawrence (LSD)

Logy Bay
Long Harbour
Marystown
Mount Pearl
Musgravetown
New Perlican
New Wes Valley
Norman's Cove
Old Perlican
Parker's Cove
Placentia
Point au Gaul
Point May
Port Blandford
Port Rexton

Random Island West

Red Harbour Rushoon Salmon Cove Sandringham South East Bight South River Southern Harbour Southwest Arm (LSD)

St Vincent's

St. Bernards/Jacq. Font.

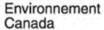
St. John's St. Lawrence Summerville (LSD) Sunnyside

Swift Current (LSD) Terra Nova

Terrenceville Torbay Trinity Bay North Victoria

Victoria Wabana Whiteway







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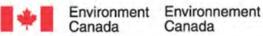
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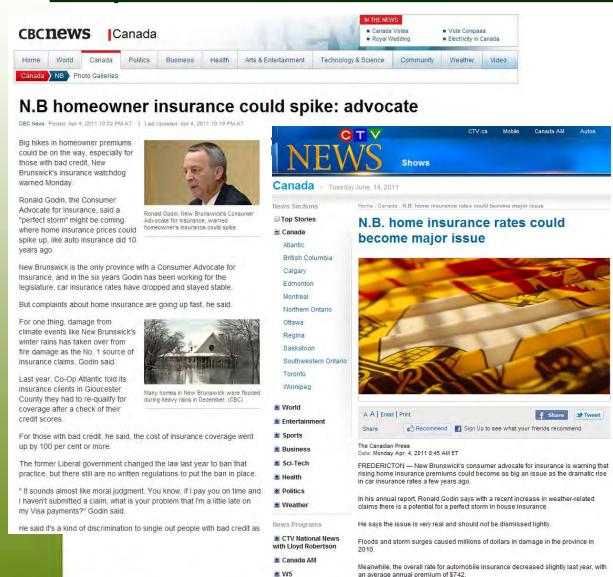








### Repercussions from the 2010 Season



After all these storms a regional newspaper in the Maritimes had a survey asking people if they were prepared for a hurricane or other natural disaster:

10% Yes

82% No

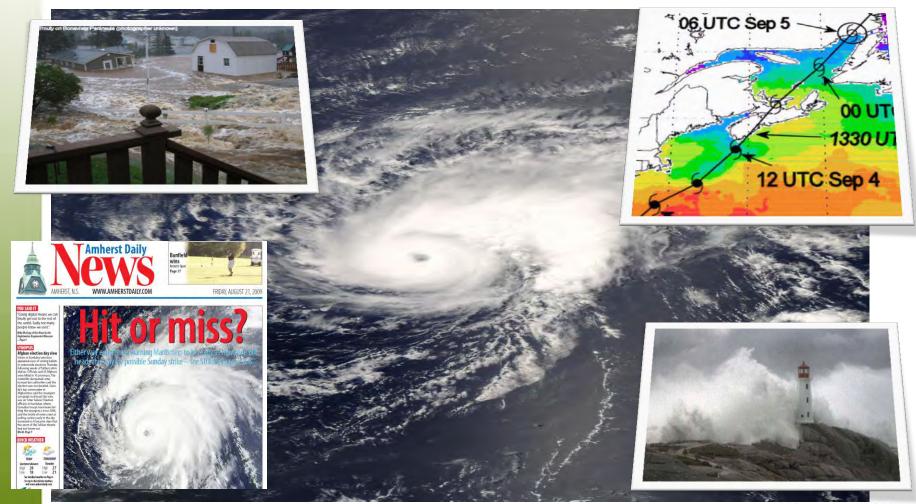
8% Don't know



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## 2011 Seasonal Hurricane Forecast

