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Hurricane Epsilon becomes the longest December Hurricane on Record

Houston – Epsilon is currently in it's fifth day as a hurricane in December, making it the longest lasting December hurricane on record. The cyclone originated as a Tropical Storm in the Central Atlantic on November 29th and first reached hurricane intensity on December 2nd. For a brief period on December 4th, Epsilon decreased in strength to a tropical storm, but quickly re-intensified before the day was over.

The previous record for a December hurricane was Lili in 1984, which lasted for 4 days in December (12/20 – 12/23).

Since 1887 there have been 15 tropical cyclones in 12 years that occurred during the month of December. The most December cyclones occurring in one year is three (1887).

December Atlantic Tropical Cyclones				
Year	Name/Date	Maximum Strength	Maximum Strength in December	Number of Days as a December Hurricane
1887	17 (11/27-12/4)	Hurricane	Tropical Storm	0
	18 (12/4-12/10)	Hurricane	Hurricane	2 (12/7-12/8)
	19 (12/7-12/12)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
1888	9 (11/17-12/2)	Hurricane	Tropical Storm	0
1925	2 (11/29-12/4)	Hurricane	Hurricane	2 (12/1-12/2)
1953	14 (12/7-12/9)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
1954	Alice (12/30-1/5)	Hurricane	Hurricane	1 (12/31)*
1984	Lili (12/12-12/24)	Hurricane	Hurricane	4 (12/20-12/23)
1989	Karen (11/28-12/4)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
1998	Nicole (11/24-12/1)	Hurricane	Hurricane	1 (12/1)
2001	Olga (11/24-12/4)	Hurricane	Tropical Storm	0
2003	Odette (12/4-12/7)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
	Peter (12/7-12/11)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
2004	Otto (11/29-12/3)	Tropical Storm	Tropical Storm	0
2005	Epsilon(11/29-)	Hurricane	Hurricane	(12/2-)

*Hurricane Alice continued as a hurricane into January of 1955