

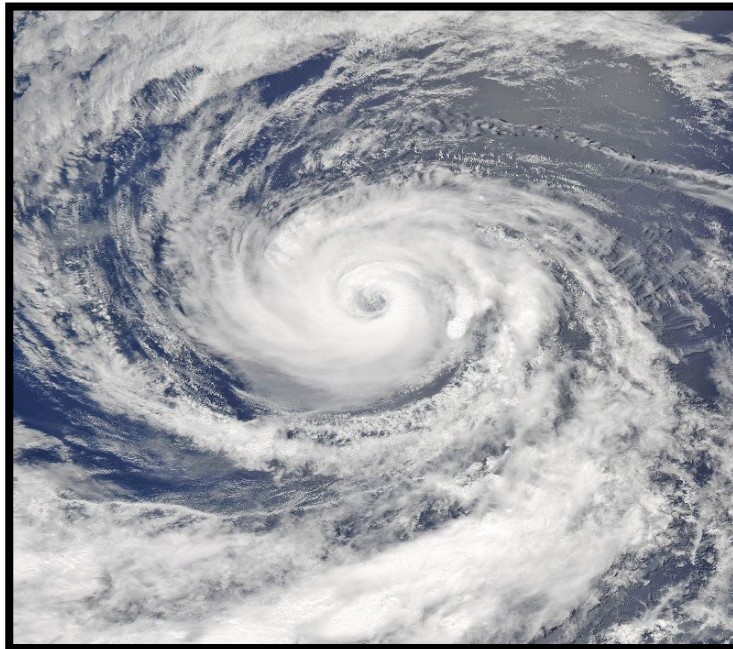


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HURRICANE DARBY (EP052016)

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MODIS VISIBLE SATELLITE IMAGE OF HURRICANE DARBY AT 2115 UTC 15 JULY.

Darby was a category 3 hurricane (on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale) over the eastern Pacific Ocean. The cyclone was weakening when it reached the central Pacific basin, and it moved across portions of the Hawaiian Islands as a tropical storm.

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Hurricane Darby

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SYNOPTIC HISTORY

The primary weather feature that led to the formation of Darby was a tropical wave that moved off of the west coast of Africa on 28 June. The wave moved westward across the tropical Atlantic and reached the eastern Caribbean Sea about a week later. Showers and thunderstorms associated with the wave began to increase when it moved across Central America and into the eastern Pacific basin on 7 and 8 July, and a broad area of low pressure developed along the wave axis a day or so later. Satellite images indicate that a well-defined center of circulation developed with sufficiently organized deep convection around 1200 UTC 11 July, marking the formation of a tropical depression about 250 n mi south-southwest of Manzanillo, Mexico. The “best track” chart of the tropical cyclone’s path is given in Fig. 1, with the wind and pressure histories shown in Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. The best track positions and intensities are listed in Table 1².

Northeasterly 200 to 850-mb wind shear of about 15 kt prevented strengthening for the next 18 h after genesis, but by 1200 UTC 12 July the shear began to relax and the cyclone strengthened to a tropical storm. In generally conducive environmental conditions, Darby strengthened quickly during the next 24 h as deep convection increased and became more symmetric around the center. While the storm intensified it moved just south of due west, steered by a strong mid-level ridge to its north. Darby reached hurricane intensity by 1800 UTC 13 July when it was about 450 n mi south-southwest of the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula. Occasional intrusions of dry air slowed the intensification rate, but Darby still gradually gained strength during the next few days while it moved westward to west-northwestward. A ragged eye was first apparent in geostationary satellite images by 0000 UTC 15 July, and the eye became well defined the next day. Darby became a major hurricane by 1200 UTC 16 July, and it reached its peak intensity of 105 kt 6 h later when it was located about 875 n mi west-southwest of the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

The hurricane did not maintain category 3 intensity for long, as it was in the process of moving over sub-26°C waters when it reached its maximum strength. However, since the shear was light and because Darby had an annular structure (Knaff and Kossin 2003), only gradual weakening occurred over the cool waters. While continuing to move westward to west-northwestward, the cyclone fell below hurricane strength around 0600 UTC 19 July, and moved into the central Pacific basin as a 50-kt tropical storm shortly after 1200 UTC 20 July.

After crossing 140°W, Darby re-strengthened slightly to 55 kt from 0600 UTC 21 July through 0600 UTC 22 July as the system moved over slightly warmer water and vertical shear diminished to 10 kt or less. The strengthening was short lived, however, and gradual weakening

² A digital record of the complete best track, including wind radii, can be found on line at <ftp://ftp.nhc.noaa.gov/atcf>. Data for the current year’s storms are located in the *btk* directory, while previous years’ data are located in the *archive* directory.

resumed thereafter as the cyclone began to encounter marginal sea surface temperatures west of 149°W. Movement was initially toward the west southwest as ridging to the north of Hawaii nosed southeastward. Darby began to track westward, then west northwestward after 1800 UTC 22 July as it moved far enough west to pass the nosing ridge and began feeling a weakness in the ridge to its north. The first Tropical Storm Watch was issued for the main Hawaiian Islands at 2100 UTC 21 July, while the first Tropical Storm Warning was issued at 0900 UTC 22 July. Tropical Storm Darby made landfall on the Big Island of Hawaii near Pahala around 0000 UTC 24 July, moving west northwestward across the southern half of that island. This system traversed some of the highest terrain in Hawaii, including the 13,600-foot-tall volcanic summit of Mauna Loa, before re-emerging across waters lee of the Big Island near Captain Cook around 0600 UTC 24 July. Its low-level circulation greatly disrupted, Darby began to track northwestward, passing between the islands of Oahu and Kauai from 0000 UTC to 0600 UTC 25 July as a tropical depression. All associated deep convection collapsed as the weakening remnant circulation center turned sharply westward just northeast of the island of Kauai. Darby finally weakened into an open wave about 200 miles west of Kauai around 1200 UTC 26 July.