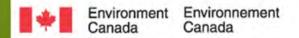






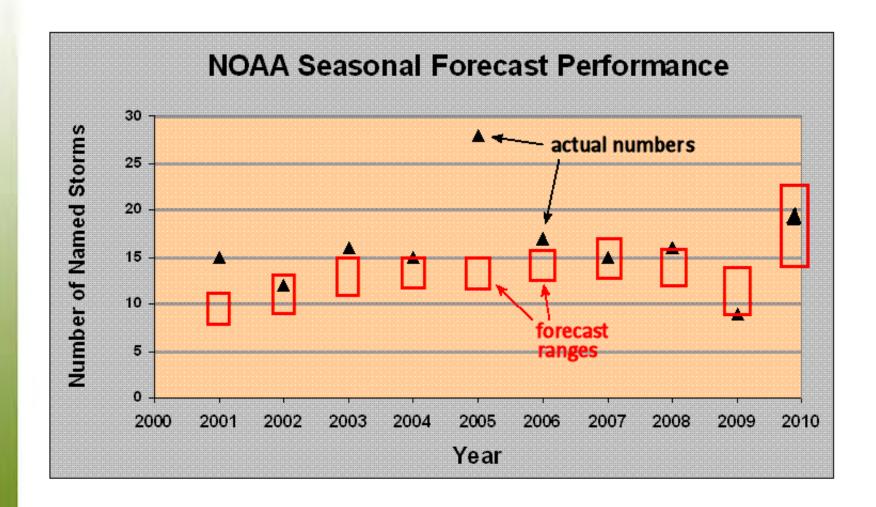
# Spring 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Forecast

	Named Storms	Hurricanes Category 1 to 5	Major Hurricanes Category 3-5		
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (US)	12-18	6-10	3-6		
2000-2010 Average	15 or 16	8	4		
1961-2010 Average	11	6	2 or 3		





### **NOAA Seasonal Forecast**

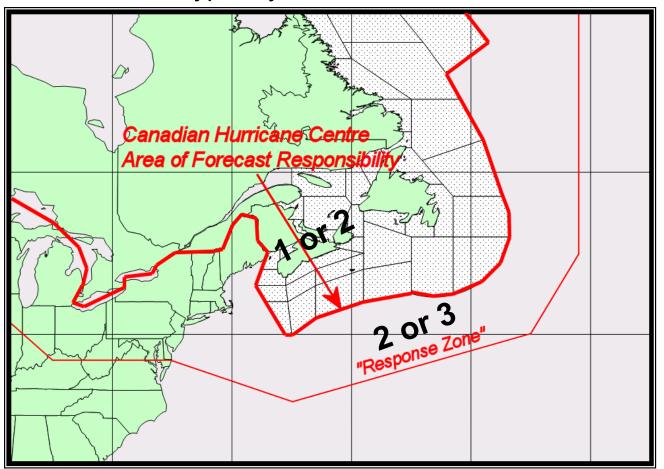






## CHC Response Zone

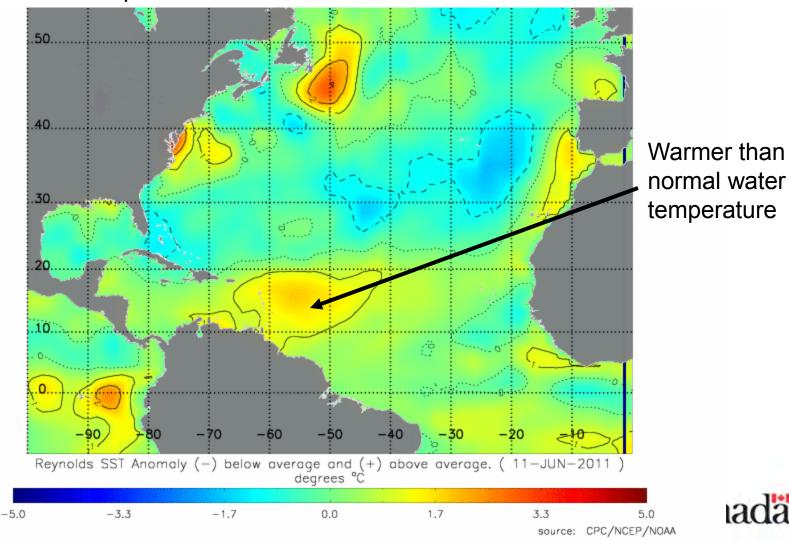
On average, 1 or 2 storms directly affect Canadian land regions each year. Another 2 or 3 typically threaten our offshore waters.





