

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Advisory

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

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...Small craft advisory goes into effect Thursday night for Antigua and Barbuda...

Locations to be affected: Open waters, mainly on the Atlantic or eastern sides of the islands.

Timing: Thursday night until Monday.

Synopsis: Fresh winds, associated with a tightening of the pressure gradient, are expected to cause hazardous seas. The threat level is forecast to rise to high, to the life and property of mariners, and there is the potential of extensive impacts, from rough seas. A warning may be required for Saturday night when the worst conditions are possible. 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 37 km/h (12 to 20 knots; 14 to 23 mph), with strong gusts to around 59 km/h (32 knots; 37 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 and facebook.com/abmetservice

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