

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

6:45 AM Tuesday 19 January 2021

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

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

Timing: Until Thursday 8 am.

Synopsis: A combination of wind waves and wind or short-period swells is causing 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 expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts.

Winds over open waters: East at 22 to 33 km/h (12 to 18 knots; 14 to 21 mph), with strong gusts to around 52 km/h (28 knots; 32 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 2 to 2.5 metres (6 to 8 feet), occasionally or locally reaching near 3 metres (10 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 and facebook.com/abmetservice

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