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS

Observations in Darby (Figs. 2 and 3) include subjective satellite-based Dvorak technique intensity estimates from the Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch (TAFB), the Satellite Analysis Branch (SAB), the Central Pacific Hurricane Center (CPHC), and the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), plus and objective Advanced Dvorak Technique (ADT) estimates from the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies/University of Wisconsin-Madison. Observations also include flight-level, stepped frequency microwave radiometer (SFMR), and dropwindsonde observations from flights of the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron of the U. S. Air Force Reserve Command. Data and imagery from NOAA polar-orbiting satellites including the Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit (AMSU), the NASA Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM), the European Space Agency's Advanced Scatterometer (ASCAT), and Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) satellites, among others, were also useful in constructing the best track of Darby.

Darby's estimated peak intensity of 105 kt was based on subjective Dvorak classifications of 5.5/102 kt and 6.0/115 kt from TAFB and SAB, respectively, and on an objective CI-number of 5.6/105 kt from CIMSS at the University of Wisconsin.

There were no observations of tropical-storm-force or greater winds from Darby in the eastern Pacific basin.

The Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) at Kealakomo, on the southeast slopes of the Big Island of Hawaii, recorded sustained winds of 34 knots at 2244 UTC 23 July, less than two hours before landfall. No other tropical storm force winds were recorded on land during the Big Island's encounter or as the system passed between Kauai and Oahu. This observation was within the Tropical Storm Warning area and occurred about 36 hours after the Tropical Storm Warning was issued. A list of surface observations, including winds and rainfall amounts, across the main Hawaiian Islands during the encounter with Tropical Storm Darby is

given in Table 2. The single observation of minimal tropical storm force winds at Kealakomo on the Big Island occurred just before landfall and verifies the Tropical Storm Warning in effect at that time.

CASUALTY AND DAMAGE STATISTICS

Heavy rainfall created significant flooding impacts across the eastern half of Oahu as Darby's exposed low level circulation center passed between Oahu and Kauai. However, the strongest sustained winds observed on both islands never exceeded 21 kt.

No reports of casualties or wind damage associated with Darby were received within the central north Pacific basin.

FORECAST AND WARNING CRITIQUE

The genesis forecasts for Darby were of mixed quality. The system was first mentioned in the Tropical Weather Outlook about 102 h before genesis, at which time it was given a low (less than 40%) chance of development during the 5-day forecast period (Table 3). However, the chance of development in the 5-day period was not raised to the medium (40-60%) and high (greater than 60%) categories until 48 h and 30 h before genesis, respectively. The system was given a low chance of development in the 2-day period 42 h prior to genesis and a high chance 18 h before formation occurred.

A verification of NHC official track forecasts for Darby is given in Table 4a. Official forecast track errors were lower than the mean official errors by about 25% from the previous 5-yr period for all forecast times. A homogeneous comparison of the official track errors with selected guidance models is given in Table 4b. The most skillful models for Darby were the GFS ensemble mean (AEMI), the GFS, and the Florida State Superensemble (FSSE), which all outperformed the official forecasts at most lead times.

A verification of NHC official intensity forecasts for Darby is given in Table 5a. Official forecast intensity errors were also lower than the mean official errors for the previous 5-yr period at all forecast times. A homogeneous comparison of the official intensity errors with selected guidance models is given in Table 5b. The only model that consistently beat the official forecasts was the HWRF (HWFI) model. Nearly all of the models had a low bias for Darby.

A verification of CPHC official track forecasts for Darby is given in Table 6a. Official track forecast errors were lower than the mean official errors for the most recent 5-yr period (note that the 2015 statistics are unavailable at the time of this report, so the 2010–14 means are shown) for all forecast times from 12 to 72 h. A homogeneous comparison of the official track errors with selected guidance models is given in Table 6b. The most skillful models for Darby were the UK (EGRI), European (EMXI), TVCX ensemble, and the FSSE, which outperformed the official forecasts at all lead times.

A verification of CPHC official intensity forecasts for Darby is shown in Table 7a. Official intensity forecast errors were lower than the mean official errors for the most recent 5-yr period (again, the 2010–14 time period) for all forecast times from 24 to 48 h and at 96 h. A homogeneous comparison of the official intensity errors with selected guidance models is given in Table 7b. DSHP and LGEM performed best overall, while CPHC consistently outperformed the FSSE.

Wind watches and warnings issued for Darby are shown in Table 8. All of the Hawaiian Islands were placed in a Tropical Storm Watch and Warning in advance of Darby's arrival in the area.

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Table 1. Best track for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016.

