

Urgent – Marine Weather Message

Small Craft Warning

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

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...Small craft warning in effect for the Atlantic waters of Barbuda...

Locations to be affected: Mainly open Atlantic or eastern waters.

Timing: Until Saturday afternoon.

Synopsis: Fresh winds, associated with a tightening of the pressure gradient, are causing hazardous seas. The threat level is high, to the life and property of mariners, and there is the potential of extensive impacts, from rough seas. A small craft warning means that wind speeds of 41 km/h or higher (22 knots or higher) and or wind waves and or wind swells of 9 feet or greater are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts.

Winds: 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 3.8 metres (near 13 feet). Dominant wave period is 6 to 9 seconds.

Potential impacts: Loss of life; injuries; damage or loss of boats and fishing equipment; sea search and rescue disruptions; cancellations to sea transportation; scarcity of sea food; cancellation to marine recreation and businesses and economic losses.

Caution: Small craft operators should stay away from the warning area.

Please continue to monitor these hazardous, life-threatening marine conditions. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via antiguamet.com

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