

Ivan will be a cat-5

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If meteorology were Texas Hold 'Em, I'm going all-in.

This entire season has shown a propensity for early-developing low-latitude mid-Atlantic storms. (How many times has it been already that one can actually see the Cape Verde islands in a Navy close-up shot of a storm which is beyond a mere "Invest"? Two? Three?)

Ivan is scheduled to track due west into the Caribbean at or below 15N in a no-shear environment (with several models having it at least cat-4 by island-strike), and from there, given my long-range take on the situation at that point, probably follow an Allen, David or Gilbert track.

With Frances' outflow currently smothering all convection in the Caribbean, and trades generally light, the water out ahead of Ivan will have a week to soak up plenty of solar heating. As Frances lifts out, the Caribbean will fall under the influence of easterly winds at all levels, perfect for enabling a quick-moving Ivan to reach maximum SST supportable intensity, which would generably be 160mph near the islands to 180+ in the west end (provided, of course, it doesn't smack the Greater Antilles).

There. I've posted it. The weather gods may now have their way with me.

Track record: The weather gods, who must own condos on Daytona Beach, happily shred all of my strong-hurricane-hits-US predictions, but delight in killing thousands of people in Central and Latin America when I predict cat-4/5s in the Caribbean.

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-- Jeffrey Quick