

Report on 2002 Hurricane Season in Bermuda

It was a very quiet year for Bermuda in terms of being affected by Hurricanes. The season on a whole, was above average. The Atlantic Basin saw 12 named storms, with 4 of these becoming Hurricanes. Two of these Hurricanes were Category III or higher. The average for a hurricane season (June 1- to November 30) is 10 named storms, 6 hurricanes, with 2 or those being Category III, or higher.

There are few interesting facts about this year's season. One, there were 8 named storms during the month of September, which is the most of any month. And second, the first hurricane did not form until September 11th. This is the latest date of formation on record. Records began in 1944.

This seasons storms were Arthur, Bertha, Cristobal, Dolly, Edouard, Fay, Hurricane Gustav, Hanna, Hurricane Isidore, Josephine, Hurricane Kyle and Hurricane Lily. Hurricane Kyle was the only one to come remote close to Bermuda, causing no damage. The others were responsible for 17 deaths, and over a billion dollars in damages across the continental United States.

Hurricane Kyle, at it closest, passed approximately 100 n mi to the south of Bermuda. It survived for 22 days in the Atlantic, which makes it the third longest lived tropical cyclone for this part of the world.

Summary of named storms

<i>Name</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Wind-MPH</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Damage</i>
<i>TS Arthur</i>	<i>14-16 JUL</i>	<i>60</i>		
<i>TS Bertha</i>	<i>4-9 AUG</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Minor</i>
<i>TS Cristobal</i>	<i>5-8 AUG</i>	<i>50</i>		
<i>TS Dolly</i>	<i>29 AUG – 4 SEP</i>	<i>60</i>		
<i>TS Edouard</i>	<i>1-6 SEP</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>Minor</i>
<i>TS Fay</i>	<i>5-7 SEP</i>	<i>60</i>		
<i>H Gustav</i>	<i>8-12 SEP</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Minor</i>
<i>TS Hanna</i>	<i>11-14 SEP</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Minor</i>
<i>H Isidore</i>	<i>14-26 SEP</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>\$200 Million</i>
<i>TS Josephine</i>	<i>17-19 SEP</i>	<i>40</i>		
<i>H Kyle</i>	<i>20 SEP – 12 OCT</i>	<i>85</i>		<i>Minor</i>
<i>H Lili</i>	<i>21 SEP – 4 OCT</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>\$800 Million</i>