

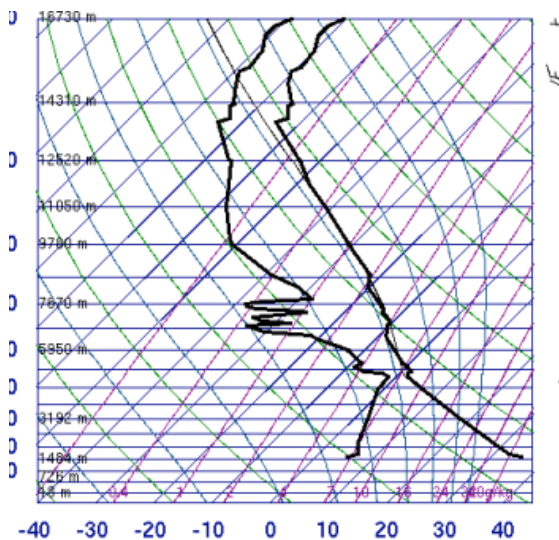
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Cloud #2



As the plane gradually ascended from Curacao, a small island 30 miles off the coast of Venezuela, we began to slice through massive, billowing, cumulonimbus clouds. They were endless, all around, all the way to the horizon. Each and every cloud that passed my window had so much character. Some looked like floating dragons, and others looked like Bart Simpson, or a pirate ship. It was beautiful. So with this image I tried to capture the personality and the endless variety of cloud shape and form.

So this photo was taken on April 5th 2014 from an airplane off the coast of the Caribbean island, Curacao. The time was around 1 PM, and we were flying northeasterly.

It was raining on and off when we departed. According to the closest skew T report clouds were forming from 9000m to 7000m, so the atmosphere was unstable. Considering it was raining and since the atmosphere was unstable, I was led to believe that these clouds were cumulonimbus.



This photo was taken with my iPhone 5s, and there was no postproduction used what so ever. All natural.

This image documents a cloud system right after a tropical coastal storm. The framing was intended to make the viewer aware of the vast variety of cloud shape. I am disappointed with the resolution of the image. I think it is slightly distorted due to the fact I was right next to the wing jet, and it was garbling the clarity.

Works Cited:

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