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CERT Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2021

Dear Members,

We hope you were able to enjoy the holiday weekend, unfortunately the weather did not cooperate.

We know it has been a long year and that it feels great to resume the things we love to do. However, it's important to recognize that COVID-19 is still a very real threat. We must continue to do what we can and follow the recommended guidelines.

We have started with some CERT activities. Currently we are finishing a CERT Basic class for a small local group on the North Shore. Also, we have scheduled Division meetings for this month. The Division 1 meeting will be Wednesday, June 2 via ZOOM . Division Leader Bill Pavone will be hosting a presentation on the upcoming Hurricane season and the potential for weather activations. Information for the meeting can be found on the June calendar page of this newsletter. All are welcome to join the meeting. Division 2 meeting is schedule for June 30 in the OEM Lecture Hall. We will do this as safely as possible, maintain social distancing, wear mask and follow established protocols.

Stay Safe and Stay Healthy

Bob, Rick & Paul



NOAA predicts another active Atlantic hurricane season

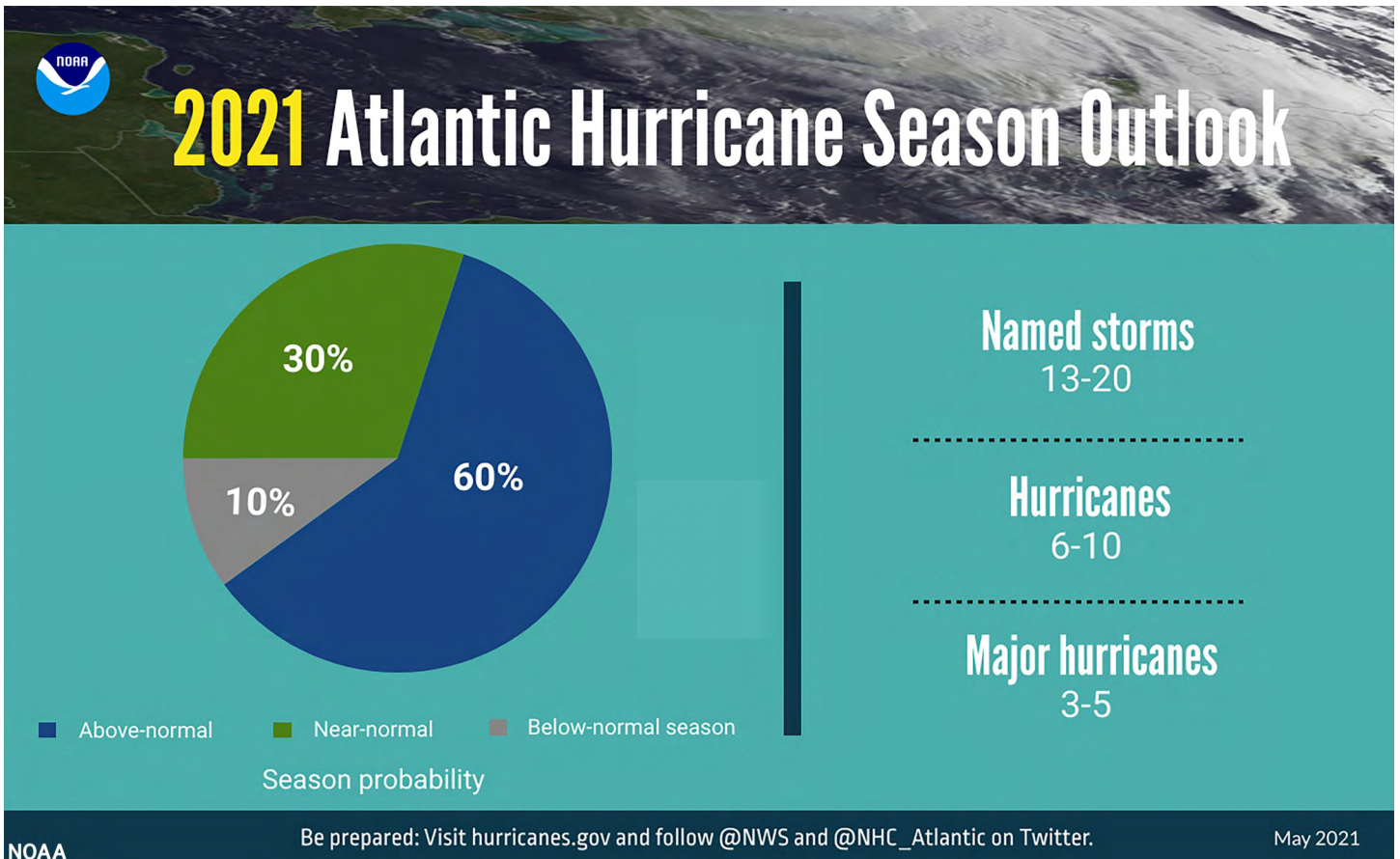
NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center is predicting another above-normal Atlantic hurricane season. Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season. However, experts do not anticipate the historic level of storm activity seen in 2020.



