

= 1865 Atlantic hurricane season =

The 1865 Atlantic hurricane season included two landfalling hurricanes , with one that caused over 325 deaths . The first storm was reported on May 30 by ships in the western Caribbean . A month later , a storm hit southern Texas , and in late August , a storm paralleled the coastline of the Carolinas . The fourth storm of the season was also the longest @-@ lasting , forming east of the Lesser Antilles before hitting Guadeloupe and eventually moving ashore in Louisiana . In both of its major landfalls , the storm left many houses destroyed . There was confusion whether or not the fifth storm of the season was separate from the fourth storm , as both systems struck Louisiana in September . Another hurricane occurred in late September , before the final storm of the season developed north of Panama . The final hurricane struck Cuba and Key West , Florida before dissipating north of Bermuda on October 25 .

At one time , one hurricane researcher identified a tropical storm over Cuba in late August , although there was no evidence the storm actually existed . There was also a report of a hurricane over Louisiana on October 22 , although it is unknown if it was related to other storms in the season . There may have been additional unconfirmed tropical cyclones during the season . Meteorologist Christopher Landsea estimates up to six storms were missed from the official database , due to small tropical cyclone size , sparse ship reports , and relatively unpopulated coastlines .

= = Timeline = =

= = Storms = =

= = = Tropical Storm One = = =

On May 30 , a tropical storm in the western Caribbean Sea wrecked a ship named the " Golden Rule " , which was sailing from New York to the east coast of Nicaragua . The ship first encountered the storm on May 29 , reporting high winds and heavy rainfall . After the wreck , the crew sailed to a nearby island , where they were rescued by two United States ships after 10 days . The winds were estimated at 60 mph ( 95 km / h ) , although the entire track of the storm is unknown .

= = = Tropical Storm Two = = =

The second known storm of the season was reported near Brownsville , Texas on June 30 . Its existence is known based on a newspaper report in the New Orleans Times . The winds were estimated at 60 mph ( 95 km / h ) ; however , it is a potentially unreliable estimate due to a lack of significant population providing observations . The entire track of the storm is unknown .

= = = Tropical Storm Three = = =

A ship off the coast of Hatteras , North Carolina sustained damage from a storm on August 20 . Further ship reports indicated the tropical storm maintained a general northeast track off the North Carolina coastline . On August 22 the storm made its closest approach to the state , and while remaining offshore it produced winds of around 45 mph ( 72 km / h ) along the coast . Around that time , the storm attained peak winds of 70 mph ( 120 km / h ) over the ocean . On August 23 , high waves from the storm left one ship 's cargo a complete wreck . It was last observed on August 24 to the southeast of Nantucket .

= = = Hurricane Four = = =

The fourth tropical cyclone of the season , also the longest @-@ lasting , was first observed on

September 6 to the east of the Lesser Antilles . A small cyclone , it tracked westward and struck Guadeloupe as a fully developed hurricane . Many residents in the small nearby island of Marie @-@ Galante evacuated to Guadeloupe , but some died in the attempt . In Îles des Saintes , the hurricane destroyed all but two buildings . Damage was similarly heavy in Basse @-@ Terre . The overall death toll was estimated at 300 , including 36 on Marie @-@ Galante . After moving through the Lesser Antilles , the hurricane moved through the Caribbean Sea , passing between Jamaica and Haiti and bypassing Cuba to the south . It curved northward in the Gulf of Mexico , moving ashore on September 13 near the border between Texas and Louisiana with an estimated atmospheric pressure of 969 millibars ( 28 @. @ 6 inHg ) .

Upon moving ashore , the hurricane produced high tides as far east as the mouth of the Mississippi River , in addition to as far inland as Calcasieu Lake , Louisiana . Three towns were destroyed , causing two of them to be abandoned . Across the state , there were 25 deaths , many of them in Leesburg . In neighboring Texas , damage was greatest in Orange , where 196 homes were destroyed out of the 200 in the town . The hurricane capsized 19 boats in the Sabine River , causing multiple deaths . The hurricane weakened over Louisiana and dissipated over Arkansas on September 14 . It was also known as the " Sabine River @-@ Lake Calcasieu Storm " .

= = = Tropical Storm Five = = =

A tropical storm struck the south @-@ central Louisiana coast on September 7 , while the previous system was located over the Caribbean . The storm wrecked a ship , and its winds were estimated around 70 mph ( 120 km / h ) . The track was incomplete , and there was a possibility that the storm was misreported as the previous hurricane .

= = = Hurricane Six = = =

On September 28 , a ship encountered a hurricane to the northeast of the Turks and Caicos islands . The winds in the hurricane extended far to the northwest , and high waves affected the southeast United States coast from Charleston , South Carolina to Cape Hatteras . The hurricane 's track is unknown .

= = = Hurricane Seven = = =

The final tropical cyclone of the season formed on October 18 , just north of the coast of Panama . The storm brushed the country 's coast with high waves for several days , causing \$ 300 @, @ 000 in damage ( 1865 USD ) . Moving north @-@ northwestward , the storm intensified into a hurricane by October 21 over the western Caribbean . After turning more to the north , it struck Cuba , producing strong winds that destroyed the roof of the Belen College Observatory in Havana . In the city , the hurricane destroyed several boats and houses . A station on the island recorded a pressure of 975 mbar ( 28 @. @ 78 inHg ) , suggesting winds of about 80 mph ( 135 km / h ) .

After crossing the island , the hurricane intensified further over the Florida straits until striking Key West , Florida , where peak winds were estimated around 105 mph ( 165 km / h ) . Its pressure was estimated at 969 millibars ( 28 @. @ 6 inHg ) , and the hurricane either sunk or washed every boat ashore at the harbor in Key West . Rainfall totaled 4 @. @ 10 in ( 104 mm ) over a three @-@ day period . In nearby Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas , the hurricane destroyed one building and damaged several others , killing one person . It later moved across the Florida mainland , weakening slightly . About a dozen ships encountered the hurricane across the western Atlantic , before the storm was last observed on October 25 north of Bermuda .