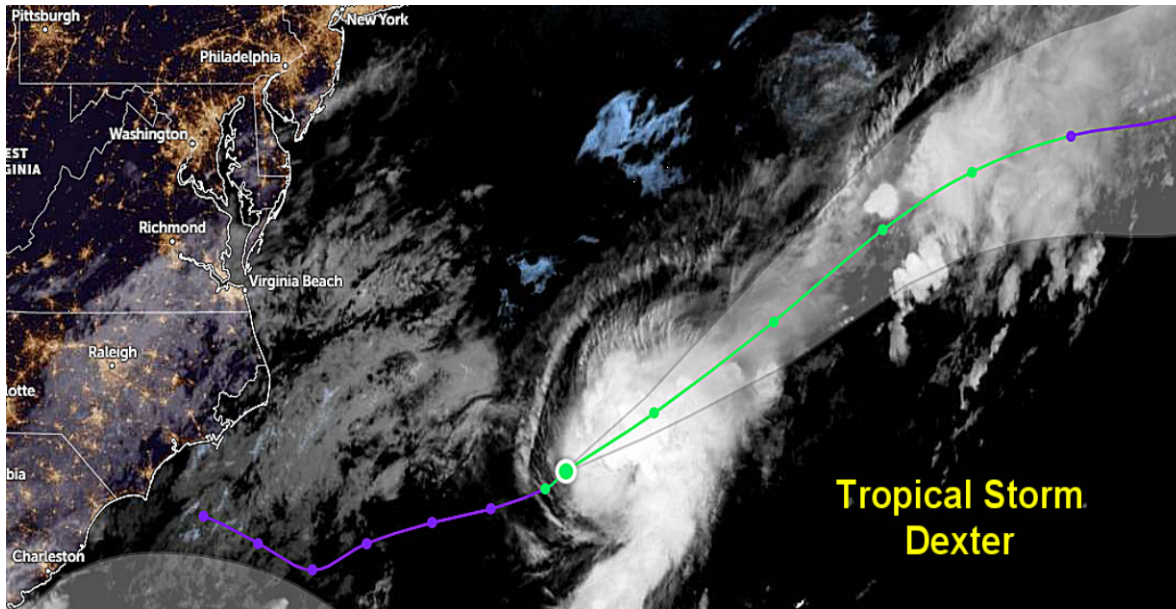


Tropical Storm Dexter Forms Well East of North Carolina

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Kansas City, August 4 (World Weather Inc.) – *The first in a series of tropical disturbances to evolve in the Atlantic Ocean Basin in the next couple of weeks has already become Tropical Storm Dexter. The storm was well east of North Carolina and it will move away from North America while intensifying early this week.* No other tropical cyclones were noted in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of America or Caribbean Sea, although there is some potential for new development later this week.



Dexter was 300 miles west northwest of Bermuda at 2300 EDT today (Sunday) moving east northeasterly at 12 mph and producing maximum sustained wind speeds of 45 mph. The storm was more precisely located near 34.3 north latitude and 69.4 west longitude. Tropical storm force wind was occurring out 140 miles.

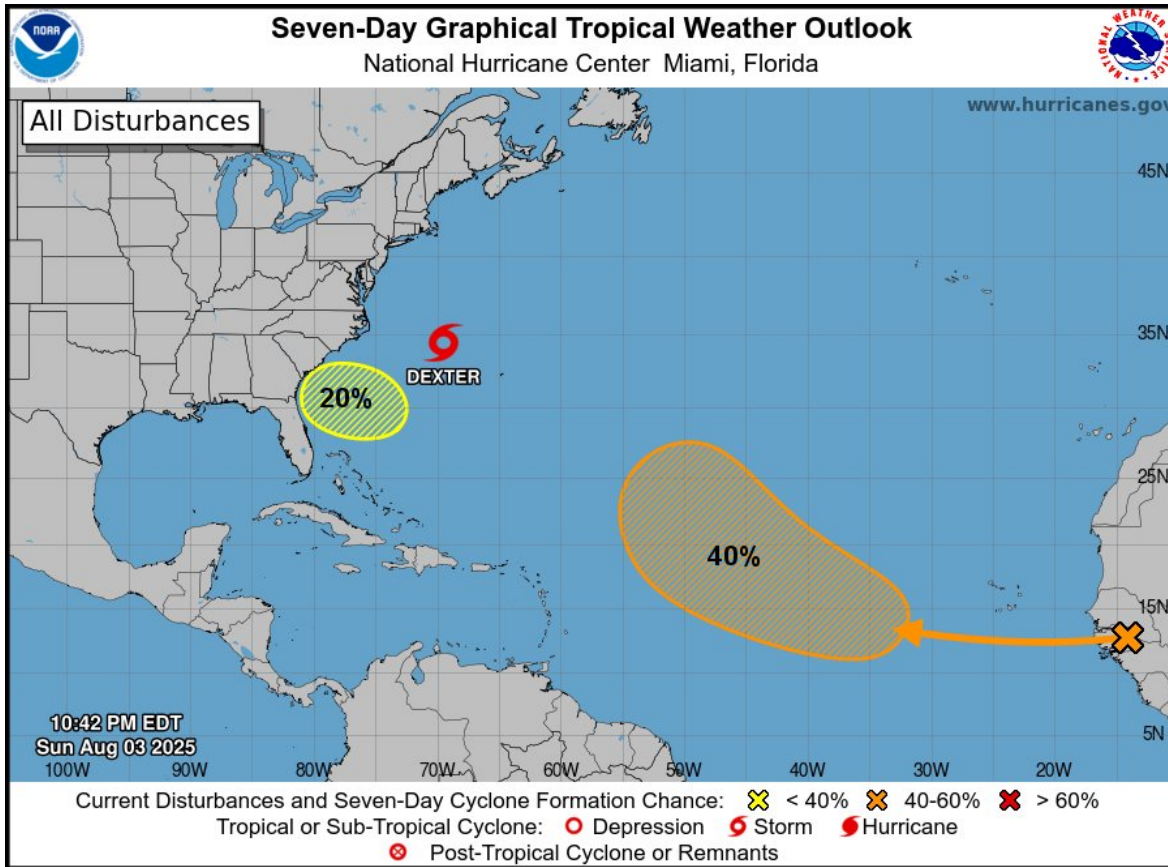
Tropical Storm Dexter will move northeasterly over the next few days and will see some intensification today and Tuesday before weakening Tuesday night and Wednesday. The system will move over open water with no threat to land this week. The system should lose its tropical characteristics by Wednesday and then continue across the northern Atlantic Ocean as a mid-latitude storm system.

In the meantime, *a tropical disturbance moving off the Africa west coast was given a 40% chance of becoming a tropical cyclone later this week over open water west southwest of Cabo Verde Islands.* The system would then likely move to the northwest and stay over open water into the coming weekend posing no immediate threat to land.

The same frontal boundary that spawned Tropical Storm Dexter today will have some potential of spawning another tropical disturbance later this week east of the Georgia/South Carolina and northeastern Florida coastline. The system was only given a 20% chance of evolving in the coming seven days; though, the area should still be monitored for possible development sooner and more aggressively than anticipated. Most other areas in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of America are unlikely to be

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bothered by tropical cyclones this week, but the unsettled weather is expected to continue next week as well.



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