### Latest Water Temperature Patterns

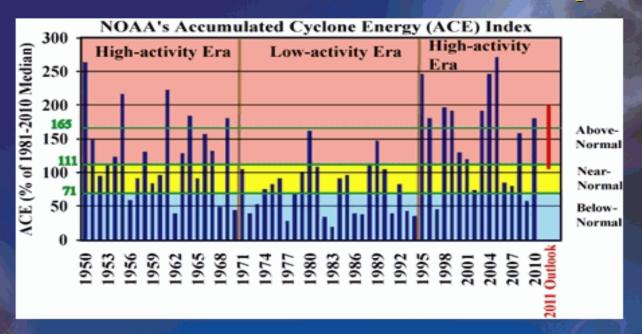
If this pattern persists into the summer, there will be an increased chance of storm development.



### We are in an active cycle right now



### The 2011 Atlantic Outlook in a Historical Perspective



NOAA's 2011 Atlantic hurricane season outlook indicates a 70% probability of an ACE range of 105%–200% of the median.

An ACE value above 165% of median reflects an extremely active (also called hyperactive) season.





### **Tropical Cyclone Names**

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Arlene	Alberto	Andrea	Arthur	Ana	Alex	
Bret	Beryl	Barry	Bertha	Bill	Bonnie	
Cindy	Chris	Chantal	Cristobal	Claudette	Colin	
Don	Debby	Dorian	Dolly	Danny	Danielle	
Emily	Ernesto	Erin	Edouard	Erika	Earl	
Franklin	Florence	Fernand	Fay	Fred	Fiona	
Gert	Gordon	Gabrielle	Gonzalo	Grace	Gaston	
Harvey	Helene	Humberto	Hanna	Henri	Hermine	
Irene	Isaac	Ingrid	Isaias	lda	lan **	
Jose	Joyce	Jerry	Josephine	Joaquin	Julia	
Katia	Kirk	Karen	Kyle	Kate	Karl	
Lee	Leslie	Lorenzo	Laura	Larry	Lisa	
Maria	Michael	Melissa	Marco	Mindy	Matthew	
Nate	Nadine	Nestor	Nana	Nicholas	Nicole	
Ophelia	Oscar	Olga	Omar	Odette	Otto	
Philippe	Patty	Pablo	Paulette	Peter	Paula	
Rina	Rafael	Rebekah	Rene	Rose	Richard	
Sean	Sandy	Sebastien	Sally	Sam	Shary	
Tammy	Tony	Tanya	Teddy	Teresa	Tobias **	
Vince	Valarie	Van	Vicky	Victor	Virginie	
Whitney	William	Wendy	Wilfred	Wanda	Walter	

\*\* From 2010,
Igor and Tomas
were retired
from the list of
names – only
the second time
that Canada has
requested a
storm name be
retired





## Changes to Canadian Hurricane Centre Forecast Products

### general bulletin (all users)

MOCN31 CWHX 201200

TROPICAL CYCLONE INFORMATION STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CANADIAN HURRICANE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 9.00 AM ADT MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2010.

INFORMATION STATEMENT FOR: =NEW= NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE NEXT STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY 3.00 PM ADT

IGOR NORTH OF BERMUDA, EXPECTED TO CROSS THE GRAND BANKS AND GIVE HEAVY RAIN AND GUSTY WINDS TO NEWFOUNDLAND ON TUESDAY.

=DISCUSSION=

1. SUMMARY OF BASIC INFORMATION AT 9.00 AM ADT

LOCATION: 35.2 N 64.0 W ABOUT 320 KM NORTH NORTHEAST OF BERMUDA MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS: 120 KM/H PRESENT MOVEMENT: NORTH NORTHEAST AT 33 KM/H MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE: 957 MB.

2. PUBLIC WEATHER IMPACTS AND WARNINGS SUMMARY

WHILE THE CENTRE OF IGOR IS EXPECTED TO PASS WELL SOUTHEAST OF THE AVALON PENINSULA LATER ON TUESDAY, IT IS EXPECTED TO SPREAD HEAVY RAIN ACROSS CENTRAL AND EASTERN PORTIONS OF THE PROVINCE TUESDAY MORNING. IN ADDITION, A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE UNRELATED TO IGOR WILL CROSS NEWFOUNDLAND TODAY AND TONIGHT AND SPREAD PERIODS OF RAIN TO

THE SOUTH COAST. THE NEWFOUND AND LARRADOR WEATHER OFFICE HAS ISSUED RAINFALL WAR TO THIS TROUGH, ON TUES TROPICAL MOISTURE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND, TOTAL RAT 50 TO 100 MILLIMETERS T AVALON PENINSULA WILL AMOUNTS ON THE AVALON RESULT THE NLWO HAS EXT EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND.

