

great astonishment that only two persons were killed; but a large number was injured. During the storm a large three-masted schooner called the 'Caroso' was thrown up against the east end of the Bluff which is about 140 feet in height. Pieces of the ship and cases of kerosene oil were found on the top of the Bluff 140 feet above the sea level after the storm." (Jamaica Gleaner)

**1916 16<sup>th</sup> August** - All the plantations destroyed on Little Cayman and Cayman Brac.

**1917 24<sup>th</sup> September** - "Hundreds of people rendered homeless, all forms of vegetation blown away and every vessel at the dependency either sent to the bottom or driven ashore. The unfortunate people, scores of whom are living in caves are facing starvation. The wind blew with the utmost fury, destroying a large number of houses and sweeping away wide areas of cultivation. Two lives were lost." (Commissioner Mr. A.C. Robinson)

**1932 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November** - The '32 hurricane was of outstanding violence and destruction and resulted in loss of 109 lives and the almost total demolition of houses on Cayman Brac. It began at 6 am on Monday, November 7 and lasted for 52 hours. The wind velocity was estimated at 150-200 mph, but it was the storm surge and waves that claimed most of the lives. (Colonial Report 1933)

**1935 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Houses destroyed on Cayman Brac.

**1944 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October** - The velocity of the wind was estimated at 100 mph. Extensive damage to homes and Government buildings. The Government wharf at West Bay was destroyed and great destruction wrought to the front streets of Bodden Town, George Town and West Bay. All crops were completely destroyed. The schooners 'Albion,' 'Gravina,' 'Armstice' and Kirksons were wrecked.

**1952 24<sup>th</sup> October** - Hurricane Fox pounded Grand Cayman with 120 mph winds while moving up from the south.

**1980 6<sup>th</sup> August** - Hurricane Allen pounded Cayman Brac and Little Cayman with winds of 135 miles per hour. There were no casualties, but 17 houses were damaged and 70 per cent of the utility poles were down. Several government buildings and hotels were damaged.

**1988 13<sup>th</sup> September** - Hurricane Gilbert caused no loss of life, but severe damage occurred to crops, pastures, and trees. Some homes were also damaged.

**2001 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Hurricane Michelle passed 130 miles away but the waves caused significant damage

**2004 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September** - Hurricane Ivan tracked just to the south of Grand Cayman with winds of 155 mph. Storm surge was estimated at 8 to 10 feet. Many homes and businesses severely damaged. Two deaths in Grand Cayman.

**2008 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Hurricane Paloma hit Cayman Brac and Little Cayman with 140 mph winds resulting in extensive property damage, some injuries, but no deaths.



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