| Date/Time (UTC) | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°W) | Pressure (mb) | Wind Speed (kt) | Stage |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 11 / 1200 | 14.5 | 105.2 | 1008 | 25 | tropical depression |
| 11 / 1800 | 15.0 | 105.7 | 1007 | 30 | " |
| 12 / 0000 | 15.5 | 106.4 | 1007 | 30 | " |
| 12 / 0600 | 15.8 | 107.2 | 1007 | 30 | " |
| 12 / 1200 | 15.9 | 108.2 | 1006 | 35 | tropical storm |
| 12 / 1800 | 15.6 | 109.2 | 1002 | 45 | " |
| 13 / 0000 | 15.4 | 110.1 | 1000 | 55 | " |
| 13 / 0600 | 15.3 | 111.0 | 998 | 60 | " |
| 13 / 1200 | 15.3 | 111.9 | 996 | 60 | " |
| 13 / 1800 | 15.4 | 112.9 | 992 | 65 | hurricane |
| 14 / 0000 | 15.5 | 114.0 | 989 | 70 | " |
| 14 / 0600 | 15.6 | 115.2 | 989 | 70 | " |
| 14 / 1200 | 15.7 | 116.3 | 987 | 70 | " |
| 14 / 1800 | 15.8 | 117.5 | 984 | 75 | " |
| 15 / 0000 | 15.9 | 118.6 | 982 | 80 | " |
| 15 / 0600 | 16.0 | 119.5 | 979 | 85 | " |
| 15 / 1200 | 16.3 | 120.3 | 974 | 90 | " |
| 15 / 1800 | 16.7 | 121.1 | 972 | 90 | " |
| 16 / 0000 | 17.1 | 121.9 | 971 | 90 | " |
| 16 / 0600 | 17.4 | 122.7 | 968 | 95 | " |
| 16 / 1200 | 17.7 | 123.5 | 964 | 100 | " |
| 16 / 1800 | 17.9 | 124.4 | 958 | 105 | " |
| 17 / 0000 | 18.0 | 125.3 | 962 | 100 | " |
| 17 / 0600 | 18.1 | 126.2 | 967 | 95 | " |
| 17 / 1200 | 18.2 | 127.0 | 971 | 90 | " |



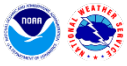
| Date/Time (UTC) | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°W) | Pressure (mb) | Wind Speed (kt) | Stage |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 17 / 1800 | 18.3 | 127.8 | 975 | 85 | " |
| 18 / 0000 | 18.3 | 128.7 | 979 | 80 | " |
| 18 / 0600 | 18.4 | 129.6 | 982 | 75 | " |
| 18 / 1200 | 18.5 | 130.6 | 986 | 70 | " |
| 18 / 1800 | 18.8 | 131.6 | 988 | 65 | " |
| 19 / 0000 | 19.0 | 132.7 | 988 | 65 | " |
| 19 / 0600 | 19.3 | 133.8 | 990 | 60 | tropical storm |
| 19 / 1200 | 19.6 | 134.9 | 992 | 60 | " |
| 19 / 1800 | 19.8 | 136.0 | 994 | 55 | " |
| 20 / 0000 | 19.9 | 137.2 | 995 | 55 | " |
| 20 / 0600 | 19.9 | 138.4 | 996 | 55 | " |
| 20 / 1200 | 19.9 | 139.6 | 999 | 50 | " |
| 20 / 1800 | 19.9 | 140.7 | 1000 | 50 | tropical storm |
| 21 / 0000 | 19.7 | 142.0 | 1000 | 50 | " |
| 21 / 0600 | 19.4 | 143.3 | 998 | 55 | " |
| 21 / 1200 | 19.0 | 144.6 | 998 | 55 | " |
| 21 / 1800 | 18.8 | 145.7 | 998 | 55 | " |
| 22 / 0000 | 18.7 | 146.9 | 997 | 55 | " |
| 22 / 0600 | 18.6 | 148.1 | 997 | 55 | " |
| 22 / 1200 | 18.5 | 149.3 | 999 | 50 | " |
| 22 / 1800 | 18.5 | 150.5 | 999 | 50 | " |
| 23 / 0000 | 18.6 | 151.6 | 1000 | 50 | " |
| 23 / 0600 | 18.7 | 152.6 | 1000 | 50 | " |
| 23 / 1200 | 18.7 | 153.5 | 1001 | 45 | " |
| 23 / 1800 | 18.8 | 154.4 | 1004 | 40 | " |
| 24 / 0000 | 19.3 | 155.3 | 1006 | 35 | " |
| 24 / 0600 | 19.4 | 156.3 | 1008 | 30 | tropical depression |



| Date/Time (UTC) | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°W) | Pressure (mb) | Wind Speed (kt) | Stage |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 24 / 1200 | 19.6 | 157.0 | 1008 | 30 | " |
| 24 / 1800 | 20.4 | 157.7 | 1010 | 30 | " |
| 25 / 0000 | 21.2 | 158.4 | 1011 | 30 | " |
| 25 / 0600 | 22.1 | 159.1 | 1011 | 30 | " |
| 25 / 1200 | 22.3 | 160.3 | 1011 | 25 | low |
| 25 / 1800 | 22.0 | 160.6 | 1012 | 25 | " |
| 26 / 0000 | 22.4 | 161.4 | 1012 | 25 | " |
| 26 / 0600 | 22.8 | 162.0 | 1013 | 20 | " |
| 26 / 1200 | | | | | dissipated |
| 16 / 1800 | 17.9 | 124.4 | 958 | 105 | maximum winds and minimum pressure |
| 24 / 0000 | 19.3 | 155.3 | 1006 | 35 | landfall near Pahala, Hawaii |

Table 2. Selected surface observations across the main Hawaiian Islands in the vicinity of Darby. Date/time is for sustained wind when both sustained and gusts are listed.

