

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

1:45 PM Tuesday 29 June 2021

...Small craft advisory goes into effect tonight for Antigua and Barbuda...

...Small craft advisory goes into effect Wednesday for Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands...

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

Timing: Tonight until Saturday for Antigua and Barbuda, and Wednesday until Saturday for the rest.

Synopsis: Fresh to strong winds from a tropical disturbance will cause 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 forecast to rise to high, and there is the potential for extensive 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 at 26 to 41 km/h (14 to 22 knots; 16 to 25 mph), with strong gusts to around 63 km/h (34 knots; 39 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 2 to 2.8 metres (6 to 9 feet), occasionally or locally exceeding 3.5 metres (12 feet). **Wind waves and or wind swells:** 1.5 to 2.5 metres or 5 to 8 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 and facebook.com/abmetservice

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