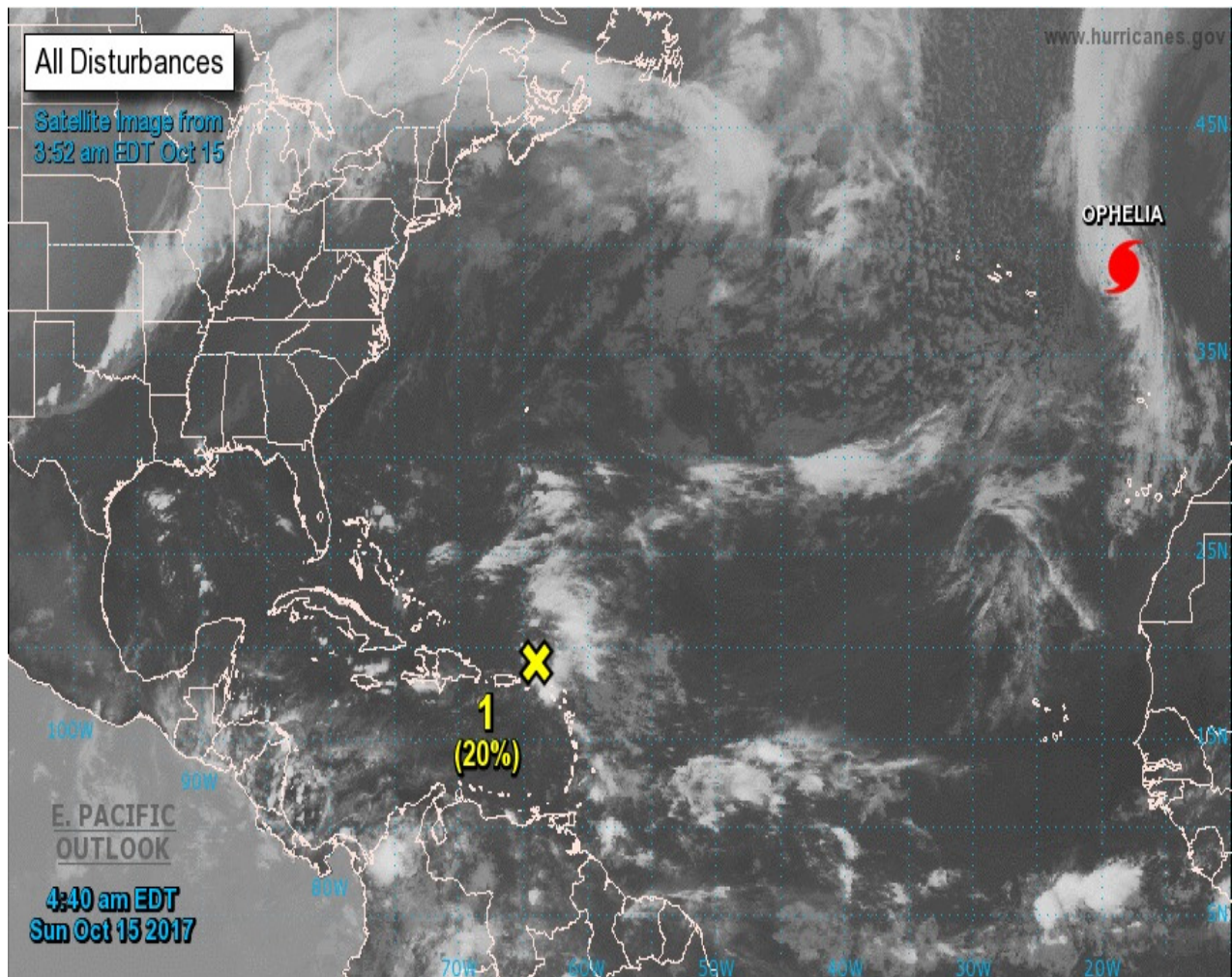


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Weather System Bringing Disorganized Showers To USVI Through Sunday Afternoon

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A weather system with a 50 percent chance of seeing further development in the coming days is producing disorganized showers throughout the U.S. Virgin Islands, according to the National Hurricane Center (N.H.C.).

According to N.H.C., the system, currently a broad trough of low pressure, as of 2:00 a.m. today was centered over the Virgin Islands and the northern Leeward Islands, and has been producing disorganized showers and squalls over portions of the Leeward Islands and adjacent Atlantic waters.

This activity is expected to spread across the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico into the afternoon. Upper-level winds are forecast to remain hostile for any significant development to occur during the next day or two. However, the environment could become somewhat more conducive for development by early next week when the system begins to move northward and then recurves over the west-central Atlantic Ocean, according to the N.H.C.

The N.H.C. says there's a 20 percent chance of development in the next 48 hours, and a 50 percent chance in the next five days.

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