| Location Selected surface observations in the Hawaiian Islands (State of Hawaii) | Minimum Sea Level Pressure | | Maximum Surface Wind Speed | | | Total rain (in) |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | Date/ time (UTC) | Press. (mb) | Date/ time (UTC) ^a | Sustained (kt) | Gust (kt) | |
| International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Sites | | | | | | |
| Bradshaw Army Airfield (PHJH) | 23/2256 | 1006.8 | 24/0001 | 19 | 31 | |
| Barking Sands Kehaka (PHBK) | 25/0256 | 1009.5 | 25/0156 | 18 | 25 | |
| Hilo Intl. Aprt. (PHTO) | 23/2345 | 1007.8 | 23/1253 | 22 | 28 | 2.15 |
| Honolulu Intl. Aprt. (PHNL) | 25/0455 | 1009.8 | 25/0659 | 21 | 30 | 1.68 |
| Kahului Aprt. (PHOG) | 24/1239 | 1009.8 | 24/0240 | 23 | 32 | |
| Kaneohe Bay Marine Corps Air Station (PHNG) | 25/0051 | 1008.1 | 24/1730 | 18 | 26 | |
| Kalaeloa Arpt (PHJR) | 25/0104 | 1010.5 | 25/0745 | 23 | 28 | |
| Kapalua Aprt. (PHJH) | | | 25/0045 | 21 | 29 | |
| Keahole Aprt. Kona (PHKO) | 24/0222 | 1005.4 | 24/1145 | 25 | 31 | |
| Lanai City Aprt. (PHNY) | 25/0156 | 1011.5 | 24/1551 | 24 | 35 | |
| Lihue Aprt. (PHLI) | 25/0447 | 1009.8 | 25/0200 | 19 | 25 | |
| Molokai Aprt. (PHMK) | 24/1509 | 1010.5 | 24/2300 | 24 | 32 | |
| Wheeler Air Force Base (PHHI) | 25/0158 | 1009.1 | 25/0014 | 15 | 26 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Non-METAR Observations | | | | | | |
| Honokanaia (HKAH1) | | | 23/1553 | 21 | 37 | |
| Kaneloa (KAOH1) | | | 24/0853 | 24 | 44 | |
| Kaupo (KPGH1) | | | 24/0435 | 21 | 44 | |
| Kealakomo (KMOH1) | | | 23/2244 | 34 | 46 | |
| Kohala Ranch (KHRH1) | | | 23/2235 | 23 | 49 | |
| Kuaokkala (KKRH1) | | | 24/0336 | 30 | 40 | |
| Lanai 1 (LNIH1) | | | 24/0537 | 26 | 37 | |
| Makua Ridge (MKGH1) | | | 25/1058 | 22 | 37 | |
| Makapulapai (MKPH1) | | | 24/0715 | 22 | 34 | |
| Oahu Forest NWR (OFRH1) | | | 24/0436 | 29 | 52 | |
| Pali2 (PLIH1) | | | 23/2001 | 30 | 46 | |



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|---|--|--|---------|----|----|-------|
| PTA Kipuka Alala (PKAH1) | | | 23/2155 | 19 | 35 | |
| Puhe CS (PERH1) | | | 23/2324 | 21 | 41 | |
| Puu Mali (PMLH1) | | | 23/2200 | 24 | 38 | |
| Waikoloa (WKVH1) | | | 23/2035 | 19 | 40 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| Aloha Tower (ALOH1) 21.30°N 157.86°W | | | | | | 6.22 |
| Hanalei (HNIH1) 22.20°N 159.50°W | | | | | | 1.50 |
| Kamuela Upper (KUUH1) 20.01°N 155.63°W | | | | | | 6.09 |
| Kawainui Stream (KWSH1) 20.10°N 155.70°W | | | | | | 7.55 |
| Kilohana RG (KLOH1) 21.40°N 157.90°W | | | | | | 5.95 |
| Kula 1 (????) 20.68°N 156.32°W | | | | | | 4.19 |
| Laupahoehoe (LPHH1) 19.98°N 155.23°W | | | | | | 2.57 |
| Mahinahina (MABH1) 20.96°N 156.66°W | | | | | | 1.58 |
| Mililani (MITH1) 21.46°N 158.00°W | | | | | | 2.58 |
| Moanalua (MOGH1) 21.38°N 157.84°W | | | | | | 12.08 |
| Mount Waialeale (WLLH1) 22.10°N 159.50°W | | | | | | 5.37 |
| Mountain View (MTVH1) 19.52°N 155.14°W | | | | | | 4.99 |
| Niu Valley (NIUH1) 21.29°N 157.73°W | | | | | | 2.95 |
| Nuuanu Upper (NUUH1) 21.35°N 157.82°W | | | | | | 11.86 |
| Pahala (PPLH1) 19.20°N 155.00°W | | | | | | 6.32 |
| Punaluu Pump (PUNH1) 21.58°N 157.89°W | | | | | | 6.42 |
| Puu Alii (PAFH1) 21.14°N 156.90°W | | | | | | 4.42 |
| Saddle Road Qry (SDQH1) 19.70°N 155.30°W | | | | | | 6.72 |
| Tunnel RG (TNLH1) 21.40°N 159.66°W | | | | | | 10.19 |
| Waimanalo (WMLH1) 21.34°N 157.71°W | | | | | | 3.07 |



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|--|--|--|--|--|--|------|
| West Wailuaiki (WWKH1) 20.82°N 156.14°W | | | | | | 9.08 |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|------|

Table 3. Number of hours in advance of formation associated with the first NHC Tropical Weather Outlook forecast in the indicated likelihood category. Note that the timings for the “Low” category do not include forecasts of a 0% chance of genesis.

| | Hours Before Genesis | |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | 48-Hour Outlook | 120-Hour Outlook |
| Low (<40%) | 42 | 102 |
| Medium (40%-60%) | 30 | 48 |
| High (>60%) | 18 | 30 |

Table 4a. NHC official (OFCL) and climatology-persistence skill baseline (OCD5) track forecast errors (n mi) for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016. Mean errors for the previous 5-yr period are shown for comparison. NHC official errors that are smaller than the 5-yr means are shown in boldface type.

| | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 13.7 | 25.1 | 36.3 | 44.1 | 68.0 | 95.8 | 121.9 |
| OCD5 | 25.0 | 53.1 | 78.2 | 102.1 | 153.1 | 201.3 | 244.8 |
| Forecasts | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 35 |
| OFCL (2011-15) | 23.4 | 36.4 | 47.2 | 59.4 | 89.0 | 123.6 | 159.5 |
| OCD5 (2011-15) | 36.6 | 74.2 | 116.5 | 159.7 | 245.6 | 331.1 | 427.4 |

