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### **Facts about Hurricane Donna of 1960:**

It struck the upper Florida Keys on September 10, 1960, as a strong Category 4 hurricane. Donna nearly rivaled the intensity of the Great Labor Day Hurricane.

After briefly emerging over the Gulf of Mexico, it curved northeast, crossed Florida and raced up the East Coast. Donna made landfall in North Carolina near midnight on September 11 as a Category 3 and again made landfall on Long Island during the early afternoon of September 12 as a Category 2. The hurricane is the only known tropical cyclone to deliver hurricane-force gusts to every Eastern Seaboard state.

Gusts of 80 to 90 mph were commonplace along the Mid-Atlantic coast, as Donna tracked a short distance offshore. A gust of 138 mph was clocked by the Chesapeake Lightship, anchored 17 miles off Virginia Beach. Donna is the last hurricane whose eye passed over a section of New Jersey.

Hurricane Donna rainfall (Sept. 12): Maryland: Denton— 8.29 inches, Cambridge — 6.59 inches. Virginia: Williamsburg— 5.93 inches, Norfolk —5.22 inches, Alexandria —3.42 inches.