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### B RATMFALL

EXCESSIVE RAINFALL WILL AND RIVERS COMING OVER SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR

C. SURGE/WAVES

LONG PERIOD SWELLS OF UP TO 2 TO 3 METRES SPREADING OUT AHEAD OF IGOR WILL CONTINUE TO AFFECT THE ATLANTIC COLORTS OF MOVA SCOTTA AND NEWFOUNDLAID. IN ADDITION HIGGER THAN MORRAL WATER LEVELS AND HEAVY POUNDING SURF CAN BE EXPECTED ALCANG THE MORTHEAST AND EAST COLORTS OF MEMORPHOLING LATER IN THE DAY TUESDAY AS IGOR MOVED EAST OF THE GRAND

3. MARINE WEATHER IMPACTS AND WARNINGS SUMMARY

HURRICANE FORCE WINDS ARE EXPECTED CLOSE TO THE TRACK OF IGOR AS IT TRACKS NEAR LAUGENTIAN FAN TUESDAY MOONING AND CROSSES THE GRAND BANKS TUESDAY AFTERNOON. STORN FORCE WINDS WILL AFFECT MOST OFFSHORE WATERS. GALES ARE EXPECTED TO EXTEND FAR FRON IGOR AS IT PASSES BY ON WARREN, CALLS ARE ZAPELED ITO EARED FAR FOR TOOK AS IT PASSES OF THE UNION WARRINGS HAVE BEEN INSUED FOR THE UNION WARRINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE GRAND BANKS. STORM WARRINGS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR ADJACENT WARRINGS HAVE BEEN SHOULD FOR ADJACENT WARRINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOOTED FOR ADJACENT WARRINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOOTED FOR ADJACENT WARRINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOOTED FOR ADJACENT AND THE STORM WARRINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOOTED FOR ADJACENT AND THE STORM WARRINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN FOOTED FOR THE STORM WARRINGS HAVE BEEN FOR THE STORM WARRIN

AN AREA OF 9 TO 10 METRE SIGNIFICANT WAVE HEIGHTS (HIGHEST 1/3 OF THE WAVES) CAN BE EXPECTED NEAR AND CLOSE TO THE RIGHT-HAND-SIDE OF IGORS

- FORECAST POSITION, CENTRAL PRESSURE TABLE
- STRENGTH AND PREDICTED WIND RADII TABLE
- HURRICANE TRACK INFORMATION MAP

PLEASE REFER TO THE PUBLIC AND MARINE FORECASTS AND WARNINGS ISSUED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA FOR YOUR AREA.

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TROPICAL CYCLONE TECHNICAL INFORMATION STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CANADIAN HURRICANE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENT CANADA AT 9.00 AM ADT MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2010.

THE NEXT TECHNICAL STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY 3.00 PM ADT

1. CURRENT POSITION, STRENGTH, CENTRAL PRESSURE AND MOTION

AT 9.00 AM ADT, HURRICANE IGOR WAS LOCATED NEAR LATITUDE 35.2 N AND LONGITUDE 64.0 W, ABOUT 175 NAUTICAL MILES OR 320 KM NORTH NORTHEAST OF BERMUDA. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ARE ESTIMATED AT 65 KNOTS (120 KM/H) AND CENTRAL PRESSURE AT 957 MB. IGOR IS MOVING NORTH NORTHEAST AT 18 KNOTS (33 KM/H).