Table 4b. Homogeneous comparison of selected track forecast guidance models (in n mi) for Darby for forecasts made in the eastern North Pacific basin. Errors smaller than the NHC official forecast are shown in boldface type. The number of official forecasts shown here will generally be smaller than that show in Table 4a due to the homogeneity requirement.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 12.3 | 22.3 | 36.1 | 47.0 | 71.1 | 91.8 | 137.4 |
| OCD5 | 20.2 | 42.5 | 64.3 | 87.8 | 135.5 | 196.2 | 224.2 |
| GFSI | 11.7 | 20.1 | 28.9 | 36.1 | 50.9 | 79.2 | 137.8 |
| GHMI | 21.3 | 45.3 | 65.2 | 80.4 | 103.2 | 145.0 | 176.9 |
| HWFI | 17.4 | 32.1 | 47.5 | 59.7 | 71.8 | 80.8 | 107.5 |
| EGRI | 14.0 | 28.2 | 43.9 | 58.6 | 87.2 | 123.2 | 183.6 |
| EMXI | 17.1 | 29.9 | 44.4 | 60.0 | 92.1 | 130.6 | 208.4 |
| CMCI | 12.8 | 23.3 | 33.5 | 45.0 | 68.8 | 85.3 | 119.1 |
| NVGI | 15.4 | 26.5 | 35.4 | 44.9 | 81.1 | 160.7 | 250.3 |
| CTCI | 15.9 | 30.8 | 44.7 | 59.9 | 87.8 | 115.3 | 167.0 |
| GFNI | 17.4 | 41.2 | 63.9 | 87.6 | 146.4 | 210.6 | 271.1 |
| AEMI | 11.7 | 20.8 | 27.1 | 33.4 | 51.5 | 81.9 | 129.8 |
| FSSE | 10.7 | 20.8 | 33.8 | 44.0 | 64.9 | 87.7 | 129.9 |
| TVCX | 12.7 | 24.6 | 36.7 | 48.2 | 67.1 | 88.5 | 129.0 |
| GFEX | 12.4 | 22.8 | 34.2 | 44.5 | 67.6 | 97.9 | 161.5 |
| TCON | 12.3 | 24.7 | 36.8 | 47.1 | 58.1 | 72.0 | 99.3 |
| TVCE | 12.4 | 24.3 | 37.0 | 48.5 | 64.5 | 83.3 | 119.4 |
| BAMS | 28.4 | 51.0 | 76.5 | 100.2 | 138.7 | 153.3 | 152.3 |
| BAMM | 27.0 | 52.8 | 78.7 | 106.8 | 162.7 | 200.2 | 220.9 |
| BAMD | 28.4 | 58.2 | 90.1 | 124.0 | 205.0 | 307.9 | 427.3 |
| Forecasts | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 21 |

Table 5a. NHC official (OFCL) and climatology-persistence skill baseline (OCD5) track forecast errors (n mi) for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016. Mean errors for the previous 5-yr period are shown for comparison. NHC official errors that are smaller than the 5-yr means are shown in boldface type.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 5.7 | 7.9 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 12.1 | 15.6 | 14.9 |
| OCD5 | 6.9 | 10.6 | 14.8 | 17.7 | 21.7 | 20.1 | 15.3 |
| Forecasts | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 35 |
| OFCL (2011-15) | 5.9 | 9.8 | 12.5 | 14.0 | 15.5 | 16.3 | 14.9 |
| OCD5 (2011-15) | 7.7 | 12.8 | 16.4 | 18.8 | 21.1 | 20.9 | 19.7 |

Table 5b. Homogeneous comparison of selected intensity forecast guidance models (in kt) for Darby for forecasts made in the eastern North Pacific basin. Errors smaller than the NHC official forecast are shown in boldface type. The number of official forecasts shown here will generally be smaller than that shown in Table 5a due to the homogeneity requirement.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 5.4 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 13.3 | 15.4 | 11.5 |
| OCD5 | 6.5 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 15.2 | 20.3 | 18.0 | 11.1 |
| HWFI | 7.4 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 11.7 | 11.7 | 10.2 |
| GHMI | 8.3 | 10.8 | 12.0 | 13.2 | 15.6 | 16.3 | 18.0 |
| DSHP | 6.1 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 11.8 | 17.4 | 18.8 | 13.1 |
| LGEM | 6.7 | 8.9 | 11.4 | 13.9 | 18.0 | 18.4 | 13.2 |
| GFNI | 8.2 | 11.8 | 13.3 | 13.4 | 17.1 | 22.1 | 25.5 |
| IVCN | 6.2 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 9.8 | 13.1 | 14.6 | 13.0 |
| GFSI | 5.0 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 12.5 | 14.5 | 14.4 |
| EMXI | 5.5 | 8.1 | 10.0 | 12.7 | 18.0 | 19.8 | 20.6 |
| FSSE | 6.5 | 7.6 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 14.6 | 19.0 | 16.4 |
| CTCI | 7.5 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 12.9 | 15.1 | 18.9 | 19.8 |
| Forecasts | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 20 |

Table 6a. CPHC official (OFCL) and climatology-persistence skill baseline (OCD5) track forecast errors (n mi) for Darby. Mean errors for the previous available 5-yr period are shown for comparison. Official track forecast errors that are smaller than the 5-yr mean intensity errors are shown in bold face type.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 21.6 | 30.4 | 47.4 | 64.0 | 113.3 | 196.9 | - |
| OCD5 | 34.6 | 57.1 | 80.4 | 100.4 | 136.9 | 117.0 | - |
| Forecasts | 17 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| OFCL (2010-14) | 27.9 | 44.1 | 56.7 | 73.9 | 132.3 | 183.7 | 258.9 |