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For 2021, a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher) is expected. NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. The Atlantic hurricane season extends from June 1 through November 30.

“Now is the time for communities along the coastline as well as inland to get prepared for the dangers that hurricanes can bring,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “The experts at NOAA are poised to deliver life-saving early warnings and forecasts to communities, which will also help minimize the economic impacts of storms.”





NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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Last month, NOAA updated the statistics used to determine when hurricane seasons are above-, near-, or below-average relative to the latest climate record. Based on this update an average hurricane season produces 14 named storms, of which 7 become hurricanes, including 3 major hurricanes.

El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are currently in the neutral phase, with the possibility of the return of La Nina later in the hurricane season. “ENSO-neutral and La Nina support the conditions associated with the ongoing high-activity era,” said Matthew Rosencrans, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center. “Predicted warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea, weaker tropical Atlantic trade winds, and an enhanced west African monsoon will likely be factors in this year’s overall activity.” Scientists at NOAA also continue to study how climate change is impacting the strength and frequency of tropical cyclones.

“Although NOAA scientists don’t expect this season to be as busy as last year, it only takes one storm to devastate a community,” said Ben Friedman, acting NOAA administrator. “The forecasters at the National Hurricane Center are well-prepared with significant upgrades to our computer models, emerging observation techniques, and the expertise to deliver the life-saving forecasts that we all depend on during this, and every, hurricane season.”

In an effort to continuously enhance hurricane forecasting, NOAA made several updates to products and services that will improve hurricane forecasting during the 2021 season.

- In March, NOAA upgraded the flagship Global Forecast System (GFS) to improve hurricane genesis forecasting and coupled GFS with a wave model extending ocean wave forecasts from 10 days out to 16 days. Additionally, Global Positioning Satellite Radio Occultation (GPS-RO) data are now included in the GFS model, providing an additional source of observations to strengthen overall model performance.
- Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center are now using an upgraded probabilistic storm surge model — known as P-Surge — which includes improved tropical cyclone wind structure and storm size information that offers better predictability and accuracy. This upgrade extends the lead time of P-Surge forecast guidance from 48 to 60 hours in situations where there is high confidence.
- NOAA’s Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory will deploy its largest array of air and water uncrewed systems to gather data designed to help improve hurricane intensity forecasts and forecast models. New drones will be launched from NOAA Hurricane Hunter aircraft that will fly into the lower part of hurricanes, and in the ocean, saildrones, hurricane gliders, global drifters, and air-deployable technology — called ALAMO floats — will track various parts of the life cycle of tropical storms.



2021 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names

Ana
Bill
Claudette
Danny
Elsa
Fred
Grace

Henri
Ida
Julian
Kate
Larry
Mindy
Nicholas

Odette
Peter
Rose
Sam
Teresa
Victor
Wanda

Names provided by the World Meteorological Organization

"With hurricane season starting on June 1, now is the time to get ready and advance disaster resilience in our communities," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "Visit Ready.gov and Listo.gov to learn and take the steps to prepare yourself and others in your household. Download the FEMA app to sign-up for a variety of alerts and to access preparedness information. Purchase flood insurance to protect your greatest asset, your home. And, please encourage your neighbors, friends and coworkers to also get ready for the upcoming season."

NOAA also issued seasonal hurricane outlooks for the Eastern and Central Pacific basins, and will provide an update to the Atlantic outlook in early August, just prior to the peak of the season.



