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SuperFlyingEngiYeah, but "riding out" a hurricane for a week would generally imply that planes aren't coming off of that deck anytime soon. Besides a couple defensive missiles, aircraft carriers main purpose is to launch off planes to defend stuff and break stuff.

We were coming back from a Med/Red 6 month deployment after the first Gulf War. We were in the Atlantic in transit back to Norfolk which takes two weeks. One week into the cruise we hit the middle of hurricane season during the same time frame as the movie "Perfect Storm". There was one large hurricane off the coast of New England, One off of the Carolinas, and one was almost down in the Gulf preparing to hit Bermuda. Considering Norfolk's relative position to these storms, we had no choice but to cruise off the coast until the Carolinas storm cleared. There really was no where to go, and we were buffeted by all three storms which were throwing disturbances right at us.

No, a hurricane will not sink a carrier, but it will punch holes in the 1/4 inch steel above, and below the armor belt. You can't eat, sleep, or work in weather like that, but somehow you do.

Other info: No, a carrier will not launch in a hurricane unless it's mission critical, and no, it will not make the carrier move from it's base of operations.

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