Table 6b. Homogeneous comparison of selected track forecast guidance models (in n mi) for Darby for forecasts made in the central North Pacific basin. Errors smaller than the CPHC official forecast are shown in boldface type.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 21.6 | 30.4 | 47.4 | 64.0 | 113.3 | 196.9 | - |
| OCD5 | 34.6 | 57.1 | 80.4 | 100.4 | 136.9 | 117.0 | - |
| GFSI | 21.3 | 38.7 | 59.0 | 89.9 | 166.4 | 262.2 | - |
| HWFI | 20.2 | 28.9 | 40.0 | 51.0 | 113.9 | 229.2 | - |
| EGRI | 20.4 | 29.1 | 34.0 | 33.2 | 43.0 | 66.6 | - |
| EMXI | 19.5 | 23.5 | 33.1 | 45.3 | 69.1 | 145.8 | - |
| CMCI | 24.3 | 22.8 | 36.3 | 48.4 | 29.0 | 72.0 | - |
| CTCI | 24.7 | 39.8 | 42.6 | 53.6 | 105.1 | 205.2 | - |
| AEMI | 19.8 | 36.7 | 52.6 | 73.9 | 130.3 | 189.6 | - |
| FSSE | 19.6 | 28.9 | 44.0 | 61.4 | 111.2 | 182.3 | - |
| TVCX | 19.1 | 27.3 | 40.7 | 56.5 | 111.1 | 187.4 | - |
| GFEX | 18.9 | 27.5 | 40.2 | 61.3 | 114.0 | 199.2 | - |
| TCON | 20.3 | 32.7 | 48.8 | 69.6 | 136.7 | 210.3 | - |
| TVCE | 19.2 | 29.1 | 43.8 | 60.9 | 121.6 | 196.6 | - |
| BAMS | 34.0 | 53.8 | 71.7 | 92.6 | 166.8 | 287.3 | - |
| BAMM | 31.4 | 41.3 | 60.7 | 85.3 | 130.8 | 256.7 | - |
| BAMD | 31.4 | 54.8 | 93.7 | 137.6 | 229.0 | 362.4 | - |
| Forecasts | 17 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 |

Table 7a. CPHC official (OFCL) and climatology-persistence skill baseline (OCD5) intensity forecast errors (kt) for Darby. Mean errors for the previous available 5-yr period are shown for comparison. Official intensity forecast errors that are smaller than the 5-yr mean intensity errors are shown in boldface type.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 4.7 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 19.3 | 16.7 | - |
| OCD5 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 7.4 | 6.0 | - |
| Forecasts | 17 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| OFCL (2010-14) | 4.8 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 13.8 | 18.5 | 19.3 | 20.4 |

Table 7b. Homogeneous comparison of selected intensity forecast guidance models (in kt) for Darby for forecasts made in the eastern North Pacific basin. Errors smaller than the CPHC official forecast are shown in boldface type.

| Model ID | Forecast Period (h) | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|
| | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 72 | 96 | 120 |
| OFCL | 4.7 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 19.3 | 16.7 | - |
| OCD5 | 4.2 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 7.4 | 6.0 | - |
| HWFI | 4.6 | 5.7 | 7.2 | 11.6 | 18.3 | 30.3 | - |
| DSHP | 5.4 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 3.0 | - |
| LGEM | 5.1 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 8.1 | 10.3 | 4.7 | - |
| IVCN | 4.8 | 5.4 | 7.9 | 10.3 | 16.4 | 17.0 | - |
| GFSI | 4.1 | 6.7 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 18.7 | 27.3 | - |
| EMXI | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.8 | 7.1 | 13.7 | 14.7 | - |
| FSSE | 4.8 | 6.9 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 20.1 | 19.3 | - |
| Forecasts | 17 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 0 |

Table 8. Wind watch and warning summary for Darby, 11–25 July 2016.

| Date/Time (UTC) | Action | Location |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 21 / 2100 | Tropical Storm Watch issued | Big Island of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe |
| 22 / 0900 | Tropical Storm Warning issued | Big Island of Hawaii |
| 22 / 2100 | Tropical Storm Warning issued | Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe |
| 23 / 0300 | Tropical Storm Watch issued | Oahu |
| 23 / 1500 | Tropical Storm Warning issued | Oahu |
| 23 / 1500 | Tropical Storm Watch issued | Kauai and Niihau |
| 24 / 0300 | Tropical Storm Warning issued | Kauai and Niihau |
| 24 / 1500 | Tropical Storm Warning discontinued | Big Island of Hawaii |
| 25 / 1200 | Tropical Storm Warning discontinued | Maui, Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe |
| 25 / 1200 | Tropical Storm Warning discontinued | Oahu, Kauai and Niihau |

