

SECTOR NC HURRICANE CONDITIONS

USCG Auxiliary Division 20 Preparedness

Hurricane conditions (HURCON) are set to indicate the approach of a hurricane. As defined below, the condition level indicates the time remaining before winds of hurricane force are probable to reach the local area. As a hurricane approaches, the level changes and the readiness requirements are increased.

1. **HURCON FIVE.** This is the seasonal alert automatically assumed 1 June through 30 November. It may be set at other times by designated authority.
2. **HURCON FOUR.** Hurricane winds are probable within 72 hours. Owners of operational vessel facilities (OPFAC owners) should advise FSO-OP of probable availability and arrange for crew that can reach vessel. Check facility, fill & maintain fuel to at least 90% capacity. Fill and maintain water tanks.
3. **HURCON THREE.** Hurricane winds are probable within 48 hours. OPFAC owners should contact crew and notify FSO-OP of crew availability, including their evacuation intentions. Secure facility for storm.
4. **HURCON TWO.** Hurricane winds are probable within 24 hours. OPFAC owners recheck facility/equipment, contact crew and report status to FSO-OP, including their evacuation intentions.
5. **HURCON ONE.** Hurricane winds are probable within 12 hours. All members seek safety and prepare for call out once storm has passed. OPFAC owners and crew members advise FSO-OP of their evacuation intentions.
6. **Post Hurricane Recovery.** The hurricane has hit and is no longer a threat to the local area. Members assess damage to their property and advise the FSO-OP when ready to assist with recovery efforts. NOTE: Any members needing assistance should contact FC/VFC.