

National Hurricane Center's Annual WX4NHC Station Test is May 29

WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center ([NHC](#)) in Miami will conduct its annual on-the-air test on **Saturday, May 29, 1300 - 2100 UTC**. The traditional exercise takes place each year ahead of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which runs June 1 - November 30. This hurricane season, WX4NHC operators plan to be working remotely again; the NHC will maintain all CDC



pandemic protocols until the end of 2021. Only the chief meteorologist and staff may enter the building.

"Last year's season was an incredibly busy one, but the remote WX4NHC operations were successful, collecting many important reports via the Hurricane Watch Net, VoIP Hurricane Net, Winlink, the online hurricane report form, as well as many other means and modes," said WX4NHC Assistant Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R.

Hurricane Preparedness Week is May 9 - 15. Radio amateurs in hurricane-prone areas of the US should have an emergency plan in place before June 1. Now is the time, too, to harden and prepare your station for power outages. This means having multiple sources of back-up power, including batteries and, perhaps, a gas-powered generator. Test them now.

Ensure your ability to take down and install antennas quickly and efficiently when storms threaten your area.

Hurricane Season 2021 nets to know include the **Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) on 14.325 and 7.268 MHz**, the Caribbean Emergency Weather Net ([CEWN](#)) on 3.815 and 7.188 MHz, the Marine Maritime Services Net ([MMSN](#)) on 14.300 MHz, the [Intercontinental Net](#) on 14.300 MHz, and the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network ([SATERN](#)) on 14.260 MHz.