

## **Urgent – Marine Weather Message**

### **Small Craft Advisory**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

7:15 PM Thursday 25 March 2021

**...Small craft advisory goes into effect Friday day for Barbuda...**

**...Small craft advisory goes into effect Friday night for Barbuda...**

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

**Timing:** Friday 8 am until Wednesday for Barbuda and Friday 8 pm until Wednesday for Antigua.

**Synopsis:** Fresh winds are expected to cause hazardous seas. The threat level to the life, livelihood, property and infrastructure of mariners is forecast to rise to 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 23 to 35 km/h (14 to 22 knots; 16 to 25 mph), with strong gusts to around 62 km/h (34 knots; 39 mph).

**Seas (significant wave heights):** 1.5 to 2 metres (5 to 7 feet), occasionally or locally reaching over 2.5 metres (9 feet). **Wind waves and or wind swells:** 1.5 to 2 metres or 5 to 7 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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