There are **six ways YOU can help build COVID-19 vaccine confidence:**

1. Encourage leaders in your family and community to be vaccine champions.
2. Have discussions about COVID-19 vaccines where people can openly discuss their views and ask questions.
3. Share key messages through multiple channels that people trust and that promote action.
4. Help educate people about COVID-19 vaccines, how they are developed and monitored for safety, and how individuals can talk to others about the vaccines.
5. Learn more about finding credible vaccine information. When you come across COVID-19 information, cross-check with [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and learn how to respond to misinformation you encounter.
6. When vaccine is offered to you, make visible your decision to get vaccinated and celebrate it!





COVID-19 Vaccine for Preteens and Teens

CDC recommends vaccination for everyone 12 years and older to help protect against COVID-19.

Why does my child need a COVID-19 vaccine?

COVID-19 vaccines help protect kids from getting COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will also help keep them from getting seriously ill even if they do get COVID-19.

When should my child be vaccinated?

All kids who are 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine. If your preteen or teen hasn't gotten their vaccine yet, talk to their doctor about getting it as soon as possible.

Are COVID-19 vaccines safe for my child?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccination provides safe and effective protection against the virus that causes COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines have been used under the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is now available for everyone ages 12 and older. In the clinical trial for children ages 12 through 15, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 100% effective at preventing COVID-19 with symptoms. In addition, children's immune systems responded to the vaccine in a way similar to those of older teens and young adults. No safety concerns were identified in the clinical trial.

All authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines:

- are safe,
- are effective
- help protect from severe illness

Before, during and after your child's vaccination

- Your child will need 2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart to get the most protection.
- Tell the doctor or nurse about any allergies your child may have.
- Comfort your child during the appointment.
- To prevent fainting and injuries related to fainting, your child should be seated or lying down during vaccination and for 15 minutes after the vaccine is given.
- After your child's COVID-19 vaccination, you will be asked to stay for 15 minutes so your child can be observed in case they have a severe allergic reaction and need immediate treatment.





What are the side effects?

Your child may have some side effects, which are normal signs that their body is building protection. These side effects may affect your child's ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Some people have no side effects. Side effects from the second shot may be more intense than after the first shot.

Possible side effects after COVID-19 vaccination include:

| On the arm where you got the shot: | Throughout the rest of your body: |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain• Redness• Swelling  | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiredness• Headache• Muscle pain• Chills• Fever• Nausea  |

The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination far outweigh any potential risk of side effects. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect your child from getting COVID-19.

Contact your child's healthcare provider:

- If the redness or tenderness where the shot gets worse after 24 hours.
- If the side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days.

Who is paying for COVID-19 vaccines?

The federal government is providing COVID-19 vaccines free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status. COVID-19 vaccination providers **cannot**:

- Charge you for the vaccine
- Charge you directly for any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance
- Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or is out of network
- Charge an office visit or other fee to the recipient if the only service provided is a COVID-19 vaccination
- Require additional services in order for a person to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Where can I learn more?

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines that your child may need.

You can also find out more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services

(RACES)

RACES / CERT Comms Group SITREP

June 2021



RACES is now holding meetings on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is Thursday, June 3.

All the meetings for the foreseeable future will be vital meetings via Zoom.


Anyone wishing to attend can Join from any computer, tablet, or smartphone by entering:

<https://zoom.us/j/95928146234> in your browser.

Or, for audio only, you may dial by phone: 646-876-9923 and enter Meeting ID: 959 2814 6234 #

Any questions you can contact us at nassaucountyny.races@gmail.com

June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Division 1 Meeting 7:30pm | 3 RACES Meeting 7:30pm | 4 | 5 |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Division 2 Meeting 7:30pm | | | |
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Important CERT Dates

Division 1 Meeting

June 2
Time: 7:30 pm
ZOOM

RACES Meeting

June 3
Time: 7:30 pm
ZOOM

Division 2 Meeting

June 30
Time: 7:30 pm
OEM Lecture Hall

Nassau County CERT: Division 1 Meeting - Wed June 2nd


Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6702005268>

One tap mobile: +19292056099,,6702005268#

Dial in: +1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 670 200 5268

July 2021

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Important CERT Dates

RACES Meeting

July 1

Time: 7:30 pm

TBD



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