

Hurricane Report for 2006

Compared to last year that was an above average season this year in comparison saw nine named systems, five of which became hurricanes. With respect to Anguilla the closest system that threatened the North Eastern Caribbean was Tropical storm Chris that passed north of Anguilla on August 3rd with maximum winds of 50 knots or 60 mph. near latitude 18.8 degrees N 62.6 degrees W at 0900z moving WNW passing over Cuba as a tropical storm and then after weakening. This position saw the island experiencing some moderate gusts of about 30 knots but not for a long period.

Last year during the months of June through November the rainfall amount was 781.4 mm or 30.76 inches. This year the total for the same period was 686.8 mm or 27.04 inches. Last season the months that accounted for more than half of that total was June and July with 391.8 mm or 15.43 inches; this year the wettest month was October with 214.1 mm or 8.42 inches. This sum was due to a stationery low pressure system that was in the area from the 18th

-20th Oct. that had rainfall amounts of 136.4mm or 5.37 inches. Flash flood warnings were issued with flooding occurring in nearby St. Maarten and above average amounts of water in flat areas in Anguilla.

For the most part, this year in recent times was one of the least active seasons but in terms of rainfall amounts continues to be an above average year with 1046.5 mm or 41.20 inches up to the end of November.
