

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

10:30 AM Thursday 19 August 2021

...Small craft advisory in effect for Antigua and Barbuda...

...Small craft advisory goes into effect later today for Anguilla...

Locations to be affected: Mainly open waters on the Atlantic or eastern sides of the islands.

Timing: Until 5 am Friday for Antigua and Barbuda and late this afternoon until 5 am Friday for Anguilla.

Synopsis: Fresh winds, due to a relatively tight pressure gradient, is causing a combination of wind waves and wind swells to rise, resulting in hazardous seas. The threat level to the life, livelihood, property and infrastructure of mariners is moderate, and there is the potential for significant impacts. A small craft advisory means that wind speeds of 21 to 33 knots and or wind waves and or wind swells of 7 feet or greater are occurring or imminent.

Winds over open waters: East-northeast at 26 to 37 km/h (14 to 20 knots; 16 to 23 mph), with strong gusts to around 59 km/h (32 knots; 37 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 1.5 to 2 metres (5 to 7 feet), occasionally or locally reaching 2.8 metres (9 feet). **Wind waves and or wind swells:** 1.5 to 2 metres or 5 to 7 feet and occasionally higher. Dominant wind wave period is 6 to 9 seconds.

Potential Impacts: Loss of life at sea; injuries to mariners; damage or loss of boats and marine equipment; financial losses; disruption of fisheries and scarcity of fish products and disruption to marine transportation.

Caution: Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Please continue to monitor these hazardous, life-threatening marine conditions. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via antiguamet.com, facebook.com/abmetservice and twitter.com/abmetservice. . Also, stay tuned to ABS Television/Radio along with other media platforms for updates.

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