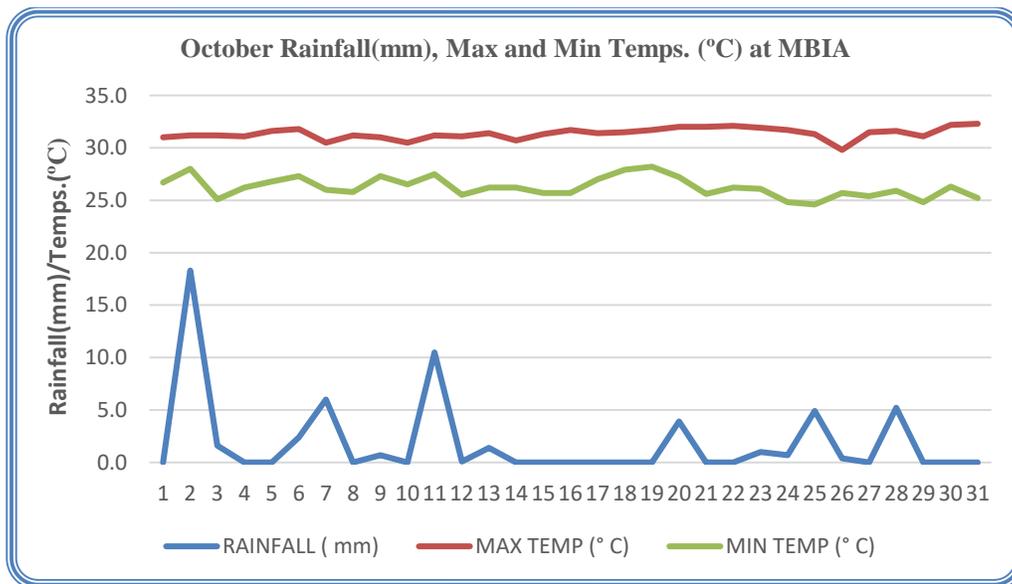




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Below average rainfall was recorded here at Point Salines, for the third consecutive month. A total of 57.1mm of rainfall was measured for the month of October 2016, which was 40.01% of the 30-year average and 35.05% of October 2015's 162.9mm. This is the third lowest total recorded for October over the 31 years of data collection.

Apart from the influence of surface ridging throughout our area, tropical waves produced 24hour rainfall amounts of 18.3mm on the 2nd and 10.5mm on the 11th. There were only four (4) days with a trace of rainfall. Despite being the third lowest rainfall total for October, the longest dry spell period was six days.



Graph for October 2016 showing Rainfall (mm), Max and Min Temperatures (°C)

Mean daily temperatures for the month of October was higher than last year's by an average of 0.5°C, reaching a mean of 28.8°C, while the mean maximum and minimum temperatures were 31.4°C and 26.2°C respectively. The highest maximum temperature recorded was 32.3°C on the 31st of the month, compared with 32.0°C for 2015 and the 30-year average of 32.5°C. The lowest minimum was 24.6°C recorded on the 25th, compared with 23.0°C for 2015 and the 30-year average of 22.8°C. This was the highest minimum temperature ever recorded for the month of October.

The Bermuda Azores high peaked at 1033mb on the 21st of the month and was lowest on the 15th of the month reading 1015mb. Winds were generally from E-SE @ 10- 17Kts with a gust of 27kts on the 9th of the month.



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Fishermen experienced moderate to rough seas at times and small craft and marine advisories were issued on the 4th-6th, 9th-11th and 18th-20th of the month. The monthly catch included Black and Yellow fin tuna, Snapper, Blue Marlin, Butter fish and Rainbow runner.

Farmers continued to experience shortages in rainwater during the month but was still able to produce crops like Banana, Plantain, Pumpkin, Golden apples, Okra, Ginger, Pak Choi and Seasoning Peppers.

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