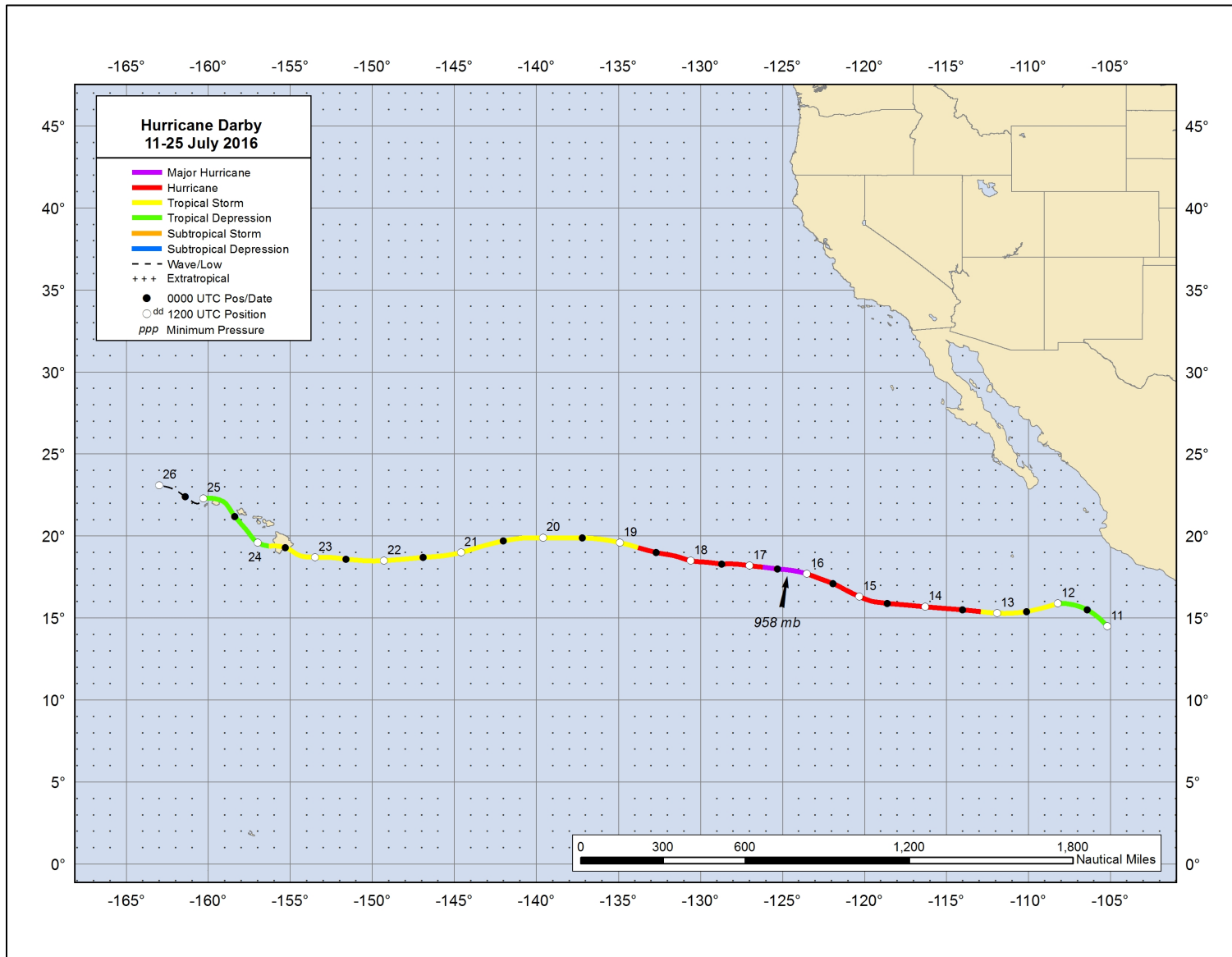


Figure 1. Best track positions for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016.

