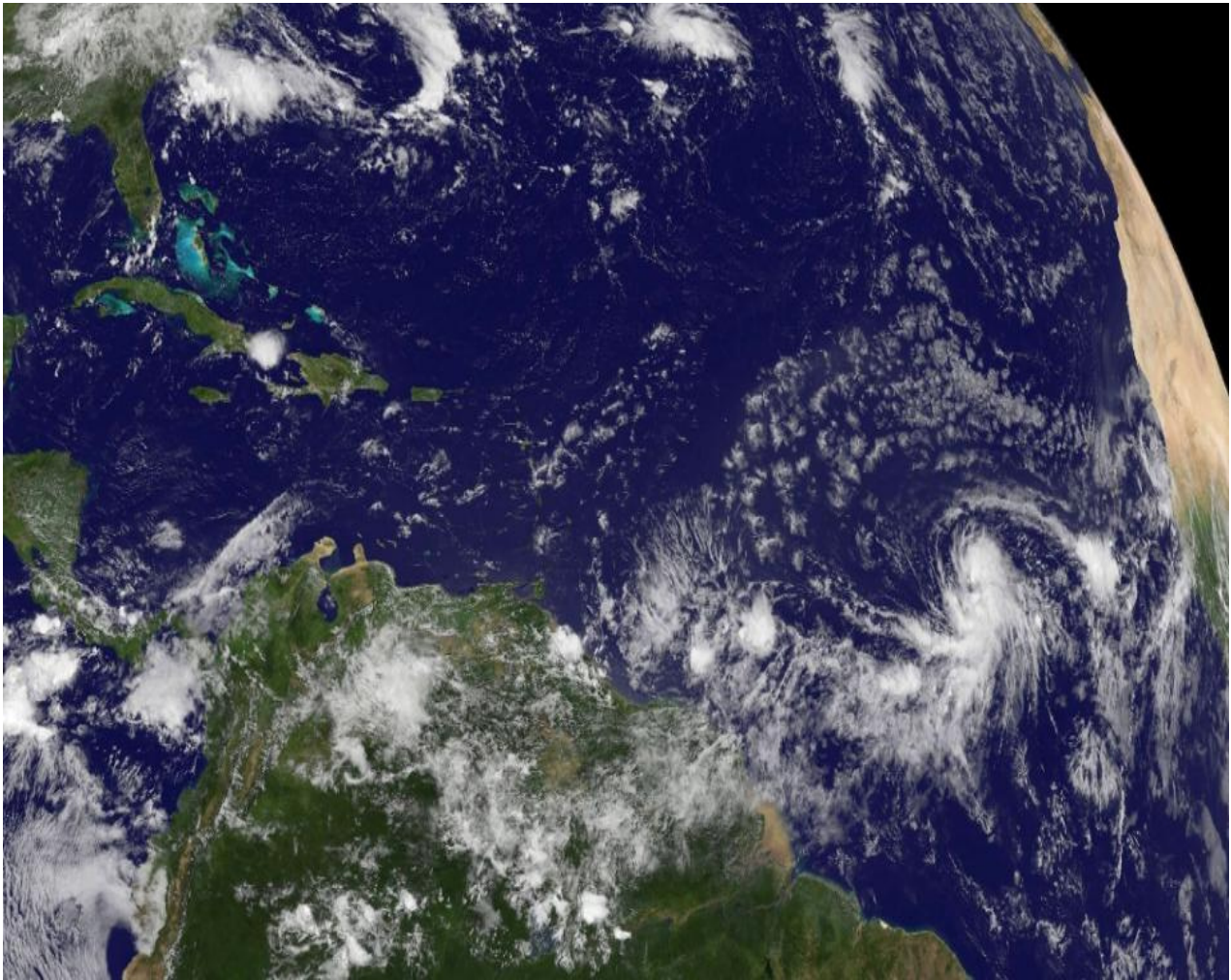


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National Park Service Announces Availability Of 2016 Storm Refuge Permits For Hurricane Hole

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ST. JOHN -- Permit applications for mariners wishing to register their vessel for mooring in Hurricane Hole during the 2016 hurricane season are now available, a press release issued by the National Park Service (N.P.S.) on Friday makes known.

Vessel owners who were permitted to use a storm mooring in Hurricane Hole during 2015 and who wish to retain their storm mooring berth for the 2016 season may obtain an application [here](#). Completed applications may be sent via e-mail (viis_storm_permits@nps.gov), U.S. Mail, or delivered in person at the park visitor center between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and must be received by the park by May 26, 2016, according to the release. Applications may be mailed to Virgin Islands National Park,

1300 Cruz Bay Creek, St John, VI 00830. The N.P.S. will issue a new permit upon receipt of the application and verification of the 2015 berth assignment.

A drawing will be held for all open berths on June 4th, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the pavilion in front of the N.P.S. Visitor Center in Cruz Bay.

Any vessel owner who was issued a temporary permit last year may contact the park if interested in retaining the storm mooring berth for which they were issued the temporary permit, in the event that the original permittee decides to relinquish the berth for another year. Should the original permittee elect to utilize that berth this year, the temporary permit holder would need to participate in the June 4th drawing to compete for open berths, explains the release.

Note that if a vessel was sold or transferred during the past year, it is the vessel which retains the storm mooring berth and not the past owner.

N.P.S. is urging interested parties to review the guidelines [here](#), or contact Ms. Esther Francis at (340) 693-8950, ext. 232, should you have any questions.