

Hurricane Watch Net Manager: September is Gearing Up to be an Active Month

While the Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) on September 5 formally secured operations initiated ahead of Tropical Storm Gordon, which had been forecast to become a Category 1 hurricane, the HWN is keeping close watch on Hurricane Florence, currently a Category 3 storm still out in the Atlantic.

"Computer models are all over the place, but the people of Bermuda should closely monitor the progress of Florence," HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, told ARRL. "Since 2014, the island has been hit by four storms." Graves said the net could soon find itself tracking Helene (now called Invest 92L) and a developing system that could become Isaac.

"Bottom line, September is gearing up to be an active month. I'm just praying these storms remain away from land," Graves said.

As of mid-week, Hurricane Florence was some 1,060 miles east-northeast of the northern Leeward Islands, and about 1,170 miles east-southeast of Bermuda, with maximum sustained winds of 115 MPH. The storm was moving to the northwest at 12 MPH. The National Hurricane Center predicted Florence would turn back toward the northwest early next week. Although it weakened somewhat this week, the storm was predicted to remain a strong hurricane into next week.



On September 6, Hurricane Florence was still some distance from landfall. [NOAA graphic]

knocked out power for tens of thousands in the region.

"The 2018 Atlantic Basin hurricane season is still young, so please, do not drop your guard," Graves advised. "If you haven't done so already, now would be a good time to review your Family Emergency Plan and your Emergency Supply Checklist. We have links to download both, found in the middle of our website [homepage](#)."