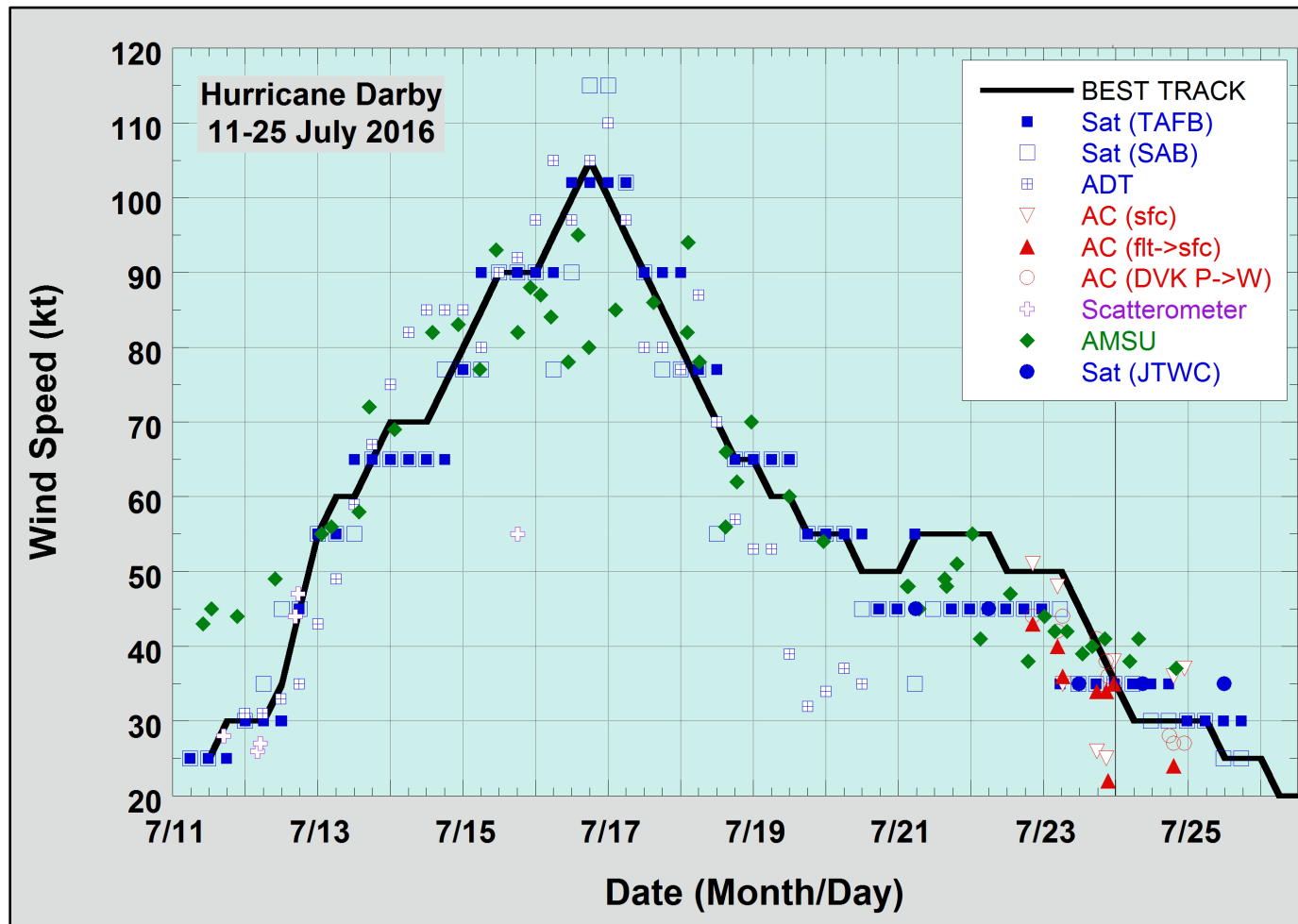


Figure 2. Selected wind observations and best track maximum sustained surface wind speed curve for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016. Aircraft observations have been adjusted for elevation using a 90% adjustment factor for observations from 700 mb. Advanced Dvorak Technique estimates represent the Current Intensity at the nominal observation time. AMSU intensity estimates are from the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies technique. Dashed vertical lines correspond to 0000 UTC. Solid vertical line corresponds to landfall.

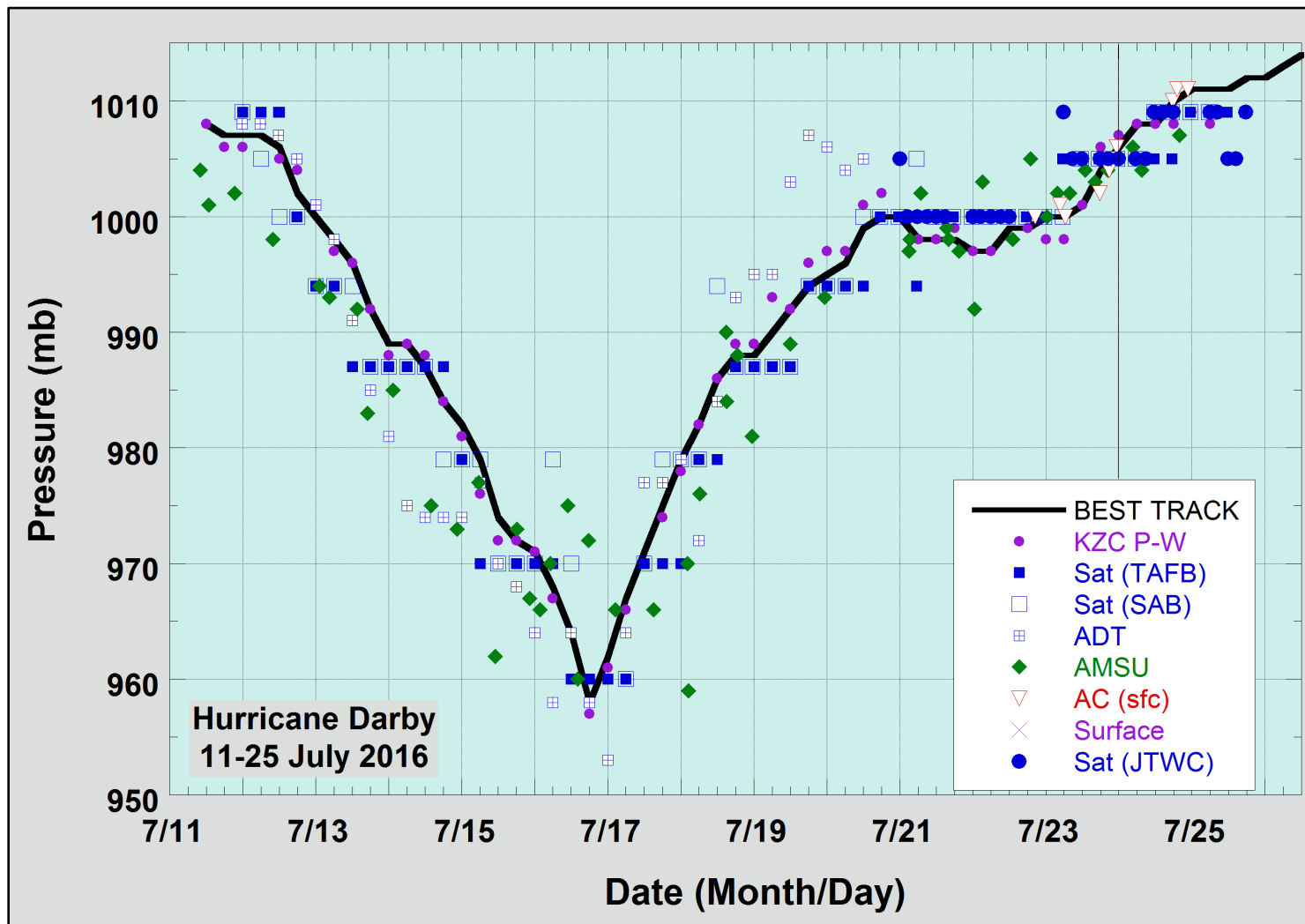


Figure 3 Selected pressure observations and best track minimum central pressure curve for Hurricane Darby, 11–25 July 2016. Advanced Dvorak Technique estimates represent the Current Intensity at the nominal observation time. AMSU intensity estimates are from the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies technique. KZC P-W refers to pressure estimates derived using the Knaff-Zehr-Courtney pressure-wind relationship. Dashed vertical lines correspond to 0000 UTC. Solid vertical line corresponds to landfall.