2. FORECAST POSITION, CENTRAL PRESSURE AND STRENGTH

DATE	TIME	LAT	LON	MSLP		WIND	
	ADT			MB	KTS	KMH	
SEP 20	9.00 AM	35.2N	63.7W	957	65	120	
SEP 20	9.00 PM	38.8N	60.1W	955	65	120	TRANSITIONING
SEP 21	9.00 AM	42.5N	55.2W	953	70	130	TRANSITIONING
SEP 21	9.00 PM	46.ON	49.5W	956	70	130	POST-TROPICAL
SEP 22	9.00 AM	48.5N	43.9W	960	65	120	POST-TROPICAL
SEP 22	9.00 PM	51.ON	39.3W	964	60	111	POST-TROPICAL

3. TECHNICAL DISCUSSION

### A. ANALYSIS

SATELLITE IMAGERY STILL SHOWS OUTFLOW PATTERN TO THE NORTH VAPOUR IMAGERY INDICATES SOME IN ADDITION, CONVECTION HAS DI SIDE OF IGOR BECOMING NEARLY RADAR DATA FROM BERMUDA SHOWS OVER 26C SSTS AND IS FORECAST TERM. SHEAR OVER IGOR WILL INC INCREASE IN INTENSITY IS EXPE

OBSERVATIONS INDICATE THAT IG FORCE WINDS EXTENDING UP TO 30 BERMUDA AIRPORT REPORTED A WIN ITS WEST. WINDS HAVE SINCE VEH HOWEVER AT 1025Z SOUTHWEST WIN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE HAS RISEN OF THE ISLAND.

DEPICT A BIGNIFICANT INTERACTION BETWEEN TRANSITIONING POUT-TROPICAL IGOR AND THE SHORT WAVE OVER MEMPOUNDLAND IN THE 24 TO 16 HOUR TIME FRAME, THERE IS LARGE TRACK UNCERTAINT, IGOR COULD TRACK AS FAR NORTH AS 30ST SOUTH OF CAPE FACE TO AN WHICH AS 900 KILOHETRES SOUTH OF

IGGR WILL BENATH OVER VERY WARR SETS FOR AROTHER 12 TO 24 HOURS. SHEAR WILL THEN INCREASE AND GRADUAL MEASENING OF IGGR IS EXPECTED BEYOND THE 36 TO 40 HOUR TIME PERIOD.

CYCLONE PHASE SPACE REPICTIONS SHOW EXTRATROPICAL TRANSPITION DEGINING TONIGHT, ALTHOUGH MOUT OF THE MODELS ARE SUGGESTING THAT THE TRANSITION PROCESS WILL BE SLOW, THE TIBING OF THEN TRANSITION, SPECIFICALLY HOW OUTCRLY IGOP'S PAINFALL PATTERN WILL SECONE ASYMMETRICAL AND SHIFT TO LEFT OF TRACS, COULD COME INTO PLAY WITH THE SHORT MAVE INTERACTION OVER WEMPORNDLAND

C. PREDUCTED WIND MARTI (NN)

TIME		GALES			STOPES				RURRICANE				
NE 28	S.V	NW.	NE	38	39	1716	21.6	28	34	5216			
SD\223	300	TES	200	3.60	180	150	120	125	1.10	90	30	-50	
21/002	910	295	205	350	100	159	110	115	190	90	50	59	
54/122	320	815	215	250	180	150	110	100	100	60	30	30	
22/002	535	535	230	250	160	155	315	95	60	60	15	10	
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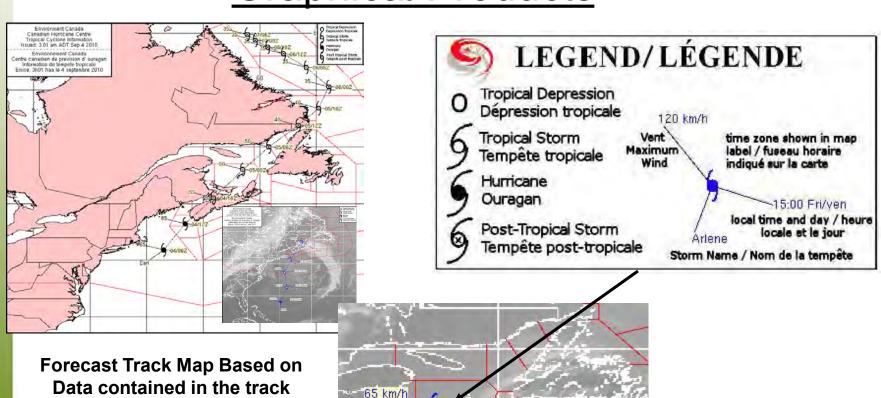




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