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Bill continues to intensify in the Atlantic

Mark Avery, Lead Meteorologist, The Weather Channel  
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ATLANTIC

Bill became the first hurricane of the season on Monday morning. It continued to strengthen throughout the day and reached category 2 strength Monday evening, currently with sustained winds near 100 miles per hour. There is a chance Bill could go through rapid intensification today, and is currently expected to become a major hurricane in the next day or so.

The current forecast track for Bill keeps it north of the Lesser Antilles, heading in the general direction of Bermuda, or between Bermuda and the North Carolina Outer Banks, over the weekend.

Regardless of whether Bill makes landfall, rough surf is expected along the beaches of the Northern Leeward Islands, Puerto Rico, and Hispaniola by midweek, the Bahamas by late week, and the East Coast of the U.S. by the weekend into early next week. Dangerous rip currents can be expected once swells generated by Bill reach coastal areas.

Residents and visitors in Bermuda should pay close attention to the progress of Bill.

CENTRAL PACIFIC

Tropical Storm Guillermo continues to weaken, top sustained winds are 45 mph.

It is located 490 miles northeast of Hilo, Hawaii, while continuing to move west-northwest.

The tropical storm is forecast to pass well north of Hawaii. Rough surf is expected along Hawaii's north facing beaches for the next few days.



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