



1910 Hurricane Strikes West Florida

Fact Sheet

Event date: October 9 - 23, 1910

Peak winds: 150 mph

Landfall winds: 110 mph

Minimum pressure: 924 mb

Landfall pressure: 28.47 in Key West, FL

Death toll: ~101



FIG. 1.—Path of the storm.

Figure 1. Proposed storm track.

Summary of event:

Tampa felt a maximum velocity of 60 mph sustained, with gusts to hurricane force. The lowest pressure recorded in Tampa was 979 mb at 7:45 the morning of October 18, 1910. The minimum pressure achieved by the storm was 924 mb with a maximum wind speed of 150 mph. Some damage occurred to boats and ships anchored in the Hillsborough River when the hurricane caused



the water to drop about 9 feet below mean tide. According to George Wurtz, locals in Cape Romano and points southward could only escape the rising tide by climbing trees.

HURRICANE NEARS TRAIL OF DAMAGE THE FLORIDA COAST LEFT BY HURRICANE

HURRICANE NOW IN FLORIDA.

The centre of the storm is expected to strike the Florida coast near Tampa early

CAUGHT IN GULF HURRICANE

Schooner Holliswood Pounding Hard
When Steamer Harold Came Along
—Revenue Cutter to Look for Her.

STICKS TO HIS SHIP, A DERELICT AT SEA

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 22.—More than a score of small fishing vessels were sunk in Tuesday's hurricane, and in several cases their crews drowned, according to advices brought here to-day from Boca Grande, Southern Florida, by a sailing vessel. Fishing camps on the exposed keys were also washed away, in some instances leaving no clue to the fate of their occupants.

"Report Me to My Owners," Was
Capt. Walls's Good-Bye to
His Rescued Crew.

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TROPICAL STORM COMING.

The storm seems to be moving slowly directly toward Tampa, and the local forecaster, Mr. Wurtz, announces that a hurricane of at least eighty miles an hour will be experienced here or in this immediate vicinity to-night.

Newspaper headlines and damage pictures.

Links for more information:

<http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/general/lib/lib1/nhclib/mwreviews/1910.pdf>

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