

## **Urgent – Marine Weather Message**

### **Small Craft Advisory**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

5:30 PM Monday 15 February 2021

**...Small craft advisory in effect for Antigua, Barbuda, 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 islands.

**Timing:** Until Thursday for St. Kitts and Nevis; until Friday for the rest of the islands.

**Synopsis:** Fresh to occasionally strong winds, caused by a tightening pressure gradient, will continue to cause hazardous seas. The threat level to the life, livelihood, property and infrastructure of mariners is moderate for St. Kitts and Nevis and high for the rest, and there is the potential for significant to 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 expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts.

**Winds over open waters:** East-northeast at 28 to 44 km/h (15 to 24 knots; 17 to 28 mph), with strong gusts to around 69 km/h (37 knots; 43 mph).

**Seas (significant wave heights):** 2 to 3 metres (7 to 10 feet), occasionally or locally reaching near 4 metres (13 feet). 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](http://antiguamet.com) and [facebook.com/abmetservice](https://facebook.com